COMMON SENSE IN THE POST-WAR WORLD

This month China entered the sixth year of the undeclared war which the Japanese refer to as the "China Incident." Last month began the second year of Russia's participation in the struggle against the Axis gangsters. In less than two months the British Empire will enter the fourth year of the struggle for freedom. This month, too, we celebrated the anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence, and Free Frenchmen celebrated the storming of the Bastille, which was the inauguration of the Revolution which men hoped would achieve so much for humanity. While we are hopeful that the gathering strength of the United Nations will put us in the position to deliver the knock-out blow to the aggressor Powers, the most purblind optimist of us all is fully aware that suffering humanity must endure much more, and much longer, before the crown of victory becomes the reward of fortitude.

In all wars, especially those in which men's endurance and courage have been strained almost to the breaking point, consolation has been found in the hope that out of evil would come good, that the pathway of pain and sorrow would lead to the delectable land of a vastly improved world. The hopes of a millennium ushered in by an armistice have always been high as the struggles lengthened and became more bitter. In the former war against Germany we knew what we were fighting for when we took up arms to defend the rights of small nations against German aggression. We knew that if the British Empire went under, its place would be taken by a German Empire reared on foundations of armed might and a cynical disregard of abstract right. When that war was over, we swallowed whole the soothing bromides the word-spinners who had so much to say about lands fit for heroes to live in and worlds made safe for democracy. We believed, in all good faith, that we had won the war that was going to end war. Good men in all countries believed, as good men in all ages have believed, that the masses in all countries would see the devastation caused by war and avoid such tragic blunders in the future. Even when the millennium did not dawn and the world drifted into economic depression instead, people refused to blame their own vain imaginings and the crass selfishness on which those imaginings were only too often based. Instead they tried to saddle with the blame the speakers and writers who had helped them to deceive themselves. Nevertheless, under all the chaos of thought and action that succeeded the last war, there were genuine and sincere efforts to make the agony of four years worth while by making the world a better place. Unfortunately, man's knowledge lagged far behind his good intentions. There had to be a world depression to teach us that the blunders of peace can be as disastrous and as far reaching, if not farther, as the blunders of war. One likes to think that much has been learned from both the calamities of the former war, and the more recent depression. In this war, perhaps for the first time in history, there has been a conscious effort to put into words what we are fighting for. This is not mere propaganda. It is rather a deliberate intention to set forth the principles for which we stand, in opposition to the baser motives that have impelled the enemy to cry havoc and unleash the dogs of war. With that statement of war aims has followed, in sequence as logical as a Euclidean corylary, an outline of peace aims of which the most complete expression is to be found in the Atlantic Charter, to which all the United Nations have adhered. In some quarters, there has been a certain amount of disappointment with the Atlantic Charter. For the doctrinaire and the theorist it does not go far enough. It is more of a suggestion than a prescription. To those who would recreate the world in accordance with their own heart's desire it does not say something about the new world order.

We have always recognised that there is value in planning ahead. Just as a prudent nation maintains its defences in time of peace, so in time of war, it is undoubtedly advisable to look ahead and plan for the peace that is to come. The present war, which began as a series of acts of aggression against weak, small nations, has become a clear-cut struggle between two rival concepts of a new world order. That which the Gangster Powers would inflict upon the nations is not so very new after all. It is a throw-back to the Dark Ages, to the subordination of right to might, and to the enslavement of the individual for the aggrandisement of the State. The United Nations are fighting for the ideals of democracy, for freedom of expression and belief, and the right of man to live in peace with his neighbour. It is not pretended that this is a complete statement of the opposing ideologies, but the statement is a fair one. At the same time, it would be folly to suppose that our eventual victory will throw down all racial and economic barriers and open up a brave new world where oppression and selfishness are unknown.

Only a few short weeks ago an Ameri-
can statesman offered the suggestion that the terms of the peace treaty or treaties that will end this war should not be drawn up too hurrilceld. He proposed a long period of pause and reflection between the armistice and the finalisation of the terms of peace. This showed a statesmanlike awareness that men's minds will be too dulled by the shock of battle, and passions will be too hot, for the calm deliberations that are to produce a treaty which will be the basis of a new world order. He realised that we must wait and see what sort of a world will be left to adopt this new order. Post-war reconstruction will inevitably be closely associated with the terms of peace, if the peace is to be an enduring one. It cannot proceed according to some cut-and-dried theory, though no doubt many theorists will have their influence in giving it direction. One can foresee much trial and error, and many trials and tribulations as well, before we can, like Canning of old, call a new world into being.

Plan and take thought for the future by all means; but let us not make ourselves the slaves of our hopes. Granting the faith that we are going to be very largely a matter of international cooperation; but the very basis of cooperation is the determination of everyone to pull his weight. Slacking can ruin a peace plan, just as it can retard a war effort, and the effort that was accompanied by blood and tears must be followed by efforts calling for sweat and sacrifice if we are not to lose the peace a second time.

POST-WAR PROBLEMS

The League, as an organisation, has rightly considered that the immediate task before us is that of winning the war. At the same time, it has not overlooked the necessity of planning for peace. Our organisation has not committed itself to any cut-and-dried formula for world reconstruction after the war, but that does not mean that post-war problems, or factors that are likely to lead to post-war problems, are being ignored. The League has given much attention to the conditions that are likely to affect men returning from the present war. It has made suggestions to the Government on such matters as repatriation and pension benefits, war service homes, vocational training, and the like. The League's suggestions have been based on the experience gained during and since the former war, and they have been adopted by the Federal Government. With regard to the more general problems that are likely to affect the nation and the world as a whole, the position is rather like that of a barrister holding a watching brief. The preparation period is regarded as one of study and consideration rather than active support for this or that tentative plan. The State Executive has a Problems sub-committee, which is always glad to receive and consider suggestions. It is also interesting to recall, although it may not generally be known, that there is an ex-service men's group which forms part of the Western Australian League of Service. This ex-service men's group recently passed a resolution advocating the training and inspiration of youth which, in the words of the motion, is of vital national importance, and should be developed nationally. The motion declared that the nation itself should take charge and institute a Commonwealth Department of Youth to assume responsibility. Such a body could help to co-ordinate and stimulate existing youth movements and initiate others where necessary. This motion was endorsed by the State Council of the League of Service and forwarded to the Department of Labour and National Service. At the meeting of the Ex-Servicemen's Group several speakers stressed the need of some definite contact being maintained from the school leaving age until the age of at least 18 years. As far as our own sons are concerned, that contact is the Sons of Soldiers' League. The principle which germinated there several years ago is now being adopted by other organised bodies in this State.

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THE MINISTER'S APPRECIATION

About the middle of last month the Army Minister (Mr. Forde) said that the Government fully appreciated the patriotism which actuated thousands of men throughout Australia, who were not eligible for enlistment in the A.I.F. nor obliged to serve in the Australian Military Forces, in joining the Volunteer Defence Corps. The Minister again emphasised that service in the V.D.C., which is open to all Australian citizens between the ages of 18 and 60, did not absolve any man from responsibility for military service, if he came within the age groups and categories affected by the call-up for service. There are thousands of young men in reserved occupations to whom this applies particularly. The Minister commended the spirit of men in such positions, and particularly those over 45, for the enthusiasm with which they trained in their spare time. The Government, he said, was now in a position to give greater attention to the requirements of the V.D.C. Definite action is being taken in the direction of the supply of uniforms and equipment.

The Minister then stated that the V.D.C. has a very useful place today, and will play a very important part in the Australian Army. "It is the policy of the Government," he continued, "to speed up equipment to enable these men to train more efficiently. The supply of men and uniforms, however, is based on a scale of priorities according to the vulnerability of areas in which units operate. Preference will naturally be given to the north-east sea-board areas."

PLANS OF WORK OUTLINED

Since the Army Minister made those remarks, plans for the work of the V.D.C. have been outlined by its director (Brigadier T. E. Weavers). The work of the Corps is to be co-ordinated, and there will be closer co-operation between it and the rest of the Army. A regulation uniform, similar to that worn by the Australian Military Forces, and a suitable colour patch, are to be issued. The colour patch will consist of a pair of the letters V.D.C. in black. A number of schools are to be established in each State to train instructors and members in war-time fighting, and particularly in guerrilla activities. Other subjects in which members will be instructed will be anti-aircraft defence, demolition, general searched earth activities, and methods of combating paratroops. Brigadier Weavers said: "The enthusiasm of the men of the V.D.C. has been so great that, since the establishment was started last March, the Corps has almost doubled in numbers. The morale, discipline and self-help of the Corps could not be bettered."

Brigadier Weavers said that the greatest possible help would be given to the Corps in the provision of equipment, and opportunities for instruction. He was confident that the V.D.C. would provide valuable supplementary action to the forces proper by guerrilla warfare, protection of vulnerable key points, and by giving timely warning of enemy movements to superior military organisations. The infantry battalion is the basic unit of the organisation, and, in each State, three or more battalions are combined to form groups.

Members attending any course or training school for more than six days will be paid at ordinary Army rates. Each school will have mobile wings to operate in country centres. Rations or allowances in lieu of

V.D.C. MEMBERS AND COMPENSATION

For a long time now, the League has been making representations to the proper authorities on the question of compensation, and the provision of medical and dental attention for members of the Volunteer Defence Corps. On June 19 the Army Minister outlined the conditions governing these very important matters. The Minister said that, in the case of members employed on continuous full-time duty, compensation would be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act. In other words, members of the Volunteer Defence Corps doing full-time duty will be in just the same position as the members of the other services in respect of compensation for injury and so on. The basis of eligibility is that the illness, injury or death must be directly attributable to service. Free medical and dental treatment will be provided for a member on full-time duty to such a degree as will keep him fit for service.

Part-time members of the Volunteer Defence Corps—that is, those who attend camps of fixed duration and night and other parades—will be compensated for injury or illness on a different basis. They will be paid compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Defence Act and the military financial regulations and instructions. Where the compensation provisions of the Defence Act and regulations are considered inadequate, further compensation may be paid as an act of grace, under the conditions of eligibility laid down in the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act. The scale of compensation will not be more than that which would be granted under the Act. Part-time members, like those on continuous full-time duty, are only eligible for compensation when illness, injury or death is directly attributable to service.

The Army Minister said that no medical or dental attention is being made available to part-time members, unless given in connection with injuries sustained, or illness contracted on duty. Members of the V.D.C. who are killed, or who contract illness or injuries while not employed on military duty, but while carrying out unauthorised voluntary military training, will not be entitled to any compensation. Neither will they receive medical or dental attention.

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One of the most valuable services that can be rendered to the country in war-time is the work of keeping up the morale of the men of the fighting forces. As a distinguished Australian General said a few days ago, "Men can become tired, they can become bored, and they can lose heart. Anything to keep up their morale is tremendously important." That statement was made when five mobile service units were accepted for the forces in Western Australia. They were presented to the Salvation Army by the public, and of these five, two city businesses presented one each. The units are actually motor vans, which look very neat and efficient jobs. They were handed over to the Australian Army by Commissioner W. R. Dalziel, and they will be driven by members of the Salvation Army.

