THE THIRD MILESTONE

If the debits and credits of battle are to be assessed by the loss or gain of territory, then, indeed, the third year of the war has been a disastrous one for the United Nations. The year has seen the over-running of an enormous area of Russian territory, the loss of Burma and Malaya, the loss of the Philippines and the Netherlands Indies, and the establishment of Japanese striking forces on the threshold of Australia. What is even more serious: the enemy has almost succeeded in driving a wedge between the Russian Armies and our own forces in the Middle East. The Burma supply road is closed to our Chinese Allies, and the deprivation of so many sources of rubber and oil has seriously affected the war economy of the United Nations. Fortunately, there have also been credits. Our growing strength in the air has enabled us to rain destruction on Germany's industrial towns, with the result that war production has been seriously hampered and transport systems have been dislocated. Russian resistance has bled the German invaders almost white, and the third year of the war ended with Chinese, Americans and Australians hitting back at the Japanese. Taking the year by and large, things might have been a great deal worse, and the year's disasters may be attributed to the old cause—the initial unpreparedness which has not yet been overtaken.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of the situation is the changed outlook with which we have entered this fourth year of the war. It is a psychological change for the better, a change which should prove a vital factor in winning the final victory. We have passed through the stages of smug complacency, gloomy pessimism, and easy living, to arrive at the belated realisation that perhaps the worst is yet to be, before we can see the dawn of a victorious peace. At long last we have awakened to the unpleasant truth that only by supreme effort and unheard-of sacrifices can we hope to work out our salvation. It is a significant but sad fact that three years of war should have elapsed before our Government launched an austerity campaign. It is equally sad and significant that it has taken us three years to appreciate the need for an offensive strategy.

In the United Kingdom the year has been marked by a steady transition from defensive to offensive preparations. The organisation, equipment, and training of Britain's land forces has been conditioned throughout by a concentration on a new objective—the conversion of the British Isles into a base for joint Anglo-American concentrations against the Axis in the West."

—Extract from a War Office review of the third year of the war.

Day—the greater will be our striking power when the right moment comes. It is comforting to be able to infer from the utterances of leaders, and other signs and portents, that it will not be so very long before we are able to employ Wellington's strategy and pass from the defensive to the offensive. It is comforting to read in the War Office review of the third year of war that "the accession of the United States to the cause of the United Nations has presented the British Army with its ultimate objective: operations on a Continental scale whose attainment is now brought within range of practical possibilities." Now would be an ideal time to commence those Continental operations, if all other things were equal. However, raw haste is not only half-sister to delay—she is the mother of that illegitimate daughter, disaster. It is evident that, in preparing for the Continental offensive, the fighting chiefs of the United Nations are determined there shall be no more Dunkirks or Cretes. Operations, such as those fore-shadowed in the War Office review, can only succeed if they are carefully prepared for, and scientifically planned. All the available evidence suggests that the preparation is progressing and the plans are being well and truly laid. In the meantime, it would be well for us all to be patient and, instead of assuming the role of amateur strategists, leave strategy to the competent authorities and do what we can to strengthen the home front.

The Prime Minister's appeal for austerity points out very plainly what we can do in this direction. Harder work and more abstemious living may mean a lower living standard, but it may also mean higher vitality and a more alert mentality. Even a lower living standard is preferable to the slavery that will inevitably follow defeat. The reduction of drinking and greater moderation in eating are not hardships when such reductions are fitting us to win the war; they are, rather, sacred duties. We used to laugh at the German slogan, "Guns before Butter." We used to think that
the short commons on which the Germans were placed, coupled with longer hours of work, would sap physical efficiency. So far, there has been no evidence of physical deterioration among German soldiers in this war. The inference is that here is yet another leaf we must take from the enemy's book if we are to beat him in what he himself has described as total war.

So much for the individual. As for the Nation, we must expect much greater austerity in the administration of the law. There are many sectors of the home front that need a ruthless overhaul. Are the manpower regulations being used to the best advantage? Are the multiplicity of official bodies we read of in the Press, almost every day, necessary to the war effort, or are they merely more devices to find jobs for people, or to provide yet more junk holes for able-bodied shirkers? There are far too many men sheltering behind manpower in jobs that could be done just as efficiently by men above military age, or by women. Each of the three Governments that has held office during this war has shown a benevolence that is akin to over-breaking with conscientious objectors and other traitors. The very day our newspapers and broadcasting stations were relating the thrilling stories of how two young Western Australians had done their bit in the war, the papers also published accounts of the impudent excuses so-called conscientious objectors gave for dodging service of any sort. The papers also published extracts from letters written by the new brand of traitors who conspired in the alleged Australia First Movement. With the "conches" the alternative should be serve or starve. People who are too holy to fight for the country, or to serve the country in a non-combatant capacity, are far too holy to live in it. Why should they be given jobs, or ration tickets? It is all the more galling to normal members of the community when it is learnt that one of these ultra-holy heroes is a director of a firm that has been given important defence contracts, while others are employed by Government Departments and by persons and organisations doing defence work. Surely something should be done about these people. Why should any Government Department continue to employ them? Why should any firm which persists in employing them be allowed to continue with defence contracts? In those enemy countries they are serving under the cloak of some half-baked form of religion, and would be only one reward for the subversive activities they are allowed to perpetrate here—that is death by the firing squad. We can never hope to make a total war effort until we adopt a more offensive spirit on the home front, for there is certainly no reason why we should handicap ourselves still further by tolerating those who deliberately try to hamstring us.

