Armistice and Reconstruction

Again the bugles have heralded and closed the two minutes of silence, during which a nation paused to reflect in grateful remembrance of the men who gave their lives for freedom and civilisation in the first Great War against German aggression. There is something tragically strange about the commemoration of an armistice in the fourth year of another war which has hit us harder and menace us more severely because we were less prepared for it than we were for its predecessor in 1914. It was with very mixed feelings that we paid the tribute of remembrance this year. Memories of comrades gone before were mingled with thoughts of sons or younger brothers who are doing their part so gallantly today. There were also the feelings of exasperation at the twenty years of drift which allowed the gangster nations to plunge the world into war again. Emotions of many conflicting sorts stirred the breasts of men and women during the silence, but among all these must have been the feeling that the stark tragedy must have no third act, and that a new and better world must be called into being to right the balance of the old.

Last time, we hailed the Armistice as the harbinger of peace but, unfortunately, it was not a planned peace. It would be neither true nor fair to say that planning of a kind did not take place. There was much loose talk of lands fit for heroes to live in, and a world made safe for democracy; but the world was not ready to accept the Wilsonian idealism, and President Wilson, himself, was so little a realist that his new principle of self-determination sowed central Europe with racial minorities which became the seeds of a new war. Wisdom after the event is the cheapest form of cleverness, but if we deny its utility we are denying the value of experience.

After the last war, people were only too ready to forget its long drawn-out agony. They hoped to get back to the old care-free life, the war interrupted, not realising that the old order had changed beyond all hope of restoration. Then followed the decade of disillusionment, the decade of a talkative and precocious generation that seemed too hard-boiled to be virile and too clever to be wise. Perhaps it is the memory of that decade which has made the world realise that the edifice of a new order after the last war was built on the shifting sands of inexpert preparation. The Vice President of the United States, Mr. Henry A. Wallace, said two months ago, "We failed in our job after World War One... But by our errors we learned much, and after this war we shall be in a position to utilise our knowledge in building a world which is economically, politically and, I hope, spiritually sound."

The hope for the future lies in the fact that so many men and women in all democratic countries are thinking along these lines, although they may not be unanimous, nor even very definite, in their views as to how this ideal is to be achieved. There is a widespread public endorsement of the Atlantic Charter, of which the ideal is a more formal and more extended expression. There is also widespread public endorsement of the agreements Britain and the United States have made with Russia for prosecuting the war to a victorious end, and the rebuilding of a better world. What suggests the probability of success this time is what our American Allies would call the present set-up of the United Nations. Last June the Chinese Ambassador to Washington (Dr. Hu Shih) compared the alignment of the Allies in the last war with the present alignment. "The World War grouping of Japan, Italy and Tsarist Russia with the democracies fighting Germany then," he said, "was too unholy an alliance to be fertile soil for Wilsonian idealism." Then he added: "The international alignment in the present war is much more clearly and rationally defined." Because of this, and because of the absence of secret treaties and the existence of such open and idealistic declarations as the Atlantic Charter, the prospects of real post-war co-operation by the nations seem much better this time.

Nevertheless, we are courting bitter disappointment if we hope that the declaration of peace will be synony-

mous with the proclamation of the Millennium. The peace will have to be won as well as the war, and the struggle for a new order is likely to be a long and bitter one, especially if we allow cleverness to obscure wisdom to the extent of forgetting that no order, however skillfully it may be planned, can endure unless it is based on spiritual values that are as old as the world itself. Dr. Ronald H. Painton, Professor of Church History at Yale University, has mentioned three ideals which he considers absolutely necessary to the establishment of any satisfactory world order. They are the moral order of the universe, the unity and dignity of man, and the derivation of moral order, not from power,
but from justice. These three have a religious foundation. To be even more explicit, the foundation of all three is to be found in the ethics of all the great religions, as well as in the political systems adhered to by the democracies. The philosophy which finds expression in what is called Nazism or Fascism is based on quite a different set of principles. Their cardinal point is that, at intervals, the surge for power develops in certain peoples which, of itself, fits them to lead the human race towards new heights, and that all means used to reach these heights are justified by the possession of this power. In this respect there is little to choose between the vauntings of the Kaiser and the cruder boastings of Hitler and his so-called "Herrenvork." Nazism is only Junkerdom in shirt-sleeves.

Accordingly, plans for a new order should not be precautions against a return of the old disorders. Last time, we were content to beat the enemy and make some ineffectual attempts to prevent him from committing future acts of aggression. We imagined that because the Hun was conquered he was cured. What was the result? Within three months of the Armistice, poor impoverished Germany was spending money like water in an effort to bribe or blackmail Allied legislators into granting lenient peace terms. The agitation for the return of the lost colonies was commenced in the early Twenties. It is doubtful if Germany ever disarmed to anything like the extent demanded by the Treaty of Versailles; and the ink of the treaty was hardly dry when the first attempts were made to sabotage it, while highly-paid German agents in all countries were building up the idea that the treaty was vindictive and unduly harsh. What occurred then will certainly happen after the next Armistice, and it should never be forgotten that a just peace is very far from being a foolishly lenient one. The United Nations are not out for territorial gains, nor to impose any set political system on the enemy, but plans for a permanent peace must include means whereby aggressors are shown very forcibly that breaches of the peace do not pay. It would be a mistake to make concessions that may give another generation of Nazis the idea that they got something out of the war. The Allied leaders have given an assurance that war criminals will be punished. That is very far from being the idle boast that the threat to hang the Kaiser was after the last war. There will be no neutral countries to provide refuges for Hitler and Mussolini after this war. If their own people do not deal with them first, it will be impossible for them to escape condign punishment for their misdeeds.

However, these things are matters for the statesman after the armistice. It is comforting to reflect that peace will not plunge us into an unplanned future. At the same time, let us not forget that the men who will be returning from prisoner of war camps, and from the battlefront, are entitled to a very big portion of the form that post-war reconstruction will take, and it will be the duty of our League to see that they have that say.

THE TURNING TIDE

The news of the smashing victory of the United States Navy over a Japanese armada in the Solomons came as a fitting climax to a week of good war news. We have had so many reverses in the past, so many disappointments, so many occasions when we seemed about to taste the cup of success, only to have it dashed from our lips, that the average Digger whose stern realism has insured him to facing unpleasant facts, could hardly credit the good news when it came with a rush. First of all there was the rout of Rommel's Army and its complete disruption, which came at a time when the most we expected was the taking of what we used to call limited objectives in the last war. That was followed by the successful landing of Allied forces at the other end of North Africa, and the rapid occupation of Algeria and Morocco. Nearer home, we have been able to feel pardonable pride in the way our boys in New Guinea have been driving the "invincible little brown men" back to the sea. We breathe more easily at the knowledge that the Japanese Navy has been whittled down so considerably. We are proud of the exploits of our land forces and the knowledge that the A.I.F., and the Militia are fighting side by side, and fighting with such irresistible vigour and skill.

Another warming glow of pride suffuses every Australian face when we realise the important part played by the R.A.A.F., our youngest fighting service, in all these brave employments. Sometimes we older soldiers are apt to be very critical, as we waved of us, but the most critical of us all must realise that the old breed still runs true to form, and that these dear lads of ours who are bearing the brunt of the battle today, or training so strenuously for future campaigns, are worthy successors of the men who fought the Empire's battles in previous wars.

At the same time, no matter how proud and elated we may feel, there must always be the chilling douche of reason. Our lads are winning glorious victories because we have overtaken the unpreparedness with which we entered the war. In the beginning they had the courage and fortitude that are the elements of victory, now they have the material to fight with as well—the proper equipment and arms, the backing influence of sea-power and, above all, the air support that was so sadly lacking in earlier campaigns. Without reference, however, that a long hard road lies ahead of us before we reach the goal of that complete victory, without which the war will have been fought in vain. It is only natural that many of us should cast our minds back to those exciting days of 1918 when, at long last we had the enemy well and truly on the run. We are hardly justified in feeling that way just yet. As Mr. Churchill said: "This is not the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning." A similar caution and restraint forms the keynote of the utterances of President Roosevelt, and the Secretary of the United States Navy, Colonel Knox. In Europe, Africa and in the Pacific, the enemy has been badly rebuffed, but he is very far from being beaten. It wouldn't do if we were to slouch in the saddle, or stand easy, just now, when we have shown that it is in us to beat the enemy and that final and crushing defeat is his inevitable portion. The complacency against which Allied spokesmen, both in our own country and abroad, are warning us, can be just as insidious a canker as defeatism. It was the strategy of the American Civil War general, Stonewall Jackson, never to let up on a retreating enemy. That strategy is as sound today as it was.