Every Digger who fought on the Western Front in the last war speaks in the most glowing terms of the work done for the troops by the Salvation Army. That body of devoted workers seems to have captured the imagination of our men, and inspired their gratitude to a degree that was truly remarkable. The work of the Salvation Army on the Western Front has left an indelible memory which, even after the lapse of years, one would often hear expressed in a phrase something like this: "Well, I'm not very flush. But if I'm down to me last penny the Salvation Army can have half of it." When one says this, he does not forget or belittle the good work of other organisations. It just so happened that so many of our fellows saw the Salvation Army do such good work under such dangerous circumstances that they came home filled with admiration and gratitude. The League hopes that this admiration and gratitude will again find expression, because, although five mobile service units have been presented to the Salvation Army, that splendid force needs more units.

Some time ago the Salvation Army asked the League to aid in the appeal for funds for the purchase of more mobile service units. The State Executive readily acceded to this request, and the sub-branches were asked to weigh in with their contributions. Already a sum of £321 has been raised to achieve this worthy objective, but the League hopes that the total will reach £300 before the appeal closes. Incidentally, the State Executive wants to close the appeal as soon as possible. Many Diggers are, perhaps, under a misunderstanding of what is meant by a mobile service unit. One prevailing idea is that each unit is a sort of a travelling tuck shop to serve our tea and cakes, instead of being for the spirit, and not for the body. The work of the unit is concerned with the provision of paper, writing material, wireless and reading matter, and such-like things. They are the mobile service units, because they follow the troops wherever they go. They are not merely services located in standing or permanent camps. From the very nature of their work, which is frequently done in collaboration with the Austalian Comforts Fund, this type of service adds greatly to the comfort of the men in the forward areas.

During the campaign in Malaya the efforts of the Salvation Army on behalf of the men of the A.I.F. were as untiring as those of their predecessors in the last war. In Malaya, the Salvation Army lost all its equipment, and that is what has made the present appeal necessary. Therefore, Diggers, remember how you felt yourselves in the last war. I wish I had it to agree that anything that was conducive to comfort was also something that greatly stimulated morale, and without morale no Army, however well-equipped it may be in other respects, can hope to win a war. In aid of this appeal, the League is rendering service for service and helping to pay a debt of gratitude. Help the League to do this and you will be helping not only two very important organisation, but the boys who wear the old battle-dress of the A.I.F. today.

DONATIONS TO HEAD OFFICE

Albany, £1/7/-; Armadale, £2/2/-; Bassendean, £2/2/-; Bayswater Auxiliary, £4/10/6; Beverley, £2/2/-; Boddington, £5; Cardiff, 10/6; Carlisle, £1/1/-; Carnamah, £2; Claremont, £7/1/-; Claremont Auxiliary, £2/2/-; Corrigin, £2/12/-; Darling Range, £2/7/-; Dumbleyung, £23/12/-; Dumbleyung Auxiliary, £3; Gloucester Park, 10/6; Guildford, 10/6; Gough, £1/1/-; Harvey, £1/1/-; Kalgoorlie, £15/6/-; Kondinin, £2/2/-; Mandurah, £2/2/-; Marradong-Boddington, £5/5/-; Marvel Loch, £1/1/-; Melville, 10/6; Merredin, £3/3/-; Midland Junction, 10/6; Mannan; £1/-; Mount Lawley, £1/-; Muckinbuddin, £2/2/-; Mundaring, £2/2/-; Mundijong, £1/-; Murray, 10/6; Narembeen, £2/2/-; Nedlands, £1/10; Northam, £1/1/-; North Perth, £1/1/-; Ora Banda Grant's Patch, £2/10/-; Pemberton, £5/5/-; Pingelly, £7; Queanbeyan, £2; Shannon Park, £2/2/-; Spearwood, 15/-; South Perth, £2/2/-; Swan View, £10/11/5; Wagin, £1/1/-; West Leederville, £5/5/-; West Perth, £5/5/-; Westonia, £8/9/-; Williams, £5; Wollaston, £1/1/-; Wyalkatchem, £2/2/6; E. S. Watt and Staff, £2/2/-; W. & M. Newton, £5; Dalwallinu, £1/-; Maylands, £5/5/-; Fremantle Auxiliary, £5/5/.

The following donations were forwarded direct from Sub-Branches to the Salvation Army:

Cottesloe, £1/-; Nedlands Women's Auxiliary, £3/3/-; Maylands, £5/5/-; Yarloop, £1/-; Mt. Magnet, £2/2/6; Lake Grace, £1/1/-; Gosnells, £1; Woorooloo, £1; Coolup, £1/1/-; West Swan, 10/-; Northampton, £2/2/6; Donnybrook, 10/-; Bussel ton, £2; Mundaring, £16/19/10 and £1/1/-; Upper Swan, £1/1/-; Northcliffe, £1/1/10;
Recently killed while on active service with the R.A.A.F. was Pilot Sergeant Jack Saunders, only son of Major and Mrs. A. G. Saunders, of 84 Webster Street, Nedlands. This dear son had been on the threshold of manhood, having left only a little while before this war broke out. His father is well and popularly known in this State. Major Saunders was a member of the first Physical Training Instructional Staff, which was formed at the commencement of compulsory training before the last war. He was stationed in Western Australia when war broke out in 1914, but not being allowed to leave with the A.I.F. he sent his papers home and remained with the regiment. The XI Hussars. His war service was with the British Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders, and in North Russia, after the Armistice. We join with the Nedlands sub-branch in proffering to Major and Mrs. Saunders, and to their young daughter-in-law, our deepest sympathy.

Mr. Ashton, Honorary Secretary of the R.S.L. Memorial Band, Box 22A, G.P.O., Perth, has been informed by the Union of this week the news of the death of Mr. R. E. Walker with an address of sympathy from the Union.

One of the most pleasing features of the social evening given by the women of the Nedlands sub-branch to the ladies of their auxiliary on June 26 was the practical recognition given to the continued services of two sub-branch stalwarts. A Certificate of Service was presented to Mr. A. Frederick, for his untiring work among the sick. During the evening, also, the president of the sub-branch presented Mr. J. Walker with an handsome smoker's stand, inscribed "To Johnnie, from his Pals of the North-East Freemantle Sub-branch." The presentation was made in appreciation of his valuable services as treasurer. When the North-East Freemantle sub-branch was formed in 1918, Johnnie was elected treasurer. A few years later the North Freemantle and East Freemantle sub-branches amalgamated, and he still retained this office. Like the other famous Johnnie Walker, he is still going strong, with 24 years of faithful service to his credit.

Alex Hood was welcomed back by the West Leederville-Wembley sub-branch meeting on July 13 after a rather nasty bout of illness. Alex has been a League stalwart for many years, and his main worry for some time now has been that he cannot do enough, to his way of thinking, for the war effort. No doubt if he could please himself he would be well away with the remnants of his old Medical unit.

In our May issue we referred to Mrs. Edmunds, wife of a former member of the State Executive, as having been awarded the Royal Red Cross in the last war. Mrs. Edmunds informs us that this was an error, and asks us to correct it.

With deep regret we record the passing of Charles Vincent Bowley, a former member of the Nedlands sub-branch. We join with the sub-branch in extending condolence to Mrs. Bowley and family.

Ballidu District, £15; Nannup, £2/-; North-East Freemantle, £2/-; Herne Hill, £1; Dwellingup, £2/-; Cuc, 10/6; Kojono-up, 10/6; Denmark, £1/1/-.
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Church upon them; we sang your "Star Spangled Banner" with its sad refrain telling us of past sorrows and loneliness in your new country. We held you close, we comforted our own in contact with you—on the battlefield, in the air, on the sea, and in the house of suffering (our Australian Hollywood)—that we shall know you. A brotherhood sealed by suffering, by noble humble deeds, unspoken, unpublished, for want of space! Deeds of every day grandeur amongst the plain men of America.

America we hold out the hand of kinship, to you, made as you were born, yours, yours, with your mothers; we hide our tears in the night when we think of your deeds and of your patient suffering in the wards of Hollywood beside our own great men.

Some day when we shall have hoisted the flag of peace to the sky, we shall have a Press reception to things which we hope to build into our brave new world. Today, we still have our feet embedded in the mud of squalid glamour, which has made its share in besmirching the thing we call Democracy. It may seem strange, for which you lost your blood, burned your bodies, distorted your limbs.

T—h—e. I hear it still! Body shaking, frame-racking, retching—retching. He pays no regard to his shirt, but his music penetrates deeper than the crooner's. Its story is not in the Press.

DISCHARGE FROM THE FORCES

One of the important matters discussed by the State Executive at its meeting on Saturday, June 13, was the position of members of the Home Defence Forces who become medically unfit for war service. In a report by the Pension and Employment Committee, it was stated that these men are not discharged. They are merely transferred back to the area in which they were enlisted, and permitted to engage in their former civilian occupations. The report added that when these men applied to the Repatriation Department for medical treatment or pensions, they found they were not eligible to receive these benefits, because they had not been discharged from the Army. The State Secretary informed the committee that a circular, for which no available correspondence had been sent to the Prime Minister for the Army, through the Federal Office. A similar approach had been made to the Adjutant-General, with the object of having this anomaly removed.

It was stated that about 20 or 30 cases might be cited in which members of the Home Forces had not been able to obtain any benefits after becoming unfit for further war service. According to the Volunteer Defence Corps, it was stated that these men were not notified, and who are injured while on duty, are not entitled to compensation. However, in their case, compensation payments may be made as reasonable as the state of their health. It was decided to submit one case of this kind to the Prime Minister and the General Board of Health for the purpose of obtaining the necessary entitlement for these men.

SITUAIENTS FROM A PACKING CASE

The following cutting was found by a storeman at a Base Ordnance Depot in the Middle East, when unpacking stores received from Canada:

"WHY SHOULD WE FIGHT FOR ENGLAND?"

By HAROLD WOOD

"Why should we fight?" he asked me. "Cause England is at war? Why are they fighting now, Dad, what are they fighting for? What does it mean to you, Dad, to barge and mums and me? The Germans won't come here from away across the sea. So why should you go there, Dad, and leave us up to cry? Is it 'cause England owns us? Is that the reason why?"

His eyes looked widely at me. I tightly held my son.

And this is how I answered his questions one by one:

"We fight when England calls us, for in her sacred keep. The ashes of our fathers lie in her soil—sleap.

And many times for England they fought that she'd be free.

And they are part of England, and so, my son, are we.

And some may pass her by, lad, and some may cross her hand, But we must be forever a part of that fair land.

For everything we have, son, that's good and fine and just.

Was it not from our British blood and given to us in trust.

And we must keep that trust, son, against the force of greed.

And fight beside old England whenever she's at war.