Anyone who wants to know what the League is doing and what its members are thinking about things, should come to Congress, or, failing that, read through the agenda paper of this year's Congress, and read the reports of the proceedings that will appear in the Press. There are 107 items on the agenda paper—rather fewer than usual, but none the less important and thought-provoking. Many are old friends in new vesture clothing. Others have direct relation to the times through which we are moving and the future we hope to see. The section dealing with Land Settlement has been very much curtailed this year. Four of the items concern repatriation and show evidence of an obvious desire to save future soldier settlers from the more regrettable experiences of soldier settlers in the past. The first item asks Congress to consider the question of Land Settlement for returned soldiers of this war, and prepare and submit to the Commonwealth Government proposals for such form of settlement as will guarantee to the settler a reasonable chance of success under decent living conditions. It is known by item asking the League to refuse to associate itself with any land repatriation scheme that do not give a guaranteed price for products produced, linked with the average cost of production. You will notice the same underlying desire to see that the returned soldiers who go on the land after this war are given decent living conditions and a reasonable chance of success. There is an obvious intention even if it is not expressed in so many words, to see that there will be no starvation in the midst of plenty when this war is over.

In items dealing with pensions and repatriation, the sub-branches take up the cudgels in the fight for pension increases. Items dealing with the League's constitution will occupy much of the time of Congress. One of a number of items touch on the question of eligibility for membership, and this question will be most keenly debated in view of the apparent desire on the part of many sub-branches to widen the franchise for membership. Two sub-branches, however, have sponsored motions recommending that the question of eligibility be deferred until after the War. Other items in this section seek changes in the constitution of the State Executive, but to say more about these would be to canvas the position in advance, and that would hardly be correct procedure. Another matter that will be keenly debated is the suggestion that the League should become a political organisation.

Congress items under the heading of Defence and War Effort are concerned mainly with three aspects: the fullest possible use of manpower, the Volunteer Defence Corps, and A.R.P. One item urges the Commonwealth Government to take a referendum on total conscription at the earliest possible date. Another asks Congress to reaffirm its previous decisions that, in a war for existence, everything, and every fit person, should be conscripted and allotted duties in accordance with qualifications and national needs. The third item in this section asks the War Cabinet to authorise a ruthless review and reorganisation of the Army, with a view to increasing the power and efficiency of mechanical means of warfare. In connection with the V.D.C., it will be suggested that the name of the Corps be changed. Alternatives proposed are "Home Guard" and "National Defence Corps." It is also suggested that men granted Manpower Certificates should be employed for the same instruction in the Corps, and that members of the organisation should receive extra ration coupons, in view of the strenuous nature of their work. Another item asks Congress to concern the appointment and assumption of Army rank and titles by persons not engaged on active service against the enemy. Railway gauges, ration scales and blackout conditions will also be discussed.

Another interesting section of the agenda paper deals with Aliens and Interment. Items under this heading seek for a general tightening-up of regulations governing the conduct and employment of aliens. Items relating to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund reflect a feeling in many quarters that the fund should become operative without delay. One item further asks for the fund to be closed, and that henceforth all proceeds of Poppy Day be disbursed in a more generous manner to aged and needy Diggers. Strangely enough, there are no items on the agenda relating to the people described as conscientious objectors, though possibly these people will receive attention in notices of motion before Congress ends.

It is deeply regretted that efforts to have railway concessions restored to country delegates attending Congress have not been successful. The concession, though allowed in former years, was withdrawn this year. The

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League made representations to the Government in order to have the matter reconsidered, but although the question was reconsidered by Cabinet, the Government's decision remained unaltered. It was announced that 25 other organisations in the State have been placed in a similar position, but the fact that they are suffering in company is poor consolation. However, and in spite of this set-back, it is hoped that a goodly array of country delegates will come to Congress as usual, especially now that the League and its activities are becoming more important than ever. In the meantime, a hearty welcome is extended to all delegates, and may their work at Congress be profitable, pleasant and instructive. It is a time of the year to which active members of the League look forward, and one may expect interesting and keenly debated discussions on the important questions and problems that are down for consideration.