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Another very popular institution is the Phyllis Dean Service Club. On a recent Sunday, no fewer than 1,200 men used the club, and, indeed, it was a very pleasant sight to see the men using the reading room, the writing room and the lounge. It is a real rest home for service men. Recreational facilities and buffets are also being provided for members of the women's services. All these activities demand the ungrudging and tireless services of a large band of voluntary helpers. Altogether 3,000 women give up their leisure hours to work in hostels and buffets. In addition, 2,000 young women are acting as hostesses and doing a job that will reflect great honour on Australia. All this work is voluntary and is done without hope of reward. Nevertheless, it is gratifying to these workers to know that their work is appreciated, not only by the hundreds who partake of their hospitality, but by the parents and next-of-kin of service men and women. Letters from commanding officers, from grateful individuals themselves, and from thankful mothers arrive every day. Each one, and particularly the letters from mothers, bring their own special thrill.

May this good work continue with undiminished lustre. But its continuance and expansion will depend on what we can do to help it on the financial side.

THE SUCCESS OF
POPPY DAY
As everybody confidently expected, this year's Poppy Day Appeal has proved an outstanding success. Indeed, all previous records were broken to a degree far beyond that goal set by the League in respect of total sales. By noon, on Poppy Day, the city's quota of the 98,000 poppies that were available in this State had practically been exhausted. Early last week the League had to close down on orders. It could not supply the extra quantities asked for by sub-branches who were anxious to sell still more poppies. The number on sale this year included 8,000 poppies that were left over from last year. These were re-tabbed with the date of the present year, and absorbed in the sales. As one flower seller said, "Everyone was eager to buy the small remembrance token." In this connection it is interesting to note that Chinese residents of the State were just as eager as anyone else to associate themselves with the Poppy Day Appeal. No fewer than 320 of a Chinese Labour Corps bought poppies, which they proudly wore on the day.

The great success of this year's appeal would not have been possible without a wonderful amount of cooperation, team-work and co-operation between all individuals and organisations concerned. The State President, therefore, on behalf of the League and the Ex-Service men and women of the State, extends hearty thanks to all those bands of unselfish workers and devoted helpers. Above all, thanks are due to the members of the various women's auxiliaries who proved themselves such competent and energetic sales-
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The Question of Preference

Ever since its foundation, the keystone of the League's policy has been preference to returned soldiers. This has found expression in a host of State and Federal Congress resolutions from year to year, and in a thousand and one concrete actions which speak louder than words. We use the term "preference to returned soldiers" for the sake of brevity and in full realisation that the term is not quite wide enough, because the policy includes preference to returned sailors and airmen as well. That being understood, this organisation of our stands for preference in employment for all ex-service men and women, and enough has been said and written to make clear our views on this question. Unfortunately, and this was illustrated in recent Congress discussions, the term "returned soldiers" may not be so easy of definition after this war, as it was after the last. Time may present new factors which will provide a clear-cut definition; on the other hand, it may not, and it is possible that, after this war there may be a multitude of border-line cases that will make definition difficult.

Something like this was apparently in the mind of the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Wise) when he sought from the Federal Attorney-General a definition of "a returned man." Speaking on the estimates for Agriculture in the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Wise said that the Federal Attorney-General (Dr. Evatt) had been making considerable mention of the need to honour certain promises to fighting men. His view was that it was going to be very difficult to determine to whom discrimination should be shown. Would it be those who had fought overseas, or would it inculde those who had fought on Australian territory? To that question, one thinks the obvious answer would be both, and the definition of returned man would cover everyone who has returned from active service in a theatre of war.

Having raised the question, Mr. Wise went on to point out that he did not wish to say anything derogatory, or which would detract from any one member of the fighting forces. There were, however, a great number of men who, because of their experience or ability, had been prevented from joining the services. Were we to suggest, he asked, that those who wore some form of uniform, and this includes many men whose duties were office work at ordinary office hours, were to receive some special discrimination? Here, one thinks the answer would be an emphatic "No." So far as we know, nobody has ever suggested that these men should be regarded as returned men. They, themselves, have never made such a suggestion; but, with the kaleidoscopic changes that come over the scene in this strange war, it is by no means improbable that circumstances might arise which might bring them within the definition of returned men. However,
such problematical bridges can be crossed when we come to them.

Mr. Wise concluded his remarks by asking: What of the women who give their time and health in many forms of voluntary service every day? Should they not be given some consideration? And what of the men not in uniform who left our ports to carry our produce overseas, heroes every one of them? He hoped no one would be overlooked.

That, of course, is all very well as far as it goes. We realise that Mr. Wise will do his best to see that no one is overlooked; but we hope that, when the Government of Australia essays to do justice for all, the principle of preference will not be overlooked. It is as obvious as one of Bucidi's axioms that every war worker cannot be included in the definition of returned man. It is equally obvious that the men of the fighting services, who face death and the risk of coming home maimed or with impaired health, are doing the biggest job for Australia and the Empire, and for lower rates of pay than most workers on the home front. This is a plain statement of fact, and there is nothing derogatory to anyone in saying so. We know that everyone in Australia worthy of the name of man or woman is in the war effort, up to the neck. We also know that thousands of them are drawing higher rates of pay, and are living in greater comfort than the men who go down to the sea in ships, who swelter in the Western Desert, or plough their way through tropical jungles. These men are sacrificing everything—homes, jobs, and, only too often, life and health. Thousands of them are young men who have postponed their professional or vocational training to face greater dangers at relatively lower rates of pay. With all due respect to Mr. Wise who, by the way, has always been a good friend to returned men, we think this in an aspect of the case that he has overlooked.

Far more than the question of preference in employment is involved. The question is the much bigger one of re-absorbing these men into civil life when the war is over. In very many cases, the question will be one of restoring them to the life they left behind and the good prospects they relinquished to risk their lives and health in their country's service. Over-shadowing all other claims are the claims of service men, nerve-racked men, whose mental stability has been shocked by their experiences in battle. These men will all have to be nursed back to civil life. There are also the children whose fathers went down with their ships, who fell in battle, or who die as the result of their service. They must be given the chances they would have had, if their fathers had lived. The whole Australian nation must stand as god-parents of these children. Like the Minister, we hope that no one will be overlooked in the final post-war reconstruction, but it is the fighting men who have done their bit on service pay, and without war-loading or overtime, who must have first claim; and it is, and always will be, the business of this League to see that they get first claim.

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RECEPTION TO LORD GOWRIE

On Tuesday, November 3, the State Executive had the honour of entertaining His Excellency, the Governor-General, Lord Gowrie. Introducing the Governor-General, the State President (Mr. T. S. Edmondson) said that the gathering welcomed His Excellency as a soldier and a man who had endeared himself to all Australians, and especially to Diggers. They were always grateful for his inspiring messages every Anzac Day and Armistice Day. He could assure the Governor-General that the League stood foursquare for the integrity of the British Empire. Of that there could never be any doubt. Mr. Edmondson conveyed the League's greetings to Lady Gowrie with an expression of our appreciation of her war work.

In his reply, Lord Gowrie said he was sorry he could not remain longer in the State. While here, he had seen a splendid lot of young soldiers and airmen. They looked extremely fit and well, and anxious to try their mettle. He thought they were ready to meet any emergency. It had been very heartening and inspiring to see them. Lord Gowrie said he had seen many returned men of the last war doing very valuable service, especially in garrison regiments and the V.D.C. The more he saw of the V.D.C. the more he was convinced of its value. The levelling of returned soldiers in its ranks made it an excellent combination. Anything that could be done to help the V.D.C. would be well worth while. His Excellency congratulated the League on the work it is doing. He said that civilians looked to the League for a lot of guidance and inspiration. The League's influence on public morale is very great.