And once again she's calling across the Empire wide—

And all her Empire answers: 'You'll find us at your side.

Oh, we're owned by England, but we own England too.

As you are part of me, son, and I am part of you.'"
When we first met the Americans in France we were struck by their friendliness and courtesy—two qualities which Uncle Sam's boys are displaying in this war. But for unusual examples of the courtesies that can be exchanged in a gentleman's war, one must go back to the American Civil War. This happened at a place called Munfordville, in Kentucky. When the Confederate General Bragg reached the river crossing near the town, he found a Federal force of 4,000 blocking the way. He invested the place with his army of 30,000 and demanded its surrender. The Federals were commanded by Colonel John T. Wilder, who really didn't know what to do. He had heard the Munfordville people talk about their fellow-townsmen, General Simon Bolivar Buckner, who was then with Bragg. So he went to the General under a flag of truce and asked him what he thought should be done about surrendering. He frankly explained his own ignorance, and left it to Buckner as one gentleman to another. The Confederate General refused to advise him, but he did explain the situation honestly, even pointing out how the Confederate artillery could annihilate the little Federal force. But Wilder wanted to count the cannon. Buckner, in his most courteous fashion, consented, and showed him round the gun positions. That convinced the Colonel. He then surrendered.

When American soldiers get parcels from home they like those parcels to contain cookies, as they call cakes, and dough-nuts. This is how one American soldier managed to keep up the supply of the delicacies he liked so much. He had an advertisement inserted in the local paper, which read: "Wanted: Good-baker of cookies, cakes and pastries. To apply, send samples." He got them all right.

One of those generous persons who make valued donations to the troops gave a portable gramophone to a battalion of a famous Scottish regiment. About three months later the generous donor was on a visit to the battalion, and asked how the gramophone was working. To his astonishment, he was told that the machine was out of action. "But," he exclaimed, "that shouldn't be, after only three months' use!" "Well, ye ken,"

the orderly sergeant explained, "the needle's broken."

Medical officers are notoriously indifferent writers, and some of them at least do not improve their handwriting, merely by donning the King's khaki. A new M.O. reported to his unit "Somewhere in Australia" and duly filled in and signed the numerous official forms that were duly presented to him at the orderly room. Then the adjutant looked at the forms, and said, "Beg pardon, Doc., but what's your name?" "My name!" exclaimed the M.O. "Can't you see it on every one of those forms? I've filled in and signed?" "Ah, yes," said the adjutant quietly. "Er—that is what aroused my curiosity."
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This happened in London when three Diggers were on leave. Towards the end of the leave period, they were like the man in the song who was stony-broke and stranded in the Strand. Then they saw a huge seething crowd round a stand, where a very beautiful and very popular actress was selling kisses at 5/- a time for some deserving war charity. The Digs couldn't muster 5/- each, but they did manage to raise the necessary sum by means of a tarpaulin muster. Then they were going to draw lots to see who would make the lucky purchase, but one who was a real sportsman said, "Ah, give the five bob to Nugget here. He's the ugliest man in the division, and it's about the only chance he'll ever get of being kissed by an actress." Nugget was duly given the five bob and pushed into the queue. Then one of his mates said, "Good old Nugget! I'll bet the girl screams when she sees what she's got to kiss." They met Nugget about five minutes later, and asked him: "Did you make her scream, Nugget?" "My oath, I did," was the astounding reply. "You've heard her when you wouldn't stub up with the five bob."

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps gets very little of the limelight, but it's the biggest concern in the Empire. It supplies everything that is needed by the Army, from a trouser button to an anti-tank gun. Counting spare parts, it has to handle half a million commodities. In some of its depots, there are as many as thirteen thousand employees, and its workshops are spread out all over the British Isles, and in every theatre of the war where British and Imperial troops are fighting.

One of the forgotten battles of the French revolutionary wars was Valmy, in which a hastily raised and poorly equipped Republican force, under the command of a German general, had been troops that intervened on the side of the French monarchy. "Valmy" is now the title of the underground newspaper of the Free French. In June of last year, 2,000 copies of Valmy were being printed, and each copy was passed from hand to hand many times over. What is more, casual pedestrians chalk slogans from the paper on the parapets of bridges, while apparently idly watching the Seine, on lamp-posts against which they would lean, to all intents and purposes, concentrating on tying a shoe-lace.

According to the British broadcaster James Sinclair, Swedes have been badly hit by the war. Some of her markets have gone, and she has been obliged to trade with Germany. This trade is on the Nazi barter system. In return for her exports, Sweden has had to take goods from Germany which she could not do otherwise. For instance, she has been importing wireless receivers lately, although she can certainly manufacture all the sets she needs. It will be remembered that Germany drove a similar one-note stand with Yugoslavia before the war. In return for Yugoslavia's grain, that unfortunate country has to take mouth organs and aspors. The stocks of each imported in 1938 were more than enough to fill the Yugoslavian demand for more than ten years.

In a recent B.B.C. broadcast a 22-year-old Czech airman told the truly remarkable story of his three years on the Island in an effort to join his country's free fighting men. His mother is still in Czechoslovakia, his father is in Russia, and his sister in Ecuador. He has had no news of them since he left Czechoslovakia. At the outbreak of the war he was working in a Warsaw factory, having left his native Bohemia when the Germans took possession. He was caught by the Germans in Warsaw "after they had shot me a little bit," he said, and he had to work for them. His job was to fetch drinking water from outside the town. One day he went out as usual, but did not return. He escaped to Russia. For eight months he worked in Moscow till he had saved enough to travel further. In Manchuria the Japanese arrested him. When they set him free he had no more money, so he had to work at various jobs in China. "The Chinese," he said, "are very nice, good, educated people. I made some money, and then I wanted to join the Czech Army. But with my Czech passport, the Japanese wouldn't let me go. They always managed to trouble when they saw my Russian visa. So I bought another passport from a foreigner and had to change my name. I got to Singapore, where I remained while the British authorities found out which of my passports was the right one. Later I was set free, and told that I could go to England to join the Czechs." And so, at last, he came to join the Czech Air Force. The total distance he had travelled is greater than twice round the world.
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While Australian papers were giving promi-
ence to the invention of Mr. Philip
Charlton, of Hastings, New Zealand, who
has patented a device for converting .303
rifles into automatic weapons, American
papers, containing references to the new
Garand gun, have reached this country. A
couple of years ago, Mr. John C. Garand made
a momentous decision. The Polish Govern-
ment wanted to buy the rights of his semi-
automatic rifle, and was willing to pay hand-
some royalties to the inventor. Instead of
selling at a profit himself, Mr. Garand gave his
invention outright to the United
States Army. Had he sold his rifle to the
Poles, the Huns would have taken the fac-
tories making this weapon, when they con-
quered Poland in 1939. So it would mean
that the German Army, whose fire-power
was already terrific, would have had more
than two years in which to speed up the
mass production of Garands for German
infantrymen. Armed with a weapon they
might have had far greater success in the
initial stages of the war on the Russian front.

It must be admitted, however, that the
Japanese captured working models of this
gun in the Philippines. It is also possible
that the Germans also have a fair idea of
the gun's mechanism by this time, but the
important point is that the United States
has had a tremendous lead in production.
Mr. Garand estimates that it would take at
least three years for the most highly indus-
trialised foreign Power to produce his gun
on anything like a large scale.

As a rapid-firing infantry weapon, the
Garand gun did much to offset the numerical
inferiority of the defenders of the Bataan
Peninsula. Compared with the Japanese sol-
dier's rifle, the Garand fires a heavier bullet,
and fires with far greater rapidity. It is also
more accurate after continued use, and more
durable under unfavourable conditions of
service. It is interesting also to recall that Gen-
eral MacArthur was Chief of Staff of the
United States Army when the Garand rifle
was being put through its trials, and he saw
it in action in the Philippines. The origin-
ial model had a higher calibre than the
present one. It was General MacArthur who
ordered the weapon to be altered so that it
would take the same ammunition as the
Springfield and the machine-guns already in
use. This meant a lot of work in redesign-
ing the Garand, but in the end the American
Army authorities the unnecessary trouble of
supplying several different sizes of small arms
ammunition.

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undertake many new commitments, the old
obligations are still being shouldered. Among
these are the Sons of Soldiers' League and
the care and comfort of our comrades in
hospitals and similar institutions. The Sons
of Soldiers' League is a growing concern.

By that is meant that it is an organisation
for growing boys, and a little while ago
there was the chance it might grow out of
itself. The parent League was founded
upon as an organisation that must eventually
die out with the last Digger. Under the
law of averages, the Sons of Soldiers' League
would have been able to carry on for many
years longer we hope, but even the Sons
would eventually have to face dissolution.

That was the case in regard to both parent
and junior body when Hitler disturbed the
peace again in 1939. Then, it became ob-
vious that each body would receive acces-
sions of strength that would give it a few
lease of life. However, while the parent
League is being kept up to strength by re-
inforcements from the present war, the ranks
of the Sons have been thinned by enlist-
ments. And don't let the S.S.L. is suffering a
slump—or at least it should not—because
many sub-branches are carrying on with the
good work, in spite of the various
handicaps of the times, and it will not
be so many years before the Sons are being
reinforced from the present war, even as
their fathers are.

In one respect, the war has simplified one
of the most serious problems that the found-
ers of the S.S.L. had to face. In the early
days of the S.S.L. there was very little
difficulty in getting the younger boys inter-
ested in things, but it was hard to find com-
mon ground on which the younger and older
boys could meet. The solution was a divi-
sion of sub-branches into age groups, special
provision being made for each group.

After all, it was not the older boys who
mattered so much, at least for the purposes
of organisation. They soon developed their
own ideas about life, and it is gratifying to
think of the way in which many of them passed into the fighting services,
and how many of them are proudly wearing
their country's uniform in this war. We
hope most of them will be spared to make
the greater graduation into the ranks of the
parent League.

The main idea underlying the formation of
the S.S.L. was that of inducing the sons of
ex-servicemen to understand the ideals and
traditions of which the parent League is
based—the simple ideals of honesty, co-
operation, patriotism and devotion to duty
that have been the watchwords of the Empire's
soldiers in all parts of the world, and through
every stage of our history. This was no
attempt to origin a so-called youth move-
ment, like those fostered by the people we
are fighting today, and by enemies within
our own gates that would have liked to dis-
rupt our Commonwealth and our Empire.

There was no conscious plan to take young
boys of tender years and rob them of their
childhood and their youth by dragging them
into becoming miniature gangsters in
shirts of many colours. Such a dragging
was never necessary for the healthy minds
and healthy bodies of Australian boys. But
when it was realised, and it was hoped, that
training our own sons in the ideals and prin-
ciples for which we ourselves fought so hard
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effect of making them good patriotic Aus-
tralians. It was intended for this growing
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with a set of principles that would prove an effective counter-blast to the poisonous propaganda of all sorts that was flooding the country at the time. Naturally, it was realized that if our boys grew up good patriotic Australians, they would acquire themselves to the United States such any emergency like the present arose, and we may be thankful that they are doing so. We may be thankful, also, that their example has been followed by many hundreds of others who were not sons of soldiers.