R.S.L. BROADCASTS

Because of a recent programme re-organisation, the popular "For The Forces Programme" which the Australian Broadcasting Commission used to present on Thursday nights is in abeyance. Latterly, this programme contained the session of "Dug-out Anecdotes", a special feature of the R.S.L.'s own special session, which is put on the air through the generosity of Mr. Frank Whitford over 6PM, every Thursday night at 9.15. It is the desire of the State Executive to make this session something out of the ordinary. Therefore information, suggestions and constructive criticisms are invited from listeners. The talk, each week, is given by a member of the State Executive, but the production is by no means a one-man show. It is the result of careful collaboration, and the subject-matter is written in a suitable form for broadcasting by one of the State's most experienced radio writers. Nevertheless, it is realised that there is always room for improvement, even in the most carefully prepared show; and this is your show. Accordingly, advice and suggestions will always be welcome. Listen in some night, Diggers, and tell us your views on the talks. They go over from 6PM at 9.15 every Thursday night, just after the B.B.C. News.

A SUB-BRANCH HISTORIAN

Our district correspondent at Osborne Park (Mr. Wm. Anderson) who is foundation president of the local sub-branch, has undertaken a new role—that of historian. At the monthly meeting of the Central Osborne Park Progress Association, he read a paper on "Early History of Osborne Park." With the assistance of the mythological Magic Carpet, he transported the audience to the early days of the sub-branch, when the locality consisted of a ready lakes, habitat of wild ducks and swans, and kangaroos and numerous varieties of snakes. In the early morning run, he traced the transformation of a huge lake known as Yambargo, situated in the north side of Curtis Street, to an extensive market garden area, and also the metamorphosis of another boggy swamp now known under the unpronounceable name of Njookenoobo, all providing produce for the metropolitan markets. It instanced the work of the Progress Association from 1904, and quoted records showing the successful efforts made by that body in sewage, drainage, water and electric lighting. He also detailed the attempts made in the cultivation of tobacco in the district, and alleged that the experiments were frustrated by the Customs authorities, then under local control. The establishment of a new reservoir in Robert Street with a capacity of 1,750,000 gallons at a cost of £11,900; the efforts made by a building committee, elected by the public, which resulted in the erection of the present building known as the Agricultural Hall; and the establishment of a trout hatchery, the stocking of the Njookenoobo Canal with trout, the export of a trial shipment of tomatoes to England (this was reported a success, but the outbreak of War No. 1 prevented a continuance of the experiment); the erection of six public halls; the formation of a Health Board; the erection of municipal buildings, subsequently taken over by the Perth Road Board, by the decision of the then Government to reduce the number of local governing bodies; the establishment of a Drainage Board; the abolition of kerosene lamps used then as street illumination; the erection of a Soldiers' Memorial Hall; the formation of an Agricultural Society; the construction of the Yugoslav Hall and Roman Catholic Church, schools and convent. He quoted from the last year's statistical returns provided by the Government, showing the value of produce for that period as £90,000; 10,000 tons of potatoes were grown, 800 tons of tomatoes, 300 tons of onions; cattle 14,000, pigs 1,200, nearly 3,000,000 eggs; 80,000 gallons of milk; 15,000 gallons of wine; and other products from the kitchen garden of Perth. Schools had increased, and a new residential area known as Joondanna Heights had been proclaimed and was now thickly populated. He concluded the reading of the paper by detailing a murder that occurred in the early days, when a resident was shot in a garden area off Main Street.

Mr. Geo Hill (president), Mr. G. Kidson (secretary) and several members spoke favourably of the progressive items detailed in the history. Several photographs of early episodes were shown by the author.

According to a recent B.B.C. talk, the youngest ship's gunner in Britain is a lad named Victor Hagglit. He is 15 years of age, and 4ft. 2in. in height. He did what many another British boy has done throughout the centuries: He ran away to sea; but before he left home he left a message for his father, tucked under his mattress. The message said: "The Hood has gone down, Mum. You can't expect me to stop at home and do nothing about it." His father was in the Navy in the last war. His brother, aged 16, is in the Air Training Corps, and his sister, who is sweet 17, is training for the Land Army. How's that for a family?

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The Army Education Service in Western Australia is endeavouring to build up a library for soldier students. An appeal to supplement the books already bought by the Army for this purpose is being made to various public bodies and individuals by the Western Australian State Advisory Committee of the Australian Services Education Council, on which the R.S.L. is represented.

The Army Education Service is appealing for books on various subjects such as Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Travels, Biography, Drama, Memoirs, Politics, Languages, and Natural and Physical Sciences. Text-books, if not out of date, would be welcome; but in general the demand is for books which are not of a highly technical character. The better-class of fiction and popular scientific works would also be acceptable.