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**Public Opinion In Japan**

(By Our Special Commentator)

In these days, when the 'Allied forces in the Pacific have stemmed the Japanese advance, and are beginning to hit back very successfully at the allegedly invincible little brown men, one often hears the remark: "Now, I wonder what they think of all this in Tokyo." I don't think of it at all, for the simple reason that they know nothing about it. Public opinion in Japan is even more efficiently regimented than it is in Germany. In fact, most foreigners who have had some first-hand acquaintance with Japan believe that public opinion there is not subject to the slightest consequence. This does not mean it is non-existent. It merely shows how successfully Japan's militarist rulers have developed a technique for stifling public opinion before it can be started in any undesired direction.

The militarists commenced by consolidating the two major Japanese Press Associations, so that now, only one thoroughly controlled newsgagency, the notorious Domei, remains. Newspapers likewise received attention from the Japanese war lords, who were determined that the people should be able to find out only what the war lords considered appropriate for public consumption. A recent broadcast from Tokio, for instance, disclosed that the Japanese newspapers have accepted a Government plan for numerous applications. The general rule is that there shall be only one newspaper for each police district, outside the big cities. Tokio now has only four newspapers, compared with about 25 between 20 years ago. In news content, these four papers are more or less copies of each other. Even the present extensive amalgamations are not final. Some observers believe that some day the whole Japanese Empire will be served by a single newspaper, edited in Tokio, with special plants grinding out local editions in key cities and colonies. In the opinion of the Japanese militarists, this would be a journalistic Eden. That Eden, however, is not without its snake—the war has to be won first.

In Japan, the combination of restricting almost all news to the output of a single controlled agency, with the cutting down of the number of newspapers competing for public attention, is much assisted by the official censorship. Anything having to do with the armed forces or the Throne is watched with great care by both editors and censors. When self-censorship fails, the authorities shut down the offending newspaper for varying lengths of time, confining editions, and imposing heavy penalties which include both fines and imprisonment. That position was well established before Japan entered the war. Imagine how it must be intensified now for the American correspondent, who managed to leave Japan last July, says that the morale of the Japanese people has been kept comparatively high because they are allowed to hear nothing except favourable war news. Public opinion is not entirely extinct, but it is given very little to feed upon these days; yet, there have been instances in the past, when a sudden awareness on the part of the Japanese people that all was not well has caused drastic remedial action from high placed. The Japanese militarists know that there is always a risk that the people will penetrate the veil of official propaganda and uncover the truth. They also know that the ever-closer control of the Press has two results. The first is, of course, the stifling of unpleasant facts. The second is more insidious. It consists of depriving the public mind and gradually rendering it incapable of drawing logical conclusions for what facts are known.

All these restrictions have had a very bad effect on Japanese working journalists. A few liberal and independent newspaper men still exist in Japan, no doubt very unhappyly at the moment, because some, if not most of them, are in prison. For instance, a recent Tokio dispatch mentioned the detention of a journalist named Toshi Go. This man is by no means the most liberal among Japanese newspaper men, but he had many American friends. It is not clear why he was detained, but it is an open secret that the lobby of Tokio's Imperial Hotel always sheltered at least two or three so-called journalists. These editors, it is said, are mainly interested in ascertaining the views and connections of what facts are known.
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A RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

Since its inception the Mount Hawthorn North Leederville sub-branch has been one of the most active of metropolitan sub-branches. It was formed on October 12, 1927, as the result of a meeting in the Parish Hall in Flinders-street, at which a few stalwarts set the works in motion for the formation of a sub-branch. Since then the sub-branch has stood all the many and severe tests put upon it, and membership has grown from 11 to the present strength of about 170. One of the foundation members, Jim Saunders, has passed away, but he is still remembered by all. The first chairman was Fred Charles. The first secretary was Ted Rogers, and the first auditor was J. Prendergast, who is now the auditor of the W.A. Branch of our organisation. The first committee consisted of W. Rowles, L. Vivian, E. Damon, F. Ash and T. Noble. After the first few meetings the meeting place was transferred to the Council Chambers in Oxford-street. By this time the sub-branch was growing, and many enjoyable nights were spent.

Much of the progress made by the sub-branch is due to its succession of very capable presidents—F. Ash, Bill Rowles, Jim Morton, Ted Damon, Bill Kay, George Williams, and the present occupant of the chair, Garney Blab. Equally fortunate was the selection of Fred Charles as secretary. Fred took over that office in 1928 and carried on until he resigned this year to go into the Army again. Jim Morton succeeded him, and Bill Rowles became treasurer.

The sub-branch's first great step forward was the obtaining of land in Oxford-street and the erection of the Memorial Hall. The effort involved hard work and much personal exertion, which redound greatly to the credit of the building committee in particular, and to the sub-branch in general. In those vigorous days the immediate purpose was to provide a permanent home and meeting place for the sub-branch, but those who built the Hall little knew how well they were building for the future. The Hall is not only a memorial to comrades who have gone before—it is part of the great heritage this League will hand over to the men returning from this war. The ownership of the Hall has been invaluable in another respect: it has provided the sub-branch with a miniature rifle range, which is second to none in the State.

Attendances at meetings have always been good. There has always been a large roll-up of Diggers and other local residents to the Anzac Day services. Here again, the sub-branch has been lucky in the officiating padres. The Rev. C. A. Jenkins is well-known to all Diggers in this State, and the Rev. T. Smout, besides being a popular preacher, is a valued member of the sub-branch's amelioration committee. The sub-branch also has had the enthusiastic co-operation of the women's auxiliary. The ladies of the auxiliary have been a source of strength to the sub-branch. Relations between the two organisation have always been most harmonious. This is shown to advantage whenever the two bodies combine for work or for entertainment. The sub-branch is always grateful for the wonderful work done by the ladies, especially on Poppy Day, and when they set the tables for the annual smoko. Another important act of co-operation is in connection with the annual Christmas treat to children. The ladies also have always been to the fore at sports meetings. Anyone who has gone to one of the R.S.L. cricket matches at which the sub-branch finds one of the opposing teams, could see how Charlie Heaxom acted as captain, and kept his men together. Many pleasant matches have been played on the sub-branch's own ground at Mount Hawthorn, to say nothing of those that resulted from trips to Guildford and Cottesloe. Those who follow up League sporting competitions need not be told what a prominent part Mt. Hawthorn North Leederville has always played in the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield competitions. The sub-branch won the shield three years in succession.

Members also pride themselves on their success in the social sphere. They have made it a point of honour to see that this aspect of the games has always been a factor in cementing a good fellowship. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Vern Stockmich, who has fathered the boys, the sub-branch has a wonderful S.S.L. Vern has always had the happy knack of exercising unobstrusive control over the boys, and about 47 of them are now members.

The sports directors, Bill Rowles, Tom Campbell and Cuth Richardson have been hard to keep members in good fettle, and the sub-branch has just concluded a splendid record of championships. Several members of the sub-branch are serving again in the A.I.F. One, Charlie Drake, recently had the pleasure of meeting his son in Egypt. One prominent member is the Hon. A. H. Panton, Minister for Mines, Health and Civil Defence. He served in the Boer War, and with the 1st Battalion in the last war, and has been a member of the State Executive, and a delegate from the sub-branch to the annual State Congress for several years. He has two sons serving in the present war. His co-delegate at Congress is usually Len Vivian.

Among the many activities undertaken by the sub-branch the duty of members to sick and ailing comrades is not overlooked. In Bill Andrews, the sub-branch has an energetic and very sympathetic sick visitor. He has done splendid work on behalf of our less fortunate comrades.

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Many Australian cities, including our own have streets named after Admirals, Generals and famous battles; but our own city has the honour of being the first to name a street after a Victoria Cross winner of the present war. The City Council recently decided to change the name of Canterbury-terrace, Victoria Park, to Gurney-avenue, in honour of the late Private A. S. Gurney, V.C. His father, Mr. George Gurney, is a resident of the street. The Victoria Cross was awarded posthumously to Private Arthur Stanley Gurney for gallantry and unselfish bravery in silencing enemy machine-gun posts by bayonet assault at Tel el Eisa on July 22 last, thus allowing his company to advance. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that of the six Victoria Crosses won by Australians in this war three have been named by men from our own State.