There are still many of the younger Sons, who have not yet reached military age, and it is the hope of all of us that this war will never bring us to the day when we do too. The S.S.L. is thus resolving itself gradually in to the single age group, which makes the work of administration so much easier. These are the lads who must be catered for today. The fathers of many are doing full-time war service, whilst other fathers are very busily occupied in other forms of work. Hard and all as the times are, these boys must not be left to themselves. The older of them have reached an age when the friendly guidance of a father, or of someone taking the place of a father, is needed. This is why it is hoped that the sub-branches will carry on the good work, and keep the S.S.L. formations in active operation. Even if they do no more than keep the lads interested in healthy games and recreation, they will be doing a big and useful job. On the more spiritual side, they will be fostering that spirit of comradeship which made the A.I.P. such a bond of brothers in the last war. The values of the lads may be assessed in terms of rifles and bayonets, but it was a wonderful contribution to the military efficiency of the Digger.

**DOWN MEXICO WAY**

It is not expected that Mexico will be able to send troops abroad to engage in the war that the most northerm of the Latin American republics has declared on the Gangster Powers. Nevertheless, Mexico's declaration is of importance to the Allied cause. There are many good harbours on the west coast of Mexico which will have to be denied to the enemy, and open to our own shipping; but the most important factor of all is the bussiness Mexico may now give to the Achilles heel of Uncle Sam's strategic position on the Pacific. This Achilles heel is the long, narrow peninsula, Lower California. The great United States aeroplane plants at San Diego, and the naval anchorage in the harbour, are almost within big-gun fire range of the Mexican border, while more vast aeroplane plants and shipyards, to say nothing of many Army and Navy establishments in the Los Angeles area, are less than 150 miles away. Until recently Lower California, which is part of Mexico, although separated from the United States, has been communally unguarded. Now, the United States and Mexico are co-operating in taking firm and rapid steps to change the Achilles heel region into a place where any invader would receive a rough welcome.

Lower California, which is exceedingly sparsely populated. That is one reason why it has been widely regarded as a likely spot for a secret Japanese thrust at vital West Coast industries. In fact, it is believed in what the newspapers call 'the defensive quarters', that the unidentified sky objects' which appeared over Los Angeles last February were Japanese planes based on Lower California. If that is so, both Uncle Sam and his next-door neighbour are determined that it shall not happen again.

**PHILIPPINES UNDER JAPANESE CONTROL**

By DATTO MORO

About three months ago it was reported that the Japanese in the Philippines were trying to force Emilio Aguinaldo, the Filipino revolutionary leader of more than 40 years ago, into a Quisling. The fact that such an old man as Aguinaldo was cast for this unpopular role is evidence of the scanty support the invaders are likely to get from the inhabitants of the islands. Aguinaldo was certainly the man who so stubbornly resisted Spain in the last century, but nothing short of desperation could have induced the Japanese to attempt to enforce his services. The fact is, and Tokio knows it well, that Aguinaldo has been living a most lonely life in the islands ever since he surrendered to the Americans.

The enemy have, however, succeeded in establishing a species of vassal government in Manila. It is a Japanese-supervised administration headed by Jorge B. Vargas, who was formerly Minister of the Interior, and secretary with cabinet rank, of President Quezon. He is a man without any political following, but he is also without any political enemies. He is the best-equipped Filipino to take on the thankless task of keeping civil government that the invaders are anxious to establish. Associated with him are Jose Yulo, whom the invaders have named Chief Justice of the Philippines, and Quintin Pardes, who is Secretary of Public Works. These, and others of the Vargas Cabinet, are former members of Quezon's administration. It is not suggested that all of these men, or even any of them, are pro-Japanese, or potential Quislings. It is extremely probable that they have accepted office under the conquerors with the best of patriotic intentions.

Possibly they realise that it is better to have experienced Filipinos doing these administrative jobs than Japanese Army officers. In the meantime, the Japanese are trying to stir up among the Filipinos the long-dormant racial issue. This is an old Japanese technique, which they are applying, or have applied, to every territory they have conquered in Asia. For instance, Vargas and his colleagues are all men of blue blood. Their selection by the Japanese is undoubtedly another Japanese way of showing that they are helping the brown brother at the expense of the white.

Enmity against the Filipinos, nor blandishments have succeeded in winning the Japanese any appreciable measure of support from the people of the Philippines. Tokio hoped that when the American resistance in Luzon had collapsed the rest of the islands would accept Japan's conquest as complete. Actually, the other islands remained just as stout in their resistance as Luzon. Consequently, the Japanese have found it necessary to send their armed forces to subdue island after island.

The invaders have found their hardest task in Mindanao, the home of the Filipino Moslems, who call themselves Moros. The Moros have never reconciled themselves to the Japanese, even when they came to the island in times of peace. If they wish of course, the Japanese can amuse themselves by wiping out these Moros, but those who know the Moros say this cannot be done, unless Japan is willing to spare about 50,000 troops for this purpose. The Moros are warriors of a most fanatical order. Spain never conquered them, although the Spaniards tried from the sixteenth until near the end of the nineteenth century. Nor did the
Americans really defeat them. The United States wisely conciliated and made peace with them.

The Japanese have ordered all Filipinos to surrender their keen-edged weapons, including their bolos. Since the bolo is, to a Filipino, not only a weapon of war, but what a kit of tools is to a carpenter, this Japanese order will be taken as proof that the invaders intend to rob the Filipinos of everything they possess.

Shakespeare Becomes a Mechanised Transport Man

The omnipotent Mr. George Bernard Shaw once sternly maintained, that Shakespeare was dated, and that his works are out of step with modern developments. An examination of the great dramatist's works tempts one to say "Pahau!" to Mr. Shaw. Here are a few samples:

"Whence is this knocking?" (Macbeth, II, 2).

"Will this gear ne'er be mended?" (Troilus and Cressida, I, i).

"Thou's worn out thy pump." (Romeo and Juliet, II, 4).

"How the wheel becomes it!" (Hamlet, IV, 5).

"And here an engine fit for my proceeding." (Two Gentlemen of Verona, III, 1).

"To climb these hills requires slow pace at first." (Henry VIII, I).

"O most wicked speed!" (Hamlet, I, 2).

"How dost thou know that constable?" (Measure for Measure, II, i).

"This Leipzig runs away with the Shell." (Hamlet, V, 2).

"Which of you know Ford of this town?" (Merry Wives of Windsor, I, 3).

An item which appeared recently in an American newspaper reminded me of the old song, in which a customer complained that there was a cockroach in his pie. The waiter remonstrated very vigorously. "All the other customers will want one," he said, "so what do you want to talk about it for?" The American item was pleasant and more hygienic, but it equally illustrated the very human failing of wishing for something the other fellow has. It referred to the Old Country's recent importations of dried eggs. The first batch of these came from the United States. British officials were afraid that the Great British Public might be squeamish about eating scrambled dried eggs. Accordingly, they released the new product only to the most fashionable hotels and restaurants, where big prices are charged for small meals. In this way they created a popular demand for dried eggs.

Our Russian Allies have certainly taken the lessons of the last war to heart. One Russian officer recently declared: "No great wars have run their course without military operations in the mountains." He recalled that during the last war thousands of Russian soldiers were killed by avalanches and landslides in the Carpathians because they lacked proper equipment for mountain campaigning. "The mountains," the same authority declared, "are full of dangers and obstacles for troops, and abrupt changes of weather bring great hardships. Hence, all troops operating in high altitudes must be superlatively trained, both technically and physically." As far as physical fitness goes, physical training has been a wing of the Red Army ever since it was formed. In fact, physical culture is treated as something for which the State is responsible, like every other aspect of education. Therefore, there is no doubt that Russia has very large reserves of special troops with a thorough grasp of the technique of mountain climbing. Before this war commenced, the Alpine badge was common on the streets of Soviet cities.

There was wisdom in the decision to enforce the regulations which debar men in the Army from seeking the aid of members of Parliament to secure redress for grievances, real or fancied. One wonders why certain members of the Commonwealth Parliament have chosen a time like the present to make a song and dance about the enforcement of a regulation that has been in existence since the first Defence Act was passed by the Federal Parliament in 1903. There is no reason for assuming that a member, as such, is any fairer-minded than a commanding officer, and anyone who knows anything about the Army knows darned well that a soldier's rights and privileges are defined with great precision in Army Regulations. One regulation, which all young officers must learn for their examinations in peace-time, and with which they have been instructed to make themselves familiar, is the very long one which sets out the correct method a soldier should adopt in making a complaint. That method, carried to its logical conclusion, takes the complainant to far higher authority than Mr. Soandso, the member. On the other hand, are these complaining politicians so very interested? The whole weary wall suggests to me that they are deprived of an opportunity to exploit the troops as a vote-catching expedient. And here is another aspect of the case: If a
Versailles and Other Treaties

Speaking in Sydney recently, the veteran Australian politician, Mr. W. M. Hughes, declared that those who speak about the recent injustices of Versailles don’t know what they are talking about. He said the Treaty was founded on justice and pointed out that its provisions were mild in comparison with the treaties of Brest-Litovsk and Rumania, which Germany compelled Russian and Rumania to sign. Mr. Hughes then mentioned the reparations that were demanded from Germany. It was a principle of law, he said, that damages should be paid in full compensation for them. In any case, Germany did not complete the reparations and payments, and what payments she did make were made with money borrowed from the nations the Huns had injured. That borrowed money was never repaid.

The fact that, even in these times, people can be found who attribute all the evils of the past twenty years to the Treaty of Versailles, is good evidence of the success of German propaganda. "As soon as the peace Congresses were announced, German agents were in Paris and London trying to bribe, cajole or threaten British and French politicians into granting lenient terms to Germans. The ink on the signatures to the Treaty was not dry before the Germans were deliberately attempting to sabotage the Treaty, while their propagandists commenced a world-wide whitewash about its alleged "injustice." Actually, the greatest injustice is the Treaty itself. The Treaty were the reparations and the loss of her colonies. It was found politically and economically impossible to enforce the reparations in full, even after Germany had received financial assistance from her former enemies and the improvised German Empire. On the other hand, the whine for the return of the lost colonies, and the stupid allegation that the colonies had been stolen from dear, innocent Germany, was maintained. The fact that while the Austrians, the Czechs and the Poles were taught to sing what is the best of their few folk songs, and the Australian Broadcasting Commission made their parents more familiar with it.

This is what a British railway-man had to say in a broadcast of the B.B.C. series entitled "Sinews of War": "What I don't like about the war is that you never know how long you'll be working. In peace-time we worked a 48-hour week. Now it's nearer 96 hours. We work Sundays, too. That's what I miss—the best dinner of the week. By the time you get home it's as hard as a board. Help you. D'you know what I do? I get a bit of extra time, and I spend it digging for victory." Evidently, in dear old Blighty they don't get time to go on strike over such matters of national importance as morning tea and holiday pay.