The appeal has the full support of the R.S.L., and it is hoped that each member will be able to contribute at least one volume to the establishment of a library service for the men engaged in military service.

Books may be left at Army Education Headquarters, Arundale Hall, corner James and Museum Sts., Perth, or sent to D.A.D. (Educational) W.A. L. of C. Area, Swan Barracks, Perth. A telephone call to B 3143 extension 363 will ensure the collection of larger parcels of books by Army transport.

PREFERENCE AFTER THE WAR

In the Senate on September 3 Colonel Collett asked the Minister representing the Prime Minister: "Is the Government prepared to announce its policy in respect to returned soldiers and preference in appointment and promotion in the Commonwealth Service?" The Minister replied: "All matters associated with returned soldiers and their repatriation to private life are being considered, and the Government's policy will be announced at as early a date as possible."

One would think that the matter of a simple declaration of policy on the matter of preference, which was accepted as a principle by all Federal Governments between the two wars, would not require much consideration. The Minister's reply was so non-committal that it almost suggests evasion. This is obviously a matter which the League must watch with the greatest vigilance.

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A matter which is cause for gratification among League officials is the eagerness of newly returned members of the fighting forces to join the League. Approximately 300 returned men from the present war have joined the League, and probably many more will join when they learn that any man returned from active service overseas is eligible for membership of the League, although he may be still serving in the forces. These young men will prove a valuable acquisition to our organisation, which, of course, is theirs also. They will bring into their respective sub-branches the latest information regarding their own difficulties and problems, which are not always identical with those we ourselves experienced after the last war. Their knowledge and our experience will give us, and Australia too, a reservoir of opinion and ideas, such as no other organisation in Australia possesses. That may sound a bit boastful, but it is a plain statement of fact, nevertheless. The League will be able to present a combination of knowledge and experience that should be used to good effect during the reconstruction period that will follow the defeat of Hitler and his fellow-gangsters.

The Army Minister has advised that attention is being given to a number of matters connected with the training of the Volunteer Defence Corps. One matter which has given much concern to members of the V.D.C. unit is that of compensation for travel to and from parades. The matter is one of particular moment to country members who have to travel long distances in these days of restriction on petrol and rubber. Many requests, relating to compensation for accidents and tyre replacements, have been forwarded to the Army Minister through the usual channels. Earlier in the month the Prime Minister said he would confer with the Army Minister on these matters and requested the Department of Defence to secure the co-operation of the Army Minister that official consideration was being given to the requests. The Minister, who spoke on behalf of the Allied Land Forces, said that the matters raised involved several far-reaching matters of policy, but after due consultation with the Army Minister it was decided that immediate action was necessary. In the meantime, it is expected that members of the V.D.C. will continue their efficient and self-sacrificing work, which is greatly appreciated by the Army authorities.

The Hon. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C., writes:

Under the heading of "Varia" in your August issue it is stated that the coming annual Congress, commencing in the McNees Hall on September 30, will be the first Congress since the inauguration of this Congress held on premises not owned or controlled by the League. This is not so. There were two Congresses held elsewhere during 1919. One, if not both, was held in the Savoy Hotel, Perth. Padre Fahey, D.S.O. and Harry Bolton, respectively, in charge. Either in 1921 or 1922 a further Congress was held in the Assembly Hall, Perth, where Hubert Parker, M.L.C., was elected president unopposed. Harry Bolton did not seek re-election, but was returned as chairman of the State Executive in place of Hubert Parker, who resigned office when appointed.
Young 16th will be cordially welcomed. Country members are asked to notify Ted Matthews, of the Blind School, Maylands, if they will be present.

A good story about the Volunteer Defence Corps has come all the way from Queensland. Members of this very important part of the Army organisation have a definite role to play in the defence of Australia; but, in the interests of security, very little about that role can be published or broadcast. Occasionally, however, something comes over the air in the Australian Broadcasting Commission’s news sessions, which shows what a surprisingly useful body the V.D.C. is. Members of a Queensland V.D.C. unit recently saw that a Catalina had had to come down in the sea. They put to sea in an open boat and salvaged the Catalina, towing it in to shore. Apart from the resourcefulness shown by the V.D.C. men, this was a very useful job of work, which saved the country pounds and pounds in hard cash. A high-ranking officer of the V.D.C. drew attention, some weeks ago, to the change that had come over the organisation during its short but strenuous history. As we all know, the Corps commenced its corporate existence as an ex-servicemen’s organisation. In fact, only ex-servicemen could be accepted for service in its ranks. Then certain categories of civilians were accepted for service in the Corps. It has now developed its own permanent staff, and its own organisation. So many returned soldiers have been transferred from it to full-time instructional duties, or to other full-time services, that the returned soldier in the corps are now the exception rather than the rule. The Queensland story of the salvaging of the Catalina is one of many that are being told of the seriousness with which members are taking their duties, and the usefulness of the work they are performing. Perhaps, what is even more important, is the effect the V.D.C. is having in keeping up public morale. It is stated on unimpeachable authority that the units of the V.D.C. throughout Australia are exerting a most valuable influence in this direction.