We are glad to learn that Joe Deacon of the Carlisle sub-branch is out of hospital. We hope he will be fully restored to health before these notes appear in print.

At the October meeting of the Carlisle sub-branch regret was expressed when it was reported that Leo de Volta was still a patient in the General Hospital. Leo was a lieutenant in the 12th Battalion, City of London Regiment during the Big Stoush of 1914-18. He went to North Russia in 1919 as Staff Captain to General Ironside. During that campaign, he received the Order of St. Stanislaus for meritorious service. His Carlisle friends hope to see him back with his wife and son (young Leo) and daughter (Rita) in the very near future.

Freddie Parker, formerly secretary of the Carlisle sub-branch, wrote to the burgurers of Carlisle recently to say he had safely received the Certificate of Service sent to him at his new address in Denmark. The certificate was a mark of the appreciation of the splendid work he did for the Carlisle sub-branch. Fred's poetical and detailed description of Denmark indicate a future for him as advertising manager of the local tourist bureau. We join his Carlisle contemporaries in wishing him the best of luck down Denmark way.

Air Commodore H. F. de la Rue, D.F.C., Air Officer Commanding Western Area, has been appointed to the new post of Inspector of R.A.A.F. Administration. His present command will be taken over by Air Commodore Brownell, who had previously held an important appointment in this State. Air Commodore de la Rue attributes his successful career in the Air Force to his luck in being born in Friday, March 13, but those who know him best know that it was his experience, knowledge and devotion to duty outweighed the influence of luck. He is now 51 years of age. He served before the mast in square-rigged ships, and obtained his master's certificate. He flew for three years before transferring to steam. In the earlier part of the last war he served in the Royal Naval Transport Service. In 1919 he joined the Royal Naval Air Service, and subsequently gained the Distinguished Flying Cross. He joined the R.A.A.F. in 1921.

A pleasant little function was carried out at Sunset on Sunday, October 18, when the soldier members of Ward B1 and B2 presented the State President (Mr. T. S. Edmondson) with a beautiful p.p. in recogni- tion of the time he had taken in their welfare, and the time he had given to visiting the old Diggers. Mr. Charlie Brick made the presentation on behalf of the men.

Our contemporary, "Splinters," remarks that this year's annual State Congress has been called the "Nedlands Congress." The immediate past president of the sub-branch (Mr. T. S. Edmondson) was elected State President, vice-president Jim Anderson was elected, and the Secretary (Reg Wood) was elected to the State Executive. Two other past presidents were elected to the State Executive. They are Colonel Jim Denton, who was re-elected one of the trustees and Colonel A. L. Mar- golin, who topped the poll in the election for the State Secretary. Incidentally, the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) plays such a busy part in League affairs that it is sometimes overlooked that he, too, must belong to a sub-branch. He is another distinguished member of Nedlands.

We regret to report the illness of Mr. E. Snashall of the Osborne Park sub-branch, who recently entered hospital. The 80-year-old veteran was on active service in Malaya and Burma during the Seventies of the last century. Members hope to see him about again. He is greatly missed at meetings.

At the 41st annual memorial service of the South African and Imperial Veterans Association on November 15 Canon E. M. Collick expressed deep regret at the absence through ill-health of Brigadier-General A. J. Bessel-Browne, the general president of the association. General Sir Well-Browne, who recently relinquished the command of the V.D.C. in this State, underwent a serious operation in a private hospital at the beginning of the month. Latest reports say his condition is improving, but it will be several weeks before he is about again.

The March of the V.D.C. was again referred to by the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) in his broadcast on the night before Armis- tice Day. Mr. Gorton was greatly impressed by that march, and he mentioned a "self-legged, semi-paralysed" member of the V.D.C. whose presence in the march was an expression of the true spirit of Australia. The member referred to was Captain Alf Guy, and he was somewhat surprised when he heard the broadcast at his home at West Swan, where he has a vineyard. During the last war, Captain Guy served with the 44th Battalion A.I.F. As a subaltern, he was shown round the head by a sniper at the front of Mesines in 1917. The bullet exposed his brain and, in the front line, it was believed that he was dead. On the stretcher journey to the rear, however, it was noticed that he lived, and skilful treat- ment saved his life. He has endured many operations since then and, even now, suffers from a slight hesitancy of speech, a semi-paralysed arm, and a stiff leg. Captain Guy was discharged from hospital in 1921. He is now 51 years of age. He served before the mast in square-rigged ships, and obtained his master's certificate. He flew for three years before transferring to steam. In the earlier part of the last war he served in the Royal Naval Transport Service. In 1919 he joined the Royal Naval Air Service, and subsequently gained the Distinguished Flying Cross. He joined the R.A.A.F. in 1921.

produced by the Royal Australian Navy. He served through the last war in H.M.A.S. Pioneer and Australia. During 1916 he fought in the lighter-weight division on the Inter-Services Boxing Tournament in the Albert Hall, London, and won two out of three contests. He was well-known in this and other States as a physical training in- structor of the R.A.N. He was a genial soul, and popular with all who met him on duty or off. His passing will be deeply regretted by a host of friends in all Services.

It is with deep regret that we report the death in action of Lieutenant H. B. ("Pop") Hetherington, R.N.R., of the 44th Battalion A.I.F. He paid the supreme sacrifice in the Middle East on October 24, at the early age of 25.

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years, and after 12 months' active service abroad. This gallant young officer was the only son of our good comrade Les Hatherington of the North Perth sub-branch, who served with the 51st Battalion in the last war. He was the foundation president of North Perth's S.S.L., and an ardent footballer, who played for Perth for five years. Before enlisting he was in the Government Printing Office. To his bereaved parents we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Some months ago we had the pleasure of publishing a very interesting letter from Mr. Jim Murphy, of Yalgoo, about the well-known song "Advance Australia Fair." This month we have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Murphy in the flesh and commingling with him in the spirits as well as the hops. He is a cousin of the immortal "Dryblower," and those who had the privilege of meeting him in the Club, while he was in the city, can testify to his genial charm and great versatility. He is a soldier of two wars—the South African and the former war against Germany. He served with the Tunnelers in the latter unpleasantness. While he was in Perth he attended the annual memorial service of the South African and Imperial Veterans, and to look at him no one would dream that he is 80 years young.

Perhaps the proudest member of the League after Armistice Day was Private Gus Lange, who proved himself such an energetic and efficient poppy seller. By his own unaided efforts he sold over a thousand poppies to his mates in a camp "Somewhere near Perth," bringing in more than £50 for the funds. Gus Lange is a member of the Perth sub-branch. He served with the 16th Battalion on Gallipoli and the Western Front. His great achievement was the subject of special mention at the meeting of the State Executive on November 15.

Schoolmaster Edgar ("Pat") Logan, who served with the 46th Battalion in the last war and was one of the most athletic subalterns in the 46th Division, now has a son, an active member of the League. The younger Logan returned to Perth some weeks ago after a most harrowing experience as a prisoner of war in what used to be Italian Somaliland, before white soldiers turfed the Dings out of that place. He showed the effects of hardship and malnutrition when he presented himself and paid his sub to the League. Pat's other boy, a Duntroon graduate, is now serving with the A.I.F.

THE SO-CALLED CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

There is a growing feeling in League circles that the time has come for firmer handling of these people who use the cloak of some bizarre form of religion to evade their responsibilities to their country. Far too much mistaken leniency is displayed towards these people, and far too many of them are allowed to run smugly round the suburbs annoying other people, many of whom have lost sons in the war. We do not blame the courts for this position. It is gratifying to note that gaol sentences are being handed out to these people on conviction; but we consider that these sentences should be followed by internment for the duration.

The ordinary pansy who tries to shelter from service on the ground of some half-baked religious belief is bad enough, but he, at least, does not try to force his subversive beliefs on others. The blatant effortory of members of an illegal association known as Jehovah's Witnesses, however, is something that calls for immediate and drastic action. Misplaced tolerance in these matters has allowed members of a body, which has been declared an illegal association, to go from door to door trying to win converts. These persons openly and even cheekily admit their adherence to an unlawful body, and try to wheedle money out of others in support of their subversive activities. When prosecuted for failing to render military service, or for refusing to take the prescribed oath of loyalty, the defence is that the offender is a Jehovah's Witness. In other words, the plea is "Not Guilty, Your Worship, because I belong to an illegal association." It is, of course, a matter for the court to say whether or not such an impudent defence should meet with a more severe penalty; but what is to be done about persons of military age and apparently good physique who go through the suburbs from door to door trying to spread subversive ideas? When these people find they have only the housewife to deal with they are quite pushing, and even aggressive; but the attitude is totally different if the man of the house happens to be at home. What is the Government doing to prevent householders from being annoyed by these sanctimonious pests?