It's in the paper

Bicycles were first used for military purposes by the British Army in 1887.—Christian Science Monitor.

Trailer-mounted shower baths, which pump and heat water for eight shower-baths, have been developed for the United States Army.

It seems ages since we have had any news from Italy. Whatever became of Mussolini?—The New Yorker.

The Normandie is of no earthly use to state that you can't lay the Empire State building on its side for purposes of comparison.—Milwaukee Journal.

One official warned Americans not to be jittery, and another not to be complacent. "One of the most important things you can do, if anything, is to be calm and excited. —Pathfinder.

Point out a story in the paper and a woman is instantly attracted to a wholly different item on the same page. This is called responsiveness.—Detroit News.

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The Material and the Moral in War

[Extracts from a speech on the Supply Bill in the Senate by Colonel Collett, June 3-4, 1942.]

The circumstances that have brought us to our present position are to be deplored. Nevertheless we, as a people, can take heart from the stout example set us by our brothers of the British Isles, who, Phoenix-like, have risen from the ashes of disaster and are today leading the world into the battle of 1939; by the brilliance of the conceptions and the execution of the first Libyan campaign; by the second Gallipoli enacted at Tobruk; by the generalship used and tenacity displayed in securing the victory in Syria; by the heroism and sacrifice in Greece and Crete; and last, but not least, by the gallant and not altogether fruitless attempts to stem the flood of invasion in the Malay Peninsula and in neighbouring territories.

In having a thorough appreciation of our real position, we have to go beyond the material and place a sane estimate upon the moral. Of the justice of our cause there is no doubt. Thus far we are "thrice-armed." Napoleon is credited with saying, "The moral is to the physical as three to one." In these days of mechanisation, and the higher development of lethal weapons, that dictum may be discounted. Nevertheless, if the people are prepared, as I think they are, to give these all in an attempt to preserve the civilisation we have known, the victory is possible. After all, we are a homogeneous community with an acknowledged record of great achievements and worthy traditions. In adversity we have kept our heads, and despite a few whimperings, and fewer shirking in higher places, we have comported ourselves with dignity. The only discouragement offered to those who look to this Parliament for guidance has been our failure to accord the formation of the Government. What are the needs and hopes of the community? There was the plea, heard by some of us, the tenor of which was, "For Heaven's sake do not call it a civil war or an American civil war or you will split the Labour party." In view of the gravity of our position and our commitments, such an appeal is quite untenable.

We need to mark, and continue to take inspiration from the example and deeds of our volunteer forces who have been, and may still be, abroad. They have rendered great service, and I am told by their leaders that the men of today are the equal of the men of 1914-18. That goes, too, for the members of the home forces, who may not yet have been on active service. The discipline and promise are almost all that can be desired. Let nothing be done, therefore, to discourage or divide them. Their morale is of immense value in the purpose of their existence, and our support should be extended to the leaders in their efforts to improve it. Complaints as to the behaviour of individuals in the capital cities whilst serious enough, should not be stressed. Those concerned in recent incidents are a very small percentage of the whole force, whilst they evince the effect of their civil upbringing and environment, can be suitably dealt with provided that there is no political interference with legitimate military authority. Only hard training will impress on young minds the real needs of an army that is to be an efficient fighting machine. Sobriety, cleanliness and orderliness are important factors in their make-up. I have had the privilege of perusing an Army order issued by the Commander-in-Chief. This will, I am sure, if properly enforced, meet the situation. An initial fault, not that of the Army, has been the failure to recognise that men are men, and that leaders, as men, must be respected by subordinates, and a tighter control of the liquor trade, are desirable, and, indeed, necessary. With these should go a delegation of authority, such as was conferred by the Defence of the Realm Act in Great Britain, so that undesirable women and establishments can be banned from occupied areas. Every general has a strong personal interest in his troops. I well remember, as do other honorable senators, the great influence for good exercised in the first Australian Imperial Force by men such as Lord Birdwood, the late Sir Brudenell White, and others of high rank.

This brings me to another important point. Men will fight all the better for a greater understanding that the degree of their sacrifice is fully appreciated, and that some attempt at adequate recompense is to be made on their return to civil life. Those who serve in the fighting forces are entitled to great consideration at the hands of their fellow citizens.

I shall say something more about generals. Great was my surprise recently to be told by a member on the government side of the chamber that there was difficulty in alighting upon the general who had the right outlook for the conduct of the war. Need I say that it is not a recommendation for leadership to have been concerned in a major disaster? If honorable senators have read what Lord Birdwood has said about the battle of Gallipoli, and the conduct of the war, surely the need for a general who, together with the effective use made of these great qualities by our own senior officers, they should realise that in our present leaders of the land forces we have men of character, and trained in experience. Indeed, I doubt if it would be possible to find a better group of men elsewhere in the armies of the Empire. Most of them, if not all, have taken part in war conducted on a major scale. Like my fellow-countryman, Major-General Brand, they have known what it was to appreciate a share and more than personal responsibility when there have been 500,000 men engaged in battle, for weeks on end. For every yard of front, tank and aircraft support a lethal load and other accessories of "modern war." The principles of war do not change. I have been re-informing my mind by reading the Lecce Knowles part of "Life at Cambridge University" in 1939 by General Sir Archibald Wavell. Sir Archibald has reminded us that Socrates, who lived in the era 400 B.C., was also disturbed in mind on the defence question, and this is what he wrote at that time:

"The general must know how to get his supplies so he need not trouble any other kind of stores needed for war.

That is the supply problem.

He must have imagination to originate plans, practical sense and energy to carry them through.

There is the strategist with organising and directing capacity.

He must be observant, unerring, shrewd, kindly and cruel; simple and crafty; a watchman and a robber, lavish and miserly, generous and stingy; rash and conservative.

Then the politician and politician—All these and many other qualities, natural and acquired, he must have. He should also, as a matter of course, know how to behave. He will be a master of ceremony by mob is no more an army than a heap of building materials is a house.

Therein we observe the trainer of men and the disciplinarian. This ancient philosopher says, "Men who would need men who would need a complete catalogue of the military virtues, but we may, perhaps, forgive General Sir Thomas Blamey and his colleagues if they fail to register 100 per cent. However, there is one picture of a leader, but knowing the men, as some of us do, there is no reason why this phase of my remarks by quoting General Wavell's concluding words—

"The pious Greek, when he had set up altars to all the great gods by name, added one more altar, 'To the Unknown God.' So whenever we speak of the great captains and set up our military altars to Hannibal and Napoleon and Marlborough, and such like, let us add one more altar, 'To the Unknown Leader.'"

The British have been a free people and are still a comparatively free people; and though we are not, think heaven, a military nation, this tradition of freedom is a most precious gift of initiative. So long as this initiative is not cramped by too many regulations, by too much formalism, we shall, I trust, continue to win our battles—sometimes in spite of our high-minded critics.

In conclusion, and still on the subject of morale, I come to the part to be played by this honorable Senate. We are of the elect of the people, and it is to this Parliament that we are to look for leadership, guidance and example in seeing the nation through a sea of troubles; and, conducting it, ultimately victorious, to a haven of peace. I am sure that it is the desire of every one to conduct himself in accordance with the measure of his responsibility. In seeking accord in the gravity of the task in hand. In English literature few of the human emotions have escaped examination and portrayal. Perhaps the greatest, or the greatest exponent of this art, and honorable senators may find both exhortation and comfort in lines said to have been spoken 500 years ago and which, certainly, were written not later than the period of Queen Elizabeth. Henry V is harmonising his forces. He is taking them into battle and seeks deeds rather than words. He says—

"But this our war is not for France, but for those that, like many Alexanders, have had the price of life, and are to avenge the wrongs of wrongs. Here, safe and secure, let every man show mercy; but when he is once put to the sword, let him do his very utmost. And let no man of the best family, no man of the most liberal or ancient name, think that there is no place in the wars of England. Upon the swords of England every man that is a gentleman may understand how to behave himself."

If the men of the past knew how to behave, then you, and the men of the future, will know how to act; and if the men of the future know how to act, then you, the men of the past, will do your best to see that that is done.

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RUSSIA'S ANTI-TANK CANNON

One of the reasons for the success of the Russians in turning back the Huns from Moscow, and in continuing the victorious advance throughout the winter, is the Red Army's anti-tank plane. This heavily armoured, low-flying plane is fitted with an anti-tank cannon of unprecedented armour-piercing power. Such planes have, at times, accounted for as many as 200 German tanks a day. Russia's success with such a plane has been surprising to the British. Hitherto, the best possible answer to a heavy tank is a still heavier tank. In support of this theory, British experts point out that in the recent offensive in North Africa not a single British tank was knocked out by a bomb from a plane, or by a cannon-firing aircraft. However, the planes that attacked the British tanks were apparently nothing to compare with the Russian anti-tank planes. The inventor of the new automatic cannon which is fitted into the Soviet planes has been awarded the coveted distinction, the title of "Hero of the Soviet Union." He is Boris Shipitalny. He discloses that Soviet research is far from finished and declares that important inventions may be expected in helicopter types of planes, in construction of engines, and in the development of engines working on the re-agent principle. The appearance of even a primitive engine working on this principle would permit the marking of a great new step in the conquest of the air," concludes this Russian inventor.

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**Australian-American Co-operation**

One of the very important matters discussed by the State Executive at its meeting on June 27 was that of Australian and American co-operation. Mr. M. E. Zeffert, reported to the Executive that he had attended a meeting of the newly-formed Australian-American Co-operating League. It had made arrangements for its inauguration on July 4, the National Day of our Allied and kindred nation, the United States. The meeting Mr. Zeffert referred to adopted a number of stirring proposals for the celebration of the "Glorious Fourth," as our American kindred call their National Day. Among them was the very gracious proposal that a few flowers, preferably wattle, might be presented to each American service man in hospital. The movement sought the co-operation and assistance of sub-branches and auxiliaries in making visits to hospitals, within their spheres of influence, in which Americans were patients. The Executive agreed to this request, and it was also suggested that a card should be printed by the League to accompany the flowers, and convey our greetings to these men, with best wishes for their recovery. That work was carried out, and you may well appreciate these "little deeds of kindness, little words of love," as the old hymn has it, are the real concrete expressions of goodwill, the true concrete expressions of co-operation and friendship that do more to cement an alliance between two great branches of the English-speaking race than all the speeches ever made. It may be mentioned in passing that the popular phrase "Say it with flowers," came more than mere words among our Allies. Flowers have always been an appropriate form of compliment in America, and this was shown by the way the American boys bought out the whole stocks of city florists on Mother's Day.