Tenth Light Horsemen, Camerons, and all mounted men served on Gallipoli, in Sinai and in Palestine, take notice that your annual reunion will take place at the Stirling Social Rooms, at the corner of Hay and Milligan Streets, on the night of Wednesday, October 7, 1942. Tickets, three shillings, keep the door open and have a good night with old comrades. By the way, that week in October used to be Show Week in former and happier years. Consequently, unit associations chose that week for their annual reunions, because it was the one time of the year when so many country members would be in the city. That was all very well for the Digger who had only his own reunion to attend, but the round of reunions was often overpowering for members of the State Executive, who sometimes had to attend the lot. One year, a State Executive member had had such a gruelling week that he didn’t know whether he was booked for the 11th Battalion on the 16th, or the 16th Battalion on the 11th.

The Secretary of the Wheat Industry Stabilisation Board, Mr. J. A. Tonkin, has made an announcement that is likely to upset men on the land. He has informed the Commissioners of the Agricultural Bank that there is little likelihood of men being released from the Army for wheat harvesting this season. There has been a general impression that men would be released from the Army to help with the harvest. The Director-General of Manpower states, however, that this is no foundation for this impression, and there is little likelihood of men being released from the Army for this purpose. He has, therefore, asked all local committees to take notice, so that farmers in their districts may be under no misapprehension regarding the labour position for this year’s harvest. In connection with the manpower administration, it has been reported that the authorities are about to make a rigorous comb-out of all non-essential industries, and many others that have hitherto been protected. In this particular, it may be suggested that employers might aid the Government by refraining from trying to have eligible men manpowered. There are few civilian jobs to-day that cannot be carried out by women or returned soldiers above the military age for this war.

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It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Harry Cough, one of the stalwarts of the Fremantle City sub-branch. Notwithstanding continued ill health he bore a heavy burden of work for the sub-branch, especially in connection with the sub-branch dances. He also had the welfare of comrades at heart, even though some of them were more fortunate than he was. He was one of those great souls who are not so uncommon in our organisation as one might think. Struggling along on a small pension, he was repeatedly asked to appeal for an increase, and the sub-branch was always prepared to help him; but the invariable retort was: "The country can't afford it at present." This idea was very firmly rooted in his mind, and what an example he was to so many who are more fortunately placed. However, his comrades of the sub-branch were able to make the last few months of his life fairly comfortable. He was laid to rest in the Fremantle Cemetery on August 21 with military honours. The president dropped a note of appreciation and the vice-president, Capt. O'Leary, the sub-branch's hospital visitor, has had a broken ankle, but, like the good Digger he is, he has already been seen hobbling round the city doing his job. We join with their Fremantle friends in wishing them both a speedy recovery.

Two Salvation Army members of the Fremantle City sub-branch have been casualties—Brigadier Dent, the respected head in this State, has been in indifferent health for some time, as the result of overwork. Capt. O'Leary, the sub-branch's hospital visitor, has had a broken ankle, but, like the good Digger he is, he has already been seen hobbling round the city doing his job. We join with their Fremantle friends in wishing them both a speedy recovery.

Mr. A. Fishen, senior vice-president of the Yokine sub-branch, R.S.L., is one of its most enthusiastic members. He was a foundation member, and Hon. secretary for two years. One of his sons, Dave, is reported missing. At the present time another son is on H.M.A.S. Hobart. Andy is one of those who worked hard in erecting the sub-branch's new home. He served with the 28th Battalion in the last war, and in working days he is to be found at the Government Garage. Mrs. Fisher is also a great social worker.

Yokine sub-branch has a splendid sick visitor in Mr. W. (Bill) Fitch. He is also a foundation member, and in the last war he served with the 11th Battalion.

Lewis Pratt, of the Yokine sub-branch, is one of those who have helped to place his sub-branch on the map. He, by the way, was one of Perth Sub-branch's early members in the days of the late Jim Butler. He served with the 28th Battalion in the last war, and during working days he is to be found at the Swan Brewery, Mounts Bay Road.

Mr. T. Hare, who soldiered with the Mechanical Transport (Imperial Service) in the last war is the other vice-president of Yokine sub-branch; in fact he has been so for the past three years. He is to be found these days at the transport branch of the North Perth Bus Service.

In our report of the election of officers of the Osborne Park sub-branch, the name of the new secretary (Mr. W. Ashdown) was accidentally omitted.