The matter of conscientious objectors generally is to be considered by this year's Federal Congress. The position was discussed at the meeting of the State Executive on November 14. In the meantime, it is learnt that the South Australian delegates to the Federal Congress will press for some appropriate action against conscientious objectors who are deliberately evading their responsibilities to their country. Like our own Branch, the South Australian Branch has received requests for action from a number of sub-branches. It is hoped that Federal Congress will make a direct approach to the Federal Government.

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The March of the V.D.C.

Sunday, October 25, will go down to history as the day of one of the finest marches ever seen in the metropolitan area. It was the b.g. march of the Volunteer Defence Corps, organised as a vaudeville complement to the reuniting Corps Commander, Brigadier-General A. J. BesseU-Browne. That distinguished officer needs no introduction to the diggers and general public of this State. He commenced his service many years ago. As a subaltern he served in the South African War, and his D.S.O., which he won as a lieutenant, was awarded at the end of that long and very trying campaign. He continued to serve with the Australian Military Forces between the wars, and served with distinction throughout the Great War of 1914-18. It was his service with the Volunteer Defence Corps and what he did to place that organisation on the map in our own State that caused so many men to march and do him reverence. Brigadier-General BesseU-Browne became the first Corps Commander in this State, at the request of the League, which had brought the Corps into being. He guided the destinies of the new organisation through the period of growing pains, during which apparent neglect and what looked like official apathy, provided many disappointments that would have disheartened men cast in a weaker mould. The Corps Commander saw the organisation grow from a somewhat loose formation of sub-branch units into the present well-organised and highly trained formation, which has won official recognition as an integral part of the military forces, with a very definite role to play in time of emergency. Unfortunately, Anno Domini is an umpire from whom there is no appeal. The age-limit has been prescribed by regulation, and there is no getting over it. No matter how calmly one may realise this, one can never feel very happy about being retired; but the hurt of retirement is thinned when you can look back over long years of efficient and useful service, and know that all our yesterday’s have won the approbation and good wishes of official superiors and comrades of junior rank as well.

The Sunday afternoon march of the V.D.C. was, in a small way, the measure of the esteem in which the General is held, not only by members of the Corps, but also by the general public. He took the salute at the Hobbs Memorial, which keeps evergreen the memory of another very valiant gentleman, who was Brigadier-General BesseU-Browne’s former comrade in arms and commanding officer. Although the first Corps Commander has retired, he has not faded out of the picture. He will continue, for many years we hope, to give sound practical advice on Corps matters.

As to the parade itself, it was a splendid show. Originally, only ex-service men were eligible for service in the Corps. Now the eligibility has been greatly widened. Many men wearing campaign and other service ribbons marched out, although they were noticeable, they were the minority. Nevertheless, the march demonstrated the truth of two ideas which have become axiomatic: One is the gingering-up that the presence of old soldiers in the ranks can give a unit; the other is the old saying that “One Volunteer is worth ten pressed men.” Those who took part in the march were all volunteers. They were men of two categories—the ex-service men and others whose ages debar them from front-line service, and younger men who are not being called up because they are in reserved or protected undertakings. These men give up their nights and their weekends, which are spent in training for the defence of our country. It is this enthusiasm and devotion to duty which has become a tradition and has won for the Corps the appreciation and admiration of all who have had personal contact with it. One sincerely hopes that the general public appreciate the personal sacrifices these men are making. It is very gratifying to learn that the Prime Minister, at all events, appreciates this voluntary service. Mr. Curtin witnessed the parade, and when it was over he paid a very warm tribute to the V.D.C. and its members. The moral the Prime Minister drew from the parade was there is something for everyone to do, no matter how weak or humble he or she may be, to help win this war.

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That attack is the best form of defence has long been the watchword of both General Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander and Lieut.-General B. L. Montgomery. General Alexander describes how the German commander-in-chief in the Middle East, Field Marshal Keitel, as the chief of the Supreme Command of the German Armed Forces, decided that the document should be given wide publicity among the lower ranks.

Some of the documents captured by our troops in Libya throw a strong light, not only on the Nazi concept of the post-war Europe, but on the resentment felt by the German Army against the Storm Troops. According to one secret document, the Storm Troops are to play a predominating role in the conquered Continent—if pitiful wins. This document was at first circulated secretly in August 1940 to the German Army headquarters only.

Later, in May 1941, Field Marshal Keitel, as Chief of the Supreme Command of the German Armed Forces, decided that the document should be given wide publicity among the lower ranks. The document is designed to alarm the German men's suspicions against the Storm Training Cadets. It explains that Europe as a Gestapo State will be brought to subjection by the employment of armed flotillas of troops, the units of this show which could not exceed five to ten per cent. of the peace-time Army. The captured document, obviously aims at establishing a working compromise between the Army and Hitler's police.

There are, however, other aspects of the case. The document illustrates Hitler's duplicity, on the one hand, towards those people who tolerate him because they think they really wanted to create a new Germany. On the other hand, it toadies towards the strong Army factor in civil politics. The document is, a worthy of study by persons who fancy a lasting peace is possible through a compromise with the German generals. It clearly shows that some of the generals are prepared to support a Gestapo State throughout Europe, provided only that Germany's military strength may be allowed to continue undisturbed, menacing anything that is opposed to German militarism. The conclusion is plain. Hitler has nothing for the world. His so-called new order is to be only the Cold ruthless dominating police State.

We hear little of Hungary these days, except in the stray news items which report Hungarian casualties on the Russian Front. News from neutral sources which, by the way, is not always reliable, speaks of something peculiar about the death of Admiral Horthy's son Stephen on the Russian Front. The announcement that the eldest son of the Hungarian Regent has been killed in action has caused considerable political uneasiness in Hungary. Admiral Horthy's loss of his son has been compared with King Stephen's loss of his son, Stephen, the most revered character in Hungarian history, and it is unprecedented for him to be compared with any present-day figure. Stephen Horthy was chosen as his father's deputy for a very good reason. He was certainly somewhat pro-Axis, but he was by no means 100 per cent. pro-German. In this respect he represented Hungary because, while Hungary is fighting on the Axis side, the majority of the people hate the idea of coming completely under German influence. Stephen Horthy reflected this attitude perfectly. Circumstances forced his country to come into the war on the Axis side, but he was bitterly opposed to the Naziization of Hungary. Now Hungarians are becoming suspicious as to the manner of his death. There is the growing suspicion that he was 'bumped off' in Russia, or cast for the role of Uriah the Hite, because he was likely to become a serious obstacle in Hitler's path. Because of his position, Hungarians find it more suspicious than strange that he was sent to the Russian Front as a mere junior officer.

North-East Fremantle sub-branch put on a good show this month to celebrate the winning of the Newdegate Cup. Over 300 were present. The guests included the Chief Secretary (Mr. Kitson) and a number of members of Parliament representing the Fremantle constituencies. The State Executive was also strongly represented. The State President (Mr. T. S. Edmondson), the Past President (Colonel Collett), the two Vice-Presidents (Messrs. Williams and Anderson), the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson), and the Assistant State Secretary (Mr. C. Ferguson) attended in a body. The night was a truly enjoyable one and worthy of a great occasion. During the evening the Cup was passed around, and members had an opportunity of seeing what it was like.
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At the beginning of the month the British Orical WALTERS relays the story of the British plane which ran into a covey of partridges while on the way to do a job over occupied France. The story prompted a conversation in a mess of partridge hunting. Hinged on these nouns of aggregation like a "covey of partridges," "flock of sheep," "mob of cattle," "bevy of birds," and so on. Someone suggested that there was no such word as to a number of War Correspondents who were also called in the Army, and of whom there seem to be five for every fighting man. Finally, someone who was quick on the uptake suggested that the most appropriate designation would be a "flush of War Correspondents."