This League is right behind every movement that will bring the Australian people into closer friendship with the people of the United States. We realise, probably more than any other section of the community, the great importance of friendship. When we support such a movement we are only helping to carry to its logical conclusion that Anglo-American friendship that has its germ in old unhappy far-off years and battles long ago. We often say "Blood's thicker than water," but, the origin of the phrase is almost forgotten. During the bombardment of the Taku Forts in the Peiho River in 1860, some of the more exposed British works were being roughly handled by the shore batteries. An American warship was at anchor in the river and at the hottest stage of the action the American captain had himself rowed to the flagship of the British flotilla. When his business with the British commander was over, he came on deck and looked round for his boat's crew. To his amazement, they were pleading to the buff British sailors to lay off for this breach of neutrality, but one of the American tars touched his forelock and protested that the British gunners seemed to need a bit of help. Then he uttered the phrase that has since become famous: "Anyway, blood's thicker than water."

Contrary to the general belief, the first time Australian and American men met on active service was not in the last war. It was during the suppression of the Boxer Rebellion in China in 1900-1901. That rebellion was suppressed by an international force which included American soldiers and marines, and an Australian naval contingent. Only a comparatively few Americans and Australians had the privilege of meeting one another in that campaign, but the inter-allied friendship was riveted a bit more firmly during the last war, when Americans and Australians fought side by side, and advanced together, step by step, until they finally broke the Hindenburg Line. Few of the old Diggers are ever likely to forget July 4, when Australian troops, assisted by American formations, went into action on the Somme. It was a very successful show, in which the Australians and Americans captured the village of Hamel and the woods of Vaire and Hamel.

Today, Australians and Americans are co-operating in the much bigger task of defending our own Pacific gateways. The co-operation is on a much bigger scale than any before in the history of either country. This task will probably be longer and a lot tougher. For the first time in our history, we have had the armed forces of another nation on active service in our own country. By the blessing of Providence they have come as friends and Allies, and not as invaders. By the blessing of Providence and with the aid of our Allies we will deal with those would-be invaders, just as soon as the occasion presents itself.
“That was because we were not prepared.”

“...and whose fault was that?”

“...Stanley Baldwin’s.”

“Oh, no, it wasn’t,” said the captain.

“That’s just propaganda. The fault wasn’t any one man’s, or any one party’s even. The British public were just as much to blame. And it wasn’t their fault either. They were misled by all the talk about the League of Nations, and Disarmament and Collective Security.”

“And it wouldn’t even have been possible in those days,” put in the Yorkshireman, “to get the public to agree to spend millions on re-arming, still less to get them to prefer guns to butter while we were still at peace.”

“That’s just theory,” murmured the little man weakly. “Public opinion was never consulted.”

“By gosh, it was though,” blurted out the Yorkshireman. “There was a famous by-election, I forget where—”

“Do you mean East Fulham,” I suggested, interposing for the first time.

“Yes, that’s right. The Labour candidate went all out for peace via disarmament and romped home. It was proved again and again later that the public would not support rearmament.”

“That’s the way we’re built, I’m afraid,” said the captain. “We refuse to prepare for dangers we can see.”

“And now we’re paying for it,” said the Yorkshireman, as the restaurant car steward came to announce that the second lunch was now starting.

The following striking remarks were recently picked up from a German-controlled Dutch radio station at Halvevaart. The speaker, a Dutch Haw Haw, declared that the Germans were becoming more pro-Dutch, but he warned the Dutch people that this would be of no avail without the friendship of those who are champions of the new order. Not, he said, that they had to become pro-German—even the Germans do not expect that, because they are well aware that it is not possible for many of our people to forget everything that has happened these last two years. They realise, too, that Dutchmen have still much to endure before the new order can be set up.

He ended with a complaint that “there are still too many people who think that it is our duty to help Britain in the war against Japan, and that our interests still are on the side of Britain.”

TAXATION RETURNS

The final date for lodging returns of salaries, wages and all other income, except from trading and professional sources, is the 31st July, 1942, and should be lodged on Form IA. For trading and professional income, 31st August, 1942, on Form 1. Land Tax 31st August, 1942, on Forms A and IA, and Forms CB should be lodged by the 31st July, 1942.

The penalty for failure to lodge returns is not less than £2 nor more than £100.

Income Tax.—A single person, or a married woman whose husband is not dependent upon her, is liable to lodge returns if the gross income from all sources for the year amounted to £100 or more.

A married man, or a married woman who has a dependent husband, or a widow or widower with children as dependants, is liable to lodge returns if the gross income amounted to £200 or more.

Hospital Tax.—Every person receiving £2 or more per year, other than from salary or wages, and for which an income tax return has not been furnished, is liable to lodge a return of Form IA.

Employees should attach their Certificates of Exemption to their income tax returns.

Land Tax.—Form CB must be lodged for Federal Land Tax if alterations in holdings or values have occurred since the last return. If no changes have taken place, a return is not required. These returns must be lodged by all persons who, at midnight, 30th June, 1942, being absentees, owned land valued at £1 or more, or being residents owned land valued at £24,000 or more.

Returns on Form A for State Land Tax should be lodged by all land owners who have not previously rendered a return, and on Form GA where sales or purchases or changes in values have taken place during the year.
Recently the sub-branch entertained members of the local A.A. unit, when the C.O. headed the delegation. The president (Mr. J. A. B. Philp) led Dunckley and Captain Hunt presented the toast, which was responded to by Major Stokes and Captain Purell, while Mr. B. Southen spoke on behalf of the local Home Guard unit. Games concluded the evening.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The annual meeting was held on June 22, and in spite of the weather a large number of members was present. The president, Mr. Tomlin, occupied the chair. The principal business of the evening was the election of officers. Mr. K. Pearse acted as acting chairman, with Messrs. J. Herlihy and L. Charlton as scrutineers. The following were elected: President, Mr. E. J. Tomlin; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. Paton and W. Sly; secretary, Mr. A. E. Dunckley; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Walker; auditors, Messrs. J. Miller and R. Mudie; committee, Messrs. M. Corkhill, A. Fredericks, A. Hopkins, F. C. Gower, M. Beckman, and E. Aitken; sick visitor, Messrs. W. J. H. Herlihy spoke of the wonderful work that was being done by the Home Guard, and appealed for members to join up. The president in his report for the year thanked the officers and members for their support. The sub-branch, he said, had gone ahead in leaps and bounds, and the strength was now over 270 financial members, 65 new members having joined up during the past 12 months, and quite a few others of these had returned from the present war. To show their appreciation of the wonderful work their women's auxiliary was doing, the sub-branch entertained them at a social evening and dance at the Trades Hall on Friday, June 26. The function was attended by a large crowd, and everybody had a most enjoyable evening. The local members of the Home Guard are still training hard every Sunday, and getting themselves fit should an emergency arise. On June 28 they had a long hard day in the field, and from all accounts they did some very good work. There is still plenty of room for more in the ranks—so come along to the East Fremantle Oval any Sunday morning and join us. Let us see how you would look in uniform.

SUBIACO

The June meeting was held on the first Thursday of the month. Unfortunately, the attendance was small. Military duties have taken toll of our members, including amongst them our popular secretary, Mr. N. Langham, who is now busy wagging flags instead of receipt books. Incidentally, volunteers for the office of secretary seem to be as scarce as cigarettes. After flossicking we unearthed one in like estate, who although an unknown quantity, thinks he will manage May's survival. We were glad to welcome Curator Lightfoot, who had been A.W.L. for a considerable period. However, he had a sound excuse, and we were sorry to learn that 1914-1916 war injuries and troubles had resulted in a trip, in which he almost circumnavigated Australia, was advised by the M.O. We were pleased to know that he has benefited for it. The sub-branch museum should pass a "Be seen inspection" in the near future.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

Large attendances are consistently noted at this sub-branch's monthly meetings, and on July 13 60 odd members were in attendance. It was one of the most satisfactory and happy meetings that has been held. President Bill Moore was in the chair, and his full band of satellites did a good job, particularly in taking in subcriptions. The "bobbin" collection was an all-time record. Whilst members were disappointed as the non-appearance of a party of our American friends who hoped to come along and engage in series of indoor games, they nevertheless decided to enjoy themselves. A considerable amount of business was disposed of in the usual business manner. This sub-branch is famed for the co-operative effort that exists and the complete harmony that prevails, which is perhaps due to the secretary, Mr. Geo. H. Newton and Cpl. Ivor Crowe get into hats as to the correct wording of some minor point in the monthly financial statement. The result is always a draw. Several of our newly returned men were again present, and the sub-branch is very anxious to welcome others as they again take their place in civilian life. The enthusiasm indicated by everybody at this meeting augurs well for the future. On Thursday, July 23, our members are accepting an invitation to visit the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch for a games night. The party bridge evening recently held was fairly successful, but it only attracted 13 people to get out during the brownout, and this applies to our weekly bridge evenings. We would like to see a larger attendance, although the position has improved somewhat recently. Mr. Curtis has been on the sick list, but we understand he is still in hospital and his relatives are offering their good wishes to Jim Proud, whose son, Lieut.-Col. Proud, is very ill. A visitor in Mr. Kirkham from the Pinjarra sub-branch was welcomed. The local unit of the Home Guard continues to meet each Sunday at 9.30 a.m. at Henderson Park, and the unit now seems to be thriving since our new Sgt Cook (Newton) has taken over. It is just amazing what goes into some of those duties, but the boys appear to survive. This sub-branch unanimously nominated Mr. E. S. (Stan) Watt as president for the League for the incoming year. We are indebted to Stan for his efforts in the interests of the League over very many years. We are also not unmindful of the fact that he has been a member of the State Executive almost from the beginning. It has been mentioned in previous notes that our local members are most anxious to see Anzac Club made available to members whilst they are in uniform. It is considered that steps can be taken so that the billiard and the reading room can be opened and a buffet installed. The State Executive is being reminded that there are many members who wish to use their Club for social purposes, and it is not going to worry them because the liquor bar is closed. We are asking the Executive to overcome certain difficulties, as our meeting place should be made available to us.

MAYLANDS

There was an exceptionally good attendance of members on Thursday evening, June 18, to tender their congratulations and best wishes for success in the new sphere of life which both vice-presidents, Messrs. "Dick" Cornish, D.S.O., M.L.C., and "Ted" Baker, have undertaken. Mr. Baker has undertaken to secure a seat in the State Parliament, and the latter, has been elected a member of the R.S.L. State Executive. Without a shadow of doubt, two jolly good fellows! The Centenary Hall was again the scene of a happy gathering of the Women's Auxiliary and sub-branch members, with their wives and members of the fighting forces, when, on Thursday, June 25, the sub-branch entertained the auxiliary with a social and dance. A good four-piece orchestra was in attendance, and several excellent artists, whose varied items were thoroughly enjoyed. It was a very
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pleasant evening indeed. There are to be more of such functions in the near future. In addition, on every alternate Thursday, commencing on July 23, a sports evening will be conducted in the Dug-out, to which auxiliary members and Diggers, young and old, are invited. It has been decided that after the business on Monday nights sports competitions, commencing with darts, which, when completed, will be followed by quots and other games in turn, will be carried out. There will be at least one good cash prize for each event. Here it might be mentioned that Jack Fuller is now social secretary in place of Syd Kanair, who through unavoidable circumstances is unable to continue as such. Having previously donated £5/5/- to the Salvation Army Mobile Canteen, it was unanimously decided that the fortnightly meeting held on July 2 that a further donation of £5/5/- be forwarded to League Headquarters towards the purchase of the R.S.L. Mobile Canteen.