Digger succeeds Digger in the office of Traffic Superintendent of the Tramways. Arthur Hullett has retired on reaching the prescribed retiring age, and Phil Glover steps into the vacancy. Arthur Hullett is a well-known and popular League identity. A New Zealander by birth, he came here when on the threshold of manhood, and soon developed into a good Groper. As a young man he knocked about the back country and the goldfields and acquired a wealth of experience and knowledge of his fellow men, before entering the tramways service. During the last war, he served abroad with the 27th Battalion, A.I.F. In League affairs he is a prominent member of the Maylands sub-branch, and was a member of the first elected committee of the Anzac Club. His successor, Phil Glover, is a member of the Gloucester Park sub-branch.

As we go to press it seems reasonably certain that a good Digger will be selected to fill the vacancy in the Senate caused by the recent death of Senator E. B. Johnston. The Leader of the State Opposition and of the Parliamentary Country Party, the Hon. G. G. Latham, has secured the nomination of his own party, and all Diggers hope this choice will be confirmed by the joint meeting of both Houses of Parliament which have the final say in the matter. "Charlie" Latham, who served with the 15th Battalion in the last war, has always been a good friend to ex-servicemen. In wishing him all success we shall, at the same time, be sorry to see him leave the State Parliament, though we may console ourselves with the knowledge that he will be a valuable reinforcement to the State's representation at Canberra.

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The annual meeting of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department. The annual report and balance sheet for the year ending June 30, 1942, were adopted. This report showed that during the year 135 applications for assistance were received on behalf of children of deceased and incapacitated ex-soldiers. During the year 28 scholarships were awarded to deserving schools and colleges being as under: Perth Modern School, 6; Bunbury School, 3; Northam High School, 3; Narrogin School of Agriculture, 7; Albany High School, 2; C. G. E. Girls' School, 1; Underwood Business College, 2; Scots Business College, 3; W.A. University, 1; making a total of 28.

Schoolbooks.—During the year the sum of £491/3/6 was expended in the provision of schoolbooks.

Funds.—The principal sources of revenue during the year were: Trustees Scholarship Fund, £112/10/6; Friendly Union of Soldiers and Sailors' Wives, £20; Women's Auxiliary Sub-Branches, £20/6/6.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Deputy President and Chairman of Committee, Prof. A. D. Rose, D.Sc.; committee, Mrs. L. Clark, Mrs. Harold Dean, M.B.E., Mrs. M. S. McKinlay, Mrs. T. G. Wilson, Mr. R. E. Potts, Mr. R. A. Wood, and Mr. T. S. Edmondson; Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick.

Scholarships.—The following applications for scholarships were received and recommended: Perth Modern School, 60; District High School, 6; Narrogin School of Agriculture, 1.

Funds.—The Secretary reported that donations had been received from the following: Scholarship Fund, £25/10/6; Quairading Women's Auxiliary, £1/1/6; Two Rocks Women's Auxiliary, £1/1/6; West Leederville-Wembley Women's Auxiliary, £1/2/6; North-East Fremantle Women's Auxiliary, £2/2/6; Fremantle Women's Auxiliary, £10; South Perth Women's Auxiliary, £1/10/6; Bassendean Women's Auxiliary, £2/2/6; Blythe, W. F., 10/-.

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When Britain Captured Corsica

By C. R. COLLINS

Shortly before the present war broke out Italian mobs raised the cry “Corsica, Nice, Tunisia!” In those days, the world took Musсолini at his own valuation, and the cry was as the cry of the wolf pack. Within the past few weeks, it has been raised again. This time, it seems ludicrous and more like the whine of jackals even though it may inspire feelings of terror among the dotards of Vichy. Newspapers speak of Italy’s “claim” to Corsica. The use of the word “claim” pre-supposes that Italy has a claim to any of these places that has any shadow of foundation in international law, racial sentiment or moral right. Strangely enough, Corsica has long since been forgotten, Corsica was, for a few years, part of the British Empire.

The island was bought from Genoa, a year before the birth of Corsica’s most famous son, Napoleon Bonaparte. After the French Revolution the Corsicans accepted the new order, and even sent deputies to the National Assemblies in Paris. Then, in 1794, Paoli, the Corsican patriot, thought the opportunity favourable for rescuing his country from the French yoke, and invited Lord Hood, who was then with a British naval and military force at Toulon, and who had in a recent attempt at Toulon, and who had failed in a recent attempt against Corsica, to invade the island. As a preliminary step, Hood sent two officers, on whose judgment he could rely, to spy out the land. They were to find out what strength the insurgents had, and how the rest of the population were disposed towards them. One of the officers selected for this mission was Lieut-Colonel John Moore, the future hero of Corunna. It was largely on Moore’s report that a British naval and military expedition was sent against Corsica. On March 7, 1794, British troops were landed in Corsica, and the reduction of the island commenced.