School-kids in my street have arranged a novel competition. They read the weekly articles of a writer named Peter Batten and see who can pick out the most mistakes. A few weeks ago, in the series he is writing on prominent men, he dealt very superficially with the career of Mr. Churchill, in which he made two errors that fairly yelled at one. He mentioned the Mahdi as Kitchener’s opponent in the Omdurman campaign. The man whom Kitchener defeated in that war was not the Mahdi, but his successor, the Khalifa. Again, in the same article, Peter Batten credited Louis Botha with the conquest of former German East Africa. It was Cecil Rhodes who organised the South Africans against the Germans in East Africa. Botha’s contribution to the war effort in 1914 was the conquest of former German West Africa. There is no excuse for any professional writer making stupid blunders on matters which can be verified in a few minutes by turning up a book or two in a reference library. Batten, however, is far more blameworthy in regard to his article on General Alexander. Dealing with Alexander’s career, he says with all that value of ignorance which “The Listening Post” complained in the October issue, that when Alexander was a regimental officer, regimental officers rarely spent more than three months of any given year with their regiments. Of course, in peace time, regimental officers are frequently sent away to schools of instruction; but anyone who knew the British Army in peace time must know how stupidly false Batten’s statement is. My memory does not go back beyond the Boer War, but I knew the British Army at first-hand between that war and the war of 1914-18, and between the two wars against Germany. Regimental officers all through the peace were very hard-working lot, and if they made only one of the mistakes on their job that Peter Batten does in each of his articles they would be for a well-merited court-martial.
**State Executive**

OCTOBER 17

At the meeting of the State Executive on October 17, there were present Mears, J. S. Edmondson, Yeates, Williams, Anderson, Margolin, Cornell, Watt, James, Thorn, Zelt, Mansbridge, Patton, Logie, Smith, Wood, Collins, Harvey, Baker, Bateson and Warner.

State President—Mr. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C., on behalf of the State Executive, extended greetings to Mr. T. S. Edmondson on his election to the office of State President, and expressed best wishes for a successful term of office.

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New Members.—The State President welcomed new members of the Executive—Messrs. W. Mansbridge and C. R. Collins.

Committees. The following committees were appointed:

MANAGEMENT: The State President, Past President, two vice-presidents, with the chairmen of the Finance, Trustees, House, Pensions, Land Committees, and Colonel Collett.

FINANCE: Messrs. Margolin, Zeffert, Wood and Mansbridge.

HOUSE AND CLUB: Messrs. Thorn, Williams, Smith, Anderson and Harvey.

PENSIONS AND EMPLOYMENT: Messrs. Anderson, Watt, James, Wood, Williams, Baker, Collins, with Mr. Steve Smith as an advisory member.


ANZAC DAY: The Management Committee, with Messrs. Olden, Watt and Collins.

HOSPITAL VISITING: Messrs. Margolin, Anderson, Paton, Bateson, Harvey and Nicholas.


PROBLEMS: The State President, two Vice-Presidents, and Immediate Past President, with Messrs. Panton, Watt, Collett, Wood and Olden.

BUILDING: The State President, two Vice-Presidents, Trustees, with Messrs. Zeffert and Olden.


Receptions.—Delegates were advised that receptions would be tendered to His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Gowrie, on November 3, and to the British High Commissioner, Sir Ronald Cross. The time of the latter was still to be fixed.

Armistice and Poppy Day.—The report of the Poppy Day committee meeting on October 13 was received and adopted. A meeting of metropolitan sub-branch representatives had been called to take place on Wednesday, October 28, in order to make final arrangements for Poppy Day.

Entertainment.—It was recommended that the League again entertain Navy, Army and Air Force patients.

Armistice Day Concert.—Enquiries are being made as to whether an Armistice Day Concert can be held in the Capitol Theatre for the purpose of launching the League's Prisoner of War Appeal Fund.

War Loan Committee.—Delegates were advised that this Committee was arranging a march in the city, to take place on November 11, and it was agreed that the Executive approve of the arrangements being made by the War Loan Committee for Armistice Day, and that shop-keepers of Perth, through the Retail Traders' Association, be requested to
close their doors at mid-day for a period of two hours whilst the march and demonstration are taking place.

Visits.—Reports of visits were received as follows:—Mr. Bateson (Hospital Visiting); Mr. Yeates (Perth sub-branch and Monash Memorial); Mr. Watt (16th Battalion Association); Col. Mansbridge (11th Battalion Association); Mr. Wood (10th Light Horse Association); Mr. Bateson (Woorooloo Sanatorium); State President (Wiluna, Redey, Cue and Big Bell).

Secretaryship, B. E. S. L.—Advice was received that Captain Sir Donald Simon had been forced to relinquish the secretari ship of the British Empire Service League owing to ill-health. A reply was left to the Secretary.

V.D.C. March, Metropolitan Battalions.—Advice was received that these Battalions would march through Perth on Sunday, October 27, the salute being taken by Brig.-General A. J. Besse1-Bowen at the Hob's Memorial at 3.30 p.m. The State President and delegates were invited to be present at the saluting base.

Conscientious Objectors.—The Northam sub-branch expressed concern at the large number of conscientious objectors being given consideration. They urged that the Government should take stronger action. The question was referred to the Management Committee, who will report back to the Executive.

Issue Civilian Clothing, Army Personnel.—The Boulder sub-branch referred to the present regulations governing the issue of civilian clothing to Army personnel, and urged that this clothing should be issued irrespective of the financial position of the member concerned. It was agreed that the question should be referred to Federal Congress.

State Congress Resolutions.—Resolutions carried by the recent State Congress were referred to the Management Committee for necessary action.

Congratulations.—It was decided to extend congratulations to Mr. C. G. Latham on his recent election to the Senate.

At the meeting of the State Executive on October 31, there were present Messrs. Edmondson, Yeates, Williams, Denton, Philip, Margolin, Collett, Cornell, James, Zeffert, Mansbridge, Logie, Smith, Wood, Collins, Harvey, Baker, Bateson and Warner.

Greek Ex-Service Men.—Advice was received from the Greek Ex-Service Men's Association that its members would lay a wreath on the State War Memorial at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, November 1. Colonel W. Mansbridge was appointed to represent the League, and to attend a service in the Greek Church afterwards.

Broadcast Roster.—The following roster was arranged for R.S.L. Broadcasts: November 5, C. E. Baker; November 12, H. E. Smith; November 19, Colonel Mansbridge; November 26, C. L. Harvey.

Poppy Day.—Delegates were advised that arrangements were well in hand for Poppy Day, and that a meeting of metropolitan sub-branch representatives was held on October 28, at which the city selling stands were bottled for. It was arranged that the handing over ceremony should take place at the State War Memorial on November 11 at 11 a.m.

Visits.—Visits were reported by the State President (Fremantle sub-branch, Army Education Service, Press sub-branch, V.D.C. parades, civil reception to Sir Ronald Cross, and Ex-Service Men's Group League of Service); Mr. C. R. Collins (2/11th Battalion Dinner and T. & P. D. Men's association); Mr. Bateson (Hospital Visiting).

Delegates were advised that a service would be held on the evening of Armistice Day, and it was resolved that in any Press statements members of the League should be invited to attend.

Prime Minister.—The State President reported having, in company with the State Secretary, waited upon the Prime Minister.

Constitution Alteration Bill.—Correspondence from the Federal Office concerning this Bill was referred to the Management for examination and report.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Forestry Companies in England.—Advice was received concerning the conditions under which personnel of these Companies were working in England.

Sub-branch Officials.—The appointment of sub-branch officials as advised by Wobin sub-branch was approved.

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There was a good rally at the November meeting, to which visitors from the forces were welcomed. The approach of Poppy Day was discussed, and Saturday, November 8 was fixed as the day of the local collection. The post-war discussions which excited so much attention at previous meetings were tabulated. They are being sent forward in compact form as the views of a community regarding the future life of the world, and the sphere of the community in particular. Discussion on Soldier Settlement, its past evils and future prospects, promises to stimulate interest in a matter which is vital to the district. The meeting on December 7 should be well attended, as it will mark the close of another year's work.