MT. LAWLEY–INGLEWOOD

The annual meeting was held in the Dug-out on July 7, and was very well attended, nearly 100 members being present to hear what, in the circumstances, was a very satisfactory report, both financial and general. Membership has decreased during the year, but this is very largely due to members who have joined the forces not keeping up their membership. It is to be hoped that this concern will think again at an early date and send along their subs—if they are unable to bring them themselves. Financially, the past year was the best for 10 years, and for a change we are not starting a new financial year “up against it.” After the formal business of the meeting was completed, such elections as were necessary for the officials for the ensuing year were held. Nearly all the outgoing officials were returned, the only changes being the inclusion of Roy Black as an ex-officio member of the management committee, the election of Ted Payne as social secretary, and the addition of Messrs. Wall, Aylett, Backhouse and Kelly to this committee. The two representatives of the State Executive, Messrs. Edmondson and Zeffert, both made excellent speeches. The former’s remarks on the teething stage of the League were exceptionally interesting; but we hope that President Olly Williams will not emulate our early member of the Executive and enforce his arguments with his crutch.

COTTESLOE

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, July 7. There was a fair attendance presided over by the president (Mr. H. Dunn). Two new members were enrolled—Mr. Pearce from Malay (late K.S.L. Infantry) and Mr. C. Hodder, transferred from the Perth sub-branch. An unexpected arrival was the voluntary help of the late secretary, who had not enjoyed the best of health during his last few months of holding office. He is now looking quite fit again. We were also very pleased to see Mr. A. Hewitt back again after being on the sick list. Jack Fleming, now of the Red Cross, caused an uproar by winning three games of Housy Housey in succession, and Alan John, although winning the first game, was quite perturbed at Jack’s remarkable luck, and decided to rub shooters with him to get some of his luck. Joe Bythell produced his lucky card “Submarined” and got home with a full house and collected). The stewards were kept busy during the evening, especially keeping up the spirits of the losers. This enjoyable evening closed at 11 p.m. We very much regret to learn that two of our members are published as missing in the list which recently appeared in the Press. These are
MEMBER

Bad weather conditions were responsible for a small attendance at the last meeting. However, when some troops made the occasion a sociable one, Messrs. Burrows and J. Gully; auditor, Mr. J. Burrows; social committee, Messrs. D. Burnett, C. King, S. Blyt, Lane, and B. Scott; secretary, Mr. B. Scantlebury; publicity officer, Mr. G. C. Challener; treasurer, Mr. Cunningham. Members gave a vote of thanks to the ladies committee for the fine work done by them.

FREMANTLE CITY

At the general meeting in June 1 the election ballot was taken, with the following results: President, Mr. Wilson; vice-presidents, Messrs. Alex Bracken and Lee. The outgoing president, Tom Hobbs, after four years of very strenuous service to the sub-branch in particular and the League in general, was contemplating retiring into storage, when the boys unanimously elected him secretary. Mr. A. Jackson was elected treasurer vice-councillor Griffiths, who did not stand this year. The committee elected is a good team, and the portents for the future are that we are in for a busy year, and that we will need them. It was decided to hold the installation of officers and annual reunion on July 30 at the Fremantle Trades Hall. A few visitors have been invited, including the President and the State Secretary. Mr. T. Brennan, one of the old stalwarts of the Fremantle City sub-branch, returned from Victoria last week, and is already working on the League's business. For many years he occupied the president's chair, and his services as the conductor of the sub-branch's choir in the good old days before the war. Well, the same old motto holds this year: "A little fun and plenty of work..."

VICTORIA PARK

The sub-branch held its annual meeting on June 19. The attendance was fair considering the elements and number of members now serving with the forces. The election resulted in the following members taking office for the ensuing year: President, T. J. Fitzsimmons; vice-presidents, A. Nicholas and J. McCarthy; hon. secretary, F. Matthews; assistant secretary, R. Hewson; treasurer, W. Taylor; executive committee, F. McCormick, J. Barnett, C. McIntosh, H. freight, B. Portsmouth, W. Colly, W. Tilson, H. O. Meagher, H. Cross, C. Holt, A. Lynnot, T. Chandler, and H. Taylor. At the 7th anniversary social held on May 27th Mr. A. Nicholas was presented with the Certificate of Service. Alf has done splendid work as auditor for the sub-branch. Mr. C. McIntosh made the presentation. Mr. Nicholas, of the State Executive, addressed the gathering, and his remarks were well received.

SHENTON PARK

The annual general meeting was held on July 6 in the Progress Hall, this being the 2nd anniversary in the existence of this sub-branch. The sub-branch is small in number, being only about 16 members present. Financial and other reports showed that the past year had been a good one, and that sound administration by the secretary (Ernie Bishop) had largely been responsible for the condition of affairs. The nomination and election of officers resulted in R. W. Ogg being returned as president, P. J. Clegg as vice-president, E. Bishop as secretary-treasurer, P. Strongman as auditor, I. Strachan and S. Greenwood as auditors, with a general committee comprising Messrs. Taylor, Gill, Strachan, Slack and Corporate Hislop (who has seen service at the battle front in the Middle East in this war). Mr. P. J. Ogg was appointed to represent the sub-branch at the forthcoming Congress. All members are reminded that the financial year now ends on December 31.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The sub-branch has in recent months become so accustomed to well-attended meetings that mention of the fact appears to be superfluous. What is significant, however, is the ever-increasing enrolment of members of the second A.I.F. These younger chaps not only attend the meetings regularly, but are taking a keen and active interest in the various activities of the sub-branch. Their support and assistance at the weekly dances (just one of several examples) gives us assurance that the League a whole has not only taken on a new lease of life, but will be capable carried on in all the old spirit of service and comradeship. The monthly meeting held on July 2 was notable for the expeditious manner in which President Cecil Isbister dealt with a fairly weighty amount of business. At the conclusion of business the dart board was hung up, and a competition for an attractive prize was commenced. This was so skilfully handled, and proved so popular, that darts became the order of the evening, and further competitions were indulged in, while other games that were to have been played were postponed. The beaming smile on the face of foundation member George Owen (due no doubt to the success of the whole proceedings) caused one to think of that popular song, "Happy Days Are Here Again." Again, working for the evening, was a feature, the attendance was excellent, and the meeting was a great success. The long-located position of secretary secretarial was filled by the popular Bob Kerr, who carries with him the best wishes of all members in a task made difficult by existing conditions. The absorption of our unit of the Home Guard into "D" Coy. resulted in Bill Mead obtaining the appointment of 2 I.C. Bill has always been a hard worker for the unit, and the appointment was well-merited. Selection for the lesser commands will be watched with interest, and some aspirants will undoubtedly be disappointed. Working bees are forecast at the Hall shortly, and with the number attending on Saturday mornings no difficulty should be experienced in getting certain necessary jobs put in hand. We are pleased to see Jack Tonkinson about again, but regret to report that Harold Stimpson is seriously ill in hospital, and that Bill Weeks has been invited to lie up for a while. All members wish them both a speedy recovery. A revival of sporting activity will be a feature of future meetings. A good response is assured, and with punctuality the order of the day for (day night) meetings should conclude in time for plenty of this. All members are concentrat-
in the past year, and for their contribution to the welfare and progress of the sub-branch. The ladies are uniting in their efforts to supply the new Diggers with socks and comforts.

**MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEDERVILLE**

Sub-branch activities were well up to standard during the past month. The annual smoko was well attended, and proved a very enjoyable evening. Thanks are again due to the ladies of the auxiliary for their good work in laying the tables and generally supervising that side of the festivities. Jack Holman brought along his merry band of artists. Every item was loudly applauded. The conjurer, in his razor and ribbon-swallowing act, was the envy of all the small boys. With speeches and community singing, the night passed away all too quickly. The credit of the show goes to the chairman and the chief steward of the social committee, and all other helpers and entertainers. The sports director still has all the competitions swinging along in good style, and the various heats are being keenly contested. All the old stalwarts are in action, and their performances are being watched with keen interest. The sub-branch will be engaged in friendly contest with West Ledererville on July 23. Coming meetings are to be held on July 30, August 13 and August 27. Members and friends from other sub-branches will be specially welcome at the dances which are held every Friday night.

**Women's Auxiliaries**

**STATE EXECUTIVE**

At the first meeting of this month the State President (Mrs. McKinlay) reported having visited Nannup and Busselton auxiliaries, spending a very enjoyable time with them. She stated that these country visits were both interesting and surprising, for it was really wonderful to find how much was being done by the women so far from Perth. She sincerely thanks both auxiliaries for their hospitality and kindness. Many inquiries are being made for auxiliary membership badges. It is regretted that these are not obtainable during this war conditions. The same applies to membership cards; but these can still be used by covering the inside of the folder with white paper and carrying on. The Citizens' Reception Council representatives (Mrs. Stockmam), with permission of the Executive, has formed a group of young girls called the R.S.L. Girls' Social Circle. These girls attend the Town Hall, Phyllis Dean Service Club and National House when called on to entertain and act as dance partners for our boys in uniform. Members will regret to hear the soldiers' old friend, Madame Bennett Wilkinson, has had a severe attack of influenza, but is now recovering. On August 6 she reaches the four score milestone of life, and all her old friends send her greetings.

**NEDLANDS**

The annual meeting of the Nedlands women's auxiliary was held on July 7, when the reports of the president and executive were read. Mrs. Randall was re-elected as president for the ensuing year. The auxiliary appreciates the 11 years of continuous occupation of the chair held by Mrs. Randall. In this time the auxiliary has grown, and its activities are many, showing the able and active office held by the president. Mrs. Jefferson was elected as secretary, and Mrs. Frith as treasurer. Mrs. Perry reported that the War Savings Group showed Certificates to the value of £470 had been purchased. The president reported that 170 camouflage nets had been made. The musicale held in June was a great success, £20 being handed in to the treasurer.

**SUBIACO**

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting. Before vacating the chair, Mrs. S. Shand presented Mrs. M. Turpin, the retiring president, with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the members. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. E. Pope; vice-presidents, Mesdames T. Strue and A. Sadler; secretary, Mrs. B. Brown (re-elected); treasurer, Mrs. E. Burgess (re-elected); assistant secretary, Mrs. A. Hughes; publicity, Mrs. A. Horne (re-elected). Mrs. Pope appealed for more workers for camouflage nets. Roping is also being done at the R.S.L. Hall. The secretary reported that the 4th instalment of emergency bandage dressings had been delivered to the Matron of Hollywood, and thanked members who had worked so hard in this special work. She expressed the wish that during the coming year members would again come along as they had in the past. The first of the social evenings conducted by the auxiliary was held on Monday, June 19. There was only a moderate attendance. The next is to be held on Monday, July 20. At the conclusion of business a dainty afternoon tea was served.