Moore was the hero of the campaign that followed, though the commander-in-chief of the land forces was Sir David Dundas. The force landed near the town of San Fiorenzo, and the defences of this place were taken, after a few days difficult campaigning. In his dispatch describing these operations, Sir David Dundas said: “The conduct of Lieut-Colonel Moore, and of the officers and soldiers under his orders, was firm and judicious, and merited every attention.

A movement was then made by sea on Bastia, which was then a lofty but ill-built, old-fashioned town, protected by a citadel of considerable strength, and by a series of minor fortifications, amid which rise the cathedral and the chapel of Saint-Croix. Here the French offered up unyielding resistance, but the fire from the warships proved too severe, and the British land forces were so well served, that on May 21 Bastia capitulated, and the invaders were in possession of Corsica’s largest town. There remained in the hands of the French only the town of Calvi. It is distant 39 miles from the capital, and is situated on a lofty, inaccessible tongue of land, which forms one of the most beautiful harbours in the island. Between Calvi and Bastia there intervenes a mountain range of great steepness, difficult of passage for horses, and quite impracticable for artillery. To surmount this obstacle it was decided to transport the troops by boats to Calvi by sea. On May 19 the expedition was disembarked at a little place called Port Agra, a bay near Calvi. On the same evening operations were begun by the occupation of a height named the Sierra del Capuccine. As this position was distant only about 3 miles from the enemy’s advanced works, and as it was known that Calvi was well fortified and strongly garrisoned, a close reconnoissance was immediately executed.

The reconnaissance indicated that the reduction of Calvi would be the hardest task the troops had yet encountered in Corsica. Nevertheless, batteries were promptly erected. The mountain passes were secured; and seamen were employed to drag the guns and mortars up the rugged face of an almost perpendicular cliff. There were two principal redoubts which, with batteries communicating, covered the approaches to the town, and rendered the harbour and roadstead a perilous place for a hostile fleet. Against these were named respectively the Molmochs and Mozello Forts, the first attacks were directed, with a combination of skill and courage which could not fail to produce the best results. The former work, after sustaining an incessant cannonade, was menaced on July 6 with an assault. The enemy, apparently, did not feel able to resist it and abandoned the redoubt.

Fresh exertions were then made to reduce the Mozello Fort by opening fire from two points at once. A practical breach was made on its west side, and on July 12 the light infantry and the Royal Scots, led by Colonel Moore, “proceeded with cool and steady confidence, and with unloaded arms, towards the enemy, forced their way through a smart fire of musketry, and, regardless of live shells thrown into the breach, or the additional defence pikes, stormed the Mozello.” While this was going on “Lieut-Colonel Wemyss, with the Royal Irish Regiment and two pieces of cannon, under Lieut. Lemoine, equally regardless of opposition, carried the enemy’s battery on the left, and forced the trenches without firing a shot.” This was one hour before daybreak. The fall of these works made it impossible to defend Calvi any longer. The Governor, however, withstood the renewal of the bombardment, which continued throughout the next and part of the succeeding day; but by noon on July 21 he asked for terms. The most honourable terms were granted to him, in consequence of the valour of his defence; and
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An assembly of Corsican deputies afterwards agreed to unite the island with Great Britain. The ceremony was performed with all the solemnities customary on such occasions. Sir Gilbert Elliott of Minto took in His Majesty's name, the oath prescribed "to maintain the liberties of Corsica, according to the constitution and the laws." On June 20 the "Te Deum" was sung in the cathedral of Bastia. There was a Royal Salute, and prayers were offered up to His Majesty at the altar, "by the name of George III, King of Great Britain and Corsica." In the evening the town was illuminated, and the people demonstrated their loyalty by every means in their power. The worth of these popular demonstrations was shown a few years later. In the meantime, Corsica became part of the British Empire, and everything possible was done by the British to make the islanders prosperous and happy. A strong body of troops was quartered there for their protection. Lord Minto was appointed Viceroy, and two battalions ofCorsicans, styled the Royal Corsican Rangers, were added to the regular establishment of the British Army. The last of these battalions was disbanded in 1818.

Corsica did not, however, long remain as an appendage of the British Crown. The Corsicans became elated with the brilliant career of their countryman, Napoleon Bonaparte, and determined to renew their connection with France. Britain did not resist this movement towards self-determination. The British forces were withdrawn from the island, which has remained a French province ever since. For some reason that "nobody can account for," is not embargoed on the colours of any of the regiments which served with such valour in its capture.

THE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEDLANDS

One of the most notable and active sub-branches of the League is Nedlands. Few sub-branches have had more outstanding men as their presidents, and few have sent as many members to the State Executive. At present no fewer than 400 members of the sub-branch are on the Executive: Col. E. L. Margolin, D.S.O., who has the honour of having been foundation president of the sub-branch; Mr. T. S. Edmondson, the immediate past president; Capt. J. W. Anderson, V.D., and Capt. H. A. Wood, all of whom are past presidents. Two other past presidents, Capt. J. H. Tozer, M.C., M.V.O., and Mr. H. C. Newman, were for several years on the Executive. This year, however, Col. J. M. W. Perry, is secretary of the 10th Light Horse Association.