OSBORNE PARK

There have been good attendances at fortnightly meetings, despite the wet winter we have been having this summer. There has not been much business to transact, but meetings have been enjoyable from the social point of view. The fortnightly dances are successful. At a recent one, the sub-branch's delegate to Congress, Mr. W. Ashdown, gave a report on the proceedings. On October 3 a social was organised by three members in aid of the Prisoner of War fund. The organisers were Messrs. W. Ashdown, Doug Foreman and A. Great. There was a musical programme, an impromptu dance, a supper, and a collection which raked in £14/3/- for the fund. Doug Foreman was a capable MC, and Mrs. A. Great provided the music. From a previous social £11 was collected. The total of the two efforts, £21/3/- has been forwarded to the Red Cross Society.

UNKNOWN SUB-BRANCH

Another keen monthly meeting held successfully on the fifth of November (no fireworks). SENSATION: Home Guard Delected (at Dartz). Pleased to welcome three new members: Buggins and Sadler (Unlimited) Agents. Sorry Harvey—tennis handicaps reduced to "Scratch." You can beat Old Joe for turning up the right time and dear old Bill Fullerton always ON GUARD. Pleased to see Diver back. (No relation to another by that name.) Sorry Kelly about that "Pony" into Building Fund — never mind, we'll look after you at the Smoko. Do members notice the inexhaustible stock of the quartette—Bill Steve, Cliff and Harvey? Who said "Piano"? Will members please note change of names—IKE Williams and Ben Lester. There is no doubt about our "Sec." Did you see him with the ladies on "Poppy" night?

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH

Time to DEVOUR

The long-looked-for day arrived when the championship games were played off, and the large attendance showed the interest which has been sustained throughout the series of the games. The finalists can now relax after many months of hard training. The grand championship of the sub-branch was won by Stan Diggins, by two points from H. James. It was a well-merited victory. J. Woodhead was third, and Bill Kay fourth. The bowls were won by a junior member, Bill O'Neil, with a "100". The shooting provided a great contest in which Roy Peterson was first, with W. Kay second and E. Woodward third. The results of other competitions were: Table tennis, Curt Richardson 1, R. Peterson 2, G. Black quotes J. Woodhead 1, R. Peterson 2, S. Diggins 3; bridge provided a close contest, and was won by Hewitt and Hird, with Woodward and Sinclair second, and Diggins and Smith

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third. The B grade table tennis championship was won by Billy Rowles, with Ted Damon second and Tom Campbell third. This ended a series of months organised by the sports director. Next year he hopes to eclipse the records put up this year. Another item of interest to members was the night they ventured across to Subiaco in the black-out to play games with the local sub-branch. A full house was attended. There was only standing room, but it was a most enjoyable night. The visitors won, but Subiaco provided a great night's hospitality and entertainment. December meetings will be held on the 3rd, 17th and 31st.

The October meeting was moderately well attended, and two new members were enrolled. Some disappointment was felt at failing to win the coveted Novo-ga Cup by such a narrow margin, and we extended our congratulations to the winners, and thanks to secretary Dick 'I' Thomas, whose personal efforts were largely responsible for us polling so well. Further progress was reported on the erection of up-to-date conveniences at the Hall. The necessary permission has been obtained, and now it should be only a matter of weeks before the job should take shape. During the evening a discussion took place in connection with the issue of Certificates of Service. One prominent member expressed the opinion that the practice should be discontinued. He averred that a practical-minded man would be satisfied with the results of his efforts, and needed no pieces of paper to remind him that he had done something to further the interests of the organisation to which we belong. The tenor of the meeting generally did not indicate much support for the issue of more of these, and one member suggested that as the matter was of interest to members only, an honour board be erected in the Hall and the names of all who had held a prominent position in the sub-branch since its inception have their names inscribed thereon. The question of reimbursement of delegates to Congress for their out-of-pocket expenses was discussed at length, and the two members concerned were prevailed upon, after much persuasion, to accept a nominal recompense and our thanks for their efforts. A revival of sporting activities was decided upon, and with this object in mind Nedlands sub-branch was invited to send a team along during November. The library is not functioning as it should, because of the need of a librarian. It is hoped that one will be appointed at the next meeting. Meanwhile, members who have books to donate may leave them at the Hall on Sunday mornings or on meeting nights.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

The November meeting was one which those who were present will remember for many years to come, one of the outstanding meetings ever held by the sub-branch. After the usual business was finished, a most important ceremony was commenced—the unveiling of a Presidents' Honour Board. Not only was this an important ceremony, but it was performed in the presence of six out of the nine past presidents whose names appear on the Board. One past president, Colonel Flintoff, passed away some years ago, but the others are continuing to give useful service to their country. After several speeches praising the efforts and general progress of the sub-branch, the Honour Board was unveiled by the first president, Captain Neville Heenan, M.C. Among the numerous delegates present (every rank was to be found, from a private to a colonel), and we hope that those who are

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eligible managed to interview the treasurer afterwards) was Kevin Whitty, one of the survivors from H.M.A.S. Canberra, when she met her glorious end in the Pacific. Just how interesting his yarn was is proved by the members listening to him for half an hour after all the previous speeches. But after a most enjoyable meeting there came a cold, cold shower, just to remind us it could not be all fun. This was when President Olly Williams wound up the meeting by tendering his resignation. Last year he found that the combined jobs of sub-branch president and member of the State Executive were almost more than he could manage, and as this year he has the more onerous position of senior vice-president of the League, it was difficult for anyone to criticise his decision. Members accepted his resignation with deep regret, their consolation being that as immediate past president he would still be able to guide the destinies of the sub-branch. He exercised his privilege by nominating his successor, Bill Newick, a choice which should prove a wise one. The best of luck, Bill.

The final result of Poppy Day is not yet available, but the total looks like being nearly a record. Our thanks are extended to all who helped to achieve this splendid result.

VICTORIA PARK

The monthly meeting was held on October 16, and attendance was fair. The president, Mr. T. J. Fitzsimmons, occupied the chair, and the secretary was pleased to enrol two new members—Messrs. R. Crowther and N. K. Rynicker, the president extending hearty greetings. The congress report was made by Mr. A. Nicholas, with which he dealt very comprehensively, and the members showed their appreciation by a hearty vote of thanks. The secretary, Mr. F. Matthews, reported on his activities regarding “Poppy Day Appeal,” and from his report a record sale this year is expected. The members of the sub-branch who are enthusiastic tennis players are invited to form a tennis club, and Mr. H. Taylor, of Albany-road, Victoria Park, is enrolling all members. The dart competition was won by new member Mr. R. Crowther after a keen contest.

CARLISLE

The sub-branch treasurer informs us that his name is Bill Pulford, not Jack Polkhard, as stated in the October notes. Anyway, the error didn’t affect Bill’s financial report to the well attended November general meeting. Runds are good, and spirits high, and president Les Gilsenan speedily and efficiently disposed of a heap of business. Poppy Day arrangements, issue of books of tickets in the “Austerity Goose Club” (3d. each), Congress delegate’s full report, etc., etc., were just a few items. Bill Spencer, Bill Dodds and Jock Beaton (Up, the Seaforth!) put in a very welcome appearance. Although Bill Spencer has been a member of the Carlisle sub-branch for some time, his job of work (ensuring full and steady supplies to the fighting forces) leaves him little time for a night with the boys of the old brigade.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The usual monthly meeting was held on October 16, when the president (Mr. Tomlin) presided over a good attendance. Mr. Fredericks reported on his activities amongst sick members. The president spoke at some length on the sub-branch having had the honour of winning the Newdegate Cup, and remarked that it would be a good sub-branch which succeeded in winning the Cup next year. He informed members that another 46 ex-service men had joined them, which was positive proof that we were going ahead with the good work. The annual reunion was held at the Fremantle Town Hall on Monday, November 16, when a large number of distinguished guests were present. The local unit of the V.D.C. is still going strong.

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equipment or steel helmets are advised to attend the next parade. The unit is doing some excellent work, so attend all parades and take part in the night stunts. They are good, and very instructive.