**SOUTH PERTH**

The annual general meeting was held on June 19. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. L. Prendergast; vice-presidents, Mesdames Cullen and Linfoot; secretary, Mrs. P. Norris; treasurer, Mrs. Guinan; trustees, Mesdames L. Day, Bonney and Ward. The annual reports presented showed a very successful year of service. Members have kept very busy in the various various activities being well up to the standards of the previous years.
ues of war work. Classes for the making of camouflage nets are held every Wednesday. Forty-nine nets have been completed, and many more are ready to be roped. A continuous jumble sale is conducted at a shop. The proceeds of the sale, members paying 2s. 6d. for a ticket, members turning out on duty daily from 2 to 4 p.m. This sale is proving a great financial success. Up to date the sum of £25 has been received. All articles have been donated. Our War Savings Group has over 40 subscribers, and £51 has already been paid in. Members are also making woollen squares into large rugs and hot water bottle covers. These have and are being donated to the Naval Convalescent Home at Long Point. Men of the 10th Garrison Battalion are being supplied with knitted comforts.

VICTORIA PARK

There was a record attendance at the annual meeting on Friday, June 26. Mrs. Barnett (president) and Mrs. Prue (hon. secretary) read their annual reports. Both were most interesting, and were received with acclamation. Mrs. Prue made a further appeal for helpers at the camouflage net class, which is held every Wednesday afternoon at the Hall. The election of officers which followed resulted in Mrs. Barnett being re-elected president; Mrs. Prue, hon. secretary; Mrs. F. Matthews, treasurer; Mesdames Tolmie and Taylor, vice-presidents; Mesdames Grannery, Bick and Haigh, trustees; Mr. H. Taylor, auditor; and Mrs. L. A. Coleman, publicity officer. The new committee consists of Mesdames Barnes, Baillie, McIntosh, Mead, Jennings, Primrose, Powell, Scrase, Samwell, Orrocks and Wall. Mesdame Thorn, Laurisen and Brayshaw acted as scrutineers.

MT. HAWTHORN

The annual meeting was well attended, and the reports disclosed a very satisfactory position as the result of the year's work. The election of officers was an easy task. Mesdames Richardson, Stockman and Fields were re-elected unopposed, as were the vice-presidents, Mesdames Williams and Rawlings. Mesdames Morton, Lee and Shepherd were elected trustees. A social committee was formed. Mesdames Lee, Morton and James will carry on the good work in the war savings groups, of which seven are now operating. An amount of £132 has been paid in during the year. Mrs. Bevan, who has charge of the wool, has raised £47/10s. by her own efforts in running bridge parties, dances, etc. With this money wool has been purchased, and 154 parcels consisting of socks, balaclava caps, scarfs, and mittens have been sent to the men in the services—mostly to men from the Mt. Hawthorn district. Mrs. Bevan paid the postage on all the parcels herself. This also was the result of a splendid year's work, and great praise is due to Mrs. Bevan and all who assisted her in the work of knitting, etc. The monthly visit to patients in the Repatriation Ward and the Civilian Ward at Perth Hospital has been done regularly by Mesdames Fields and Rawlings. Sunset is never forgotten. The men there are regularly visited, and a special tea is provided once a month. Mrs. Rowles has crocheted several shopping bags. She handed in ten shillings from the sale of these bags. Several donations were received from mothers who appreciated the gifts made to their sons. Mrs. Frewen still carries on her bandaging class, and does very good work. A donation of £2/12/6 was made by the S.S.L. from the proceeds of the Friday night dances. During the tea which concluded the meeting, the office-bearers were each presented with a small gift as a mark of appreciation for services rendered.

BOULDER

Early in June R.S.L. members asked members of the auxiliary to meet them and discuss plans to establish a buffet at the Rest Rooms for visiting service men. The auxiliary asked various women's organisations to help and met with a wonderful response. No fewer than 12 organisations were represented. On July 24 there will be a "Diggers' Dance" in the Boulder Town Hall to raise funds to equip the rooms. The buffet will be a boon to the many men who have nowhere to spend their leisure hours. The auxiliary dances are still held each Friday in the A.W.U. Hall, and the card afternoon each Wednesday. Men who are still serving overseas get their parcels from the auxiliary. Quite a few letters have come to hand from these boys.

F.U.S.W.

The annual social meeting was held on July 2. Mrs. H. Dean, M.B.E., presided over a very large gathering. His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir James Mitchell) and Lady Mitchell were unable to attend. Those present included the Lord Mayor (Dr. Meagher) and the Lady Mayoress, Professor Ross (Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust), Mrs. J. R. Collins (the newly-elected vice-president), Mrs. V. Breamley (Commandant, Red Cross Emergency Service), Mrs. T. C. Wilson, Mrs. Bessell-Browne, Dean Moore and Mrs. Moore, and the Hon. Alex Panton, M.L.A. The Lady Mayoress was presented with a bouquet by Mrs. Dean. All the retiring officers were re-elected without opposition, the only addition to the executive being Mr. J. Collins as vice-president. Mrs. Dean presented her with a posy of flowers. The various reports called for congratulations and over a hundred letters came to hand from all concerned. The musical programme was arranged by Mrs. E. Lynch. The following artists contributed: Mrs. Scicluna (accompanist), Miss Irene Scicluna, Mrs. Elsie Clear, Miss Connie Lewis, Miss Joan Adams, and Mrs. Tessa (Grandma). The Lord Mayor made a splendid address, thanking the women for their sterling efforts for the war.
Suggestions made by Colie sub-branch in connection with the State Congress were considered and it was decided that this matter be again mentioned in the next Head Office Circular. Following a discussion, the Executive was inclined to favour the three-day Congress and accommodation has been booked. It was agreed that further action be taken.

Sub-Branch Officials. The appointment of sub-branch officials as advised by the Albany, Corrigin and North-East Fremantle sub-branches was confirmed.

Sale of Liquor. The recent military order forbidding the sale of bottled beer to soldiers in uniform was conveyed to the Executive by circular. Speakers contended that the order discriminated unfairly against soldiers employed as the ban on the sale of bottled beer did not apply to members of the other fighting services, or of the Allied forces. It was decided that the Executive should carry out the request contained in the circular, as far as the League premises are concerned. It was also decided that the Waikiki Volunteer Western Command of the difficulties involved, and ask for the co-operation of all other services.

Australian-American Co-Operation. Mr. M. E. Zeifert stated that the newly-formed Australian-American Co-Operative Movement had outlined stirring proposals for the national day of the United States, July 4. One proposal was that a few flowers, preferably wattles, might be presented to every American service man in hospital. The co-operation of the sub-branches and the women's auxiliaries was sought in the visiting of the various hospitals where Americans are patients. It was agreed to accede to this request. It was also suggested that a card should be printed by the League, conveying greetings to these men, and best wishes for a quick recovery.

Preference. A communication from the Wajum branch dealing with the Annual State Congress and Preference to Returned Soldiers was received. The reply was left to the State Secretary. A portion of the letter relating to land settlement was referred to the Land Committee.

Conclusion. It was stated that no concession fares would be available this year for delegates attending Congress. It was agreed that a deputation should wait upon the Premier to see if this concession could be made.

The Albany sub-branch requested a statement of the League's policy in regard to preference to members of the forces. The reply was left to the State Secretary.

The Midland Junction and Railway Workshops sub-branches had written in connection with preference at the workshops. The matter was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

Civil Defence. The Perth sub-branch suggested that the Executive should endeavour to secure representation on the Civil Defence Council. After discussion, a motion embodying the suggestion was lost.

War Graves Memorials. Advice was received from the Queensland Branch, Western Command, that the Memorials Committee had decided that no headstones would be erected on war graves until the cessation of hostilities.

Unemployed Seamen. Mr. Paton referred to a recent advertisement calling for applications from seamen to fill vacancies in the Merchant Service. He stated that there were numbers of unemployed members of the Merchant Navy at Fremantle, and these men had been overlooked. It was agreed that inquiries should be made.
### ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

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<td><strong>CLAREMONT</strong></td>
<td>Council Hall, Jarrod Street</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. Ford, 13 Shenton Road, Claremont</td>
<td>Harvey G. Rae, 1 Thompson Road, Claremont</td>
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<td><strong>DARLING RANGE</strong></td>
<td>Committee Room, Claremont Oval</td>
<td>1st Thursday in each month</td>
<td>A. F. Walters, Kalanunda</td>
<td>M. F. Johnstone, Kalanunda</td>
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<td><strong>DENMARK</strong></td>
<td>R.S.L. Clubrooms, Conning Road, Kalanunda</td>
<td>3rd Saturday in each month</td>
<td>E. Storr, 64 45th Street, Busselton</td>
<td>H. J. North</td>
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<td><strong>DONNYBROOK</strong></td>
<td>J. Sliger’s Promises, Port Denison</td>
<td>3rd Thursday in month</td>
<td>M. G. Baker, Donnybrook</td>
<td>J. M. C. Burrows, 144 45th Street, Busselton</td>
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<td><strong>DUMBLEYUNG</strong></td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Dumbleyung Hall</td>
<td>1st Saturday each month of 9 p.m.</td>
<td>A. R. Crossman</td>
<td>Rev. J. C. Dun, Donnybrook</td>
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<td><strong>DWELLINGUP &amp; DISTRICTS PREMIANT &amp; DISTRICTS</strong></td>
<td>Dwellingup Hotel</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>J. R. Underwood, Dwellingup Hotel</td>
<td>C. W. Nicolson, Dumbleyung</td>
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<td><strong>GASCOYNE</strong></td>
<td>Gascoyne Hotel</td>
<td>3rd Saturday in month</td>
<td>M. L. V. Baker, 142 45th Street, Busselton</td>
<td>C. H. Lyons, Busselton</td>
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<td><strong>GERALDTON</strong></td>
<td>Evans’ Hall, Hay Street, East Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday</td>
<td>A. A. Halse, Holyoke</td>
<td>H. E. Hobbs, 57 Oakovor Street, East Fremantle</td>
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<td><strong>GLOUCESTER PARK</strong></td>
<td>Wesley Hall, Fremantle</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Mondays</td>
<td>A. Three, 45th Street, Busselton</td>
<td>F. J. Dunn</td>
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<td><strong>GNOWANGERUP</strong></td>
<td>Soldiers’ Room</td>
<td>1st Thursday</td>
<td>C. J. Bibby, 37 Normanby St., Maryland</td>
<td>W. J. Reed, 55 Armagh St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td><strong>GRACEVILLE</strong></td>
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<td>1st Thursday</td>
<td>H. B. Drummond</td>
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