At the end of 1938, when "Splinters," the official organ of the sub-branch brought out its 100th number, Col. Margolin, who was foundation president (1927-28), told the story of the inception of the sub-branch and its early days. "I remember when I came to live in Nedlands 12 years ago," he wrote, "the genial Tom Bevan who then had business in the district, approached me about the formation of a sub-branch. We got busy and started the ball rolling. Our early meetings were held in Tom's shop, the seating accommodation being soap and match-boxes. I don't think we ever dreamed that the sub-branch would grow into such an excellent one as it is today. If the sub-branch had only its records the taking over of the O.M.H. would be under its wing and making them so comfortable; and the institution of the A.R.M.S. competitions, which have proved such a boon, then it has earned the reputation of being the premier sub-branch of the State.

Col. Margolin's successors in the presidential chair have been Col. J. S. Davey (1929-32), Mr. H. E. Otwell (1932-33), Capt. J. H. Tozer (1930-31), the late C. G. West (1931-32), Mr. Claude Langford (1932-33), Mr. H. N. Dean (1933-34), Mr. H. E. Tompkins (1934-35), Mr. J. M. W. Anderson (1935-37), Mr. R. A. Wood (1937-39), Mr. J. M. W. Anderson (1939-40), Mr. A. L. Dent (1940-41), Mr. T. S. Edmondson (1941-42), and the present occupant of the chair, Mr. R. W. Perry.

Few sub-branch presidents have been so greatly revered during their life-time and so badly missed after the Angel of Death sounded the call to higher duty as the late C. Gordon Thomson, whose good and gallant wife has so recently followed him. Gordon Thomson was one of those rare men who could command friendship and affection from men in all ranks of life. It was a privilege to know him and an honour to be able to call him friend. In his quiet, self-sacrificing and wholly unobtrusive way he established a memory which is ever green. He was not a man who attempted the spectacular. He did his work consistently, and in a thousand little ways which might have passed unnoted but for their cumulative effect on the advancement and success of the sub-branch and the League as a whole. Nevertheless, he left a monument for all to see in the sub-branch magazine, "Splinters," which ranks high among its contemporaries. "Splinters" was brought into existence in the late Gordon Thomson. The part it played in building up the sub-branch would be hard to estimate, but that part was undoubtedly a big one. Mr. H. N. Dean said that the advent of "Splinters" had in no small measure contributed to the success of the sub-branch in winning the Newdegate Cup in the year 1930-31. That was the sub-branch's first big success. In the following year, the late Gordon Thomson was installed as president, and who but he who brought about the sub-branch's second outstanding success, the foundation of the A.R.M.S. games.

Since it foundation, Nedlands has steadily advanced and built up an imposing record of achievement. Not the least of the achievements of our committee has been the permanent establishment of the organization in the year 1927-28, and the good work on behalf of the ex-servicemen there still goes on. Another notable achievement was the erection of the Memorial Light, which was subscribed to by the Nedlands Road Board and opened on Anzac Day, 1940. In conjunction with the Road Board, the sub-branch organized and held the larger section of the second A.L.F., in the Masonic Hall on April 6, 1940. The sub-branch has won the Newdegate Cup 5 times in 1930-31, 1931-32, 1936-37, 1939-40, and 1940-41.

Nedlands was sub-warden of the State War Memorial in 1934-35. In the field of sport the sub-branch has won the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield in 1933, 1938 and 1939, the major Cricket Pennant in 1937-38, 1938-39 and 1939-40, the Paton Cup 1937-
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ARMS ... Ancient and Modern

By MAJOR I. HORDER-HIKE

In these days when bands of energetic Boy Scouts go from door to door collecting discarded aluminium pots and pans, and retired rubber tyres and similar worn-out articles, it would be extremely rash for any man to say that anything can be thrown aside as useless or obsolete. Man's old friend the horse is now being employed again, not only on civilian work, but in the Army. The horse is used on lines of communication and in camps in Australia, and the Cossacks are displaying their old prowess as light horsemen behind the German lines and wherever else it is possible to harry the Hun in Russia. What is more, one does not have to be a crystal-gazer to foresee that, if Australia is ever invaded, there will be similar work for cavalry to do. But I am more concerned with weapons than with strategy and tactics which are never quite so new as many people think.

It is customary these days for young soldiers to refer to the wars before 1914 as 'bow and arrow wars.' In his 'Legend of Montrose,' Sir Walter Scott makes his hero the Dugald Dalgetty, a veteran of the Thirty Years War