**BULLSBROOK**

The October meeting was fairly well attended. It was decided that all residents of the district serving with the forces—that is the fighting services and their auxiliaries—should be presented with one pound canteen orders as a token of good will from the sub-branch and the women's auxiliary. The two organisations will share the expenses. About 45 will receive canteen orders. Arrangements for Poppy Day were finalised. The weekly dances continue, and the attendance warrants their continuance. The band supplied by Miss Pickets of Chittering provides a very creditable addition to the enjoyment of the dances.

**FREMANTLE CITY**

President H. H. Wilson was in charge of a good meeting on October 22. Letters of thanks were received from Mrs. Cough for the League's help and sympathy during her recent great sorrow, and from former trustee Mr. Arthur Kirby, who is now in the forces again, for the sub-branch's presentation to him. The sub-branch's indefatigable sick visitor, Mr. O'Leary, reported on comrades in hospital. He has built a ramp and reinforced an invalid chair for an old Digger in North Fremantle, so that he can get up and down to his house. Several new and old-time comrades like Phil Jane and Bill Spence were welcomed to the meeting. Secretary Hobbs reported on the social and dance given by the sub-branch to the auxiliary. Everyone, he said, voted it a success. Members were pleased to welcome to the function the State President (Mr. T. Edmondson) and the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson), who delivered interesting talks. Mesdames Edmondson and Benson were both present. Another welcome guest was dear old Canon Collick. The Canon, by the way, is one of the senior members of the sub-branch. Capt'n Billy Edwards' concert party, under the leadership of the inimitable Sergeant Vern Sellars, presented a varied and enjoyable programme. Nurse Dawn Wilson, daughter of the sub-branch president, contributed some fine piano solos. The secretary reported on an interview with the Assistant Army Minister—(Senator Fraser)—regarding the death of a member of the forces. The Congress delegates, Messrs. A. Bracks and H. G. Wilson, rendered their reports and were accorded thanks for the job they did at Congress. The next meeting will be held on November 26.

**Women’s Auxiliaries**

**War Savings by Women’s Auxiliaries**

Added to the excellent work the Women's Auxiliaries are doing to assist sub-branches are many general activities assisting the war effort. Nearly every auxiliary has a War Savings Certificate Group. Just to mention a few known to us: Nedlands auxiliary members have purchased Certificates to the value of £372; Mosman Park £450; Maylands £100; Bassendean invested £26 from their funds, and Spearwood put £200 into the War Loan. Because of these activities President Mrs. J. S. Mc Kinlay was elected to the War Loan Committee, she being the only woman member. Mrs. Mc Kinlay recently organised the big women's war loan rally at the "Stand of Honour" in Forrest Place and occupied the chair in her usual efficient manner. Well done ladies. We suggest that you cut hubby's beer allowance further and invest it in War Savings Certificates.

**STATE EXECUTIVE**

The State president (Mrs. J. L. McKinlay) writes: In accordance with the request from Harvey auxiliary at Conference, more details will be given each month of auxiliary activities as reported at State Executive meetings. The following is an extract from a letter sent to us by Matron McDonald re her visit to Conference: "The occasion gave me an opportunity of meeting many of the members of your auxiliaries who have befriended Lemnos, and whom I only knew by correspondence. We have so much to thank these friends for—in fact they are our best friends. Outings, picture shows, teas and many gifts have been generously given... The country people have been so thoughtful and have saved the situation several times when we have been short of smokes, which mean more than food to these men." Regular donations have been sent by Waroona and Bunbury.

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branches of biscuits and sausages, and a great many apples and eggs were sent by the Manjimup sub-branch of the R.S.L. and its auxiliary.

At the first meeting of the State Executive for the ensuing year the acting secretary (Miss I. Hawtin) was re-elected and the various sub-committees formed: Motor Outsing, Mrs. Randall (chairman), Mesdames Stockin, Scott and Hopperston; Hospital, Mrs. Taylor (chairman), Mesdames Kay, Haines, Weeke and Miss Hawtin; Social, Mrs. Crofts (chairman), Mesdames Pope, Prue and Wynne. Mrs. N. Buchanan (president of Harvey auxiliary) is Country Vice-President. Our three trustees are Mrs. Henderson (chairman), Mesdames Pendegrast and Kirby. Mesdames Stockin and Scott are once again the Vice-Presidents. To assist Mrs. Stockin in her work as convenor of the R.S.L. group, Mrs. Prue will deputise at canteens and hostels when necessary.

The R.S.L. auxiliaries are responsible for the bridge party to be held on December 9 at the Phyllis Dean Hostel in aid of C.R.C. funds. Some very fine efforts have been made by other groups and we hope ours will also be a success. Non-card players may contribute cakes, jams, etc., for the gift table. Since Conference Mesdames McKinlay and Hopperston visited Waroona, where a very nice meeting was held in the C.W.A. rooms. A special appeal was made to the wives of members of the fighting forces to become members of the auxiliary.

The State Executive catered for the luncheon given by the R.S.L. State Executive to sick and wounded soldiers on Armistice Day. The function took place in the Drill Hall, Swan Barracks, and was attended by over 300. Many official guests, friends of the League, were present. The work of the women's auxiliaries was commented upon by Lieut.-General Bennett in his short speech during the luncheon.

Mrs. Hopperston and Mrs. Haines, with assistants from the West Leederville auxiliary, gave a demonstration of camouflage netting at the recent Women's Rally held in Forrest Place in support of the Austerity War Loan.

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Members of metropolitan auxiliaries were the attendants at a photographic exhibition which was on view for two weeks in Perth, also in aid of the loan.

**VICTORIA PARK**

The October meeting was well attended, and final arrangements were made for the Thrift Fair (coupon free), which took place on Friday afternoon, October 30. This function was a great success, and the auxiliary's funds benefited substantially. Helpers were called for to assist in the various canten's and the Phyllis Dean Hostel. Mr. F. Matthews (secretary of the Auxiliary) was given permission to appeal for Poppy sellers, and there was a ready response. Mrs. Barnett (who represented the auxiliary at Conference with Mrs. Tolmie) gave an interesting report. She also welcomed several new members. Mrs. Prue (secretary) will welcome helpers at the netting class held on Wednesday's at the R.S.L. Hall, and Mrs. Matthews (treasurer) issued raffle books to almost everyone present for the Christmas Goose Club.

**CARLISLE**

The November meeting at the Bickford Hall was well attended. Mrs. Horrover, who has been absent for a long time, returned well and appeared in fine fettle. She has been transferred to the Perth C.W.A. A special appeal was made to the husbands and sons of members serving overseas and on battle stations in Australia are to receive 5/- canteen orders as a Christmas gift from the auxiliary. Sister auxiliaries are reminded of the big bridge party that will take place in the Reception Hall at Boans. It has been organised by Mrs. Suckling. Tables will be available at the moderate fee of 8/-, and big cash prizes will be presented.

**SUBIACO**

Six new members joined up at the last meeting. Mrs. Howell reported on visiting the Home of Peace with Mrs. Lester. Six boxes of comforts were distributed amongst R.S.L. members there. They also visited three auxiliary members who have been ill. At the monthly social on October 19 two Certificates of Service were presented: one to Mrs. Turpin (past president) and the other to Mrs. Burgess, who has been the auxiliary's treasurer for the past five years. Arrangements for Poppy Day were finalised. In her report on the annual Conference, the secretary stated that of the four items submitted by Subiaco three were carried. Mrs. Condon reported that one parcel had been distributed during the month. She asked members to hand in the names of their boys and girls who are serving with the forces, so that Christmas parcels may be sent to them. Members are now knitting for the Australian Comforts Fund. It was decided that the auxiliary would pay for petrol for the Red Cross to convey patients from Hollywood to the R.S.L. Hall. On the occasion of the auxiliary's monthly entertainments for the boys. On the recent visit to Sunset the auxiliary took tea down for the ex-service men there. During the afternoon a game of bowls was played and the old boys won by one point. Afternoon tea was served during the games. There was a good roll-up of members for the visit to Lemnos. A pleasant afternoon was spent. Dancing and musical items were greatly enjoyed by the men. The entertainment to the Hollywood boys proved most enjoyable. The visitors were welcomed by the president (Mrs. Pope). Musical items and dancing provided the main entertainment, in addition to afternoon tea and the distribution of sweets and cigarettes.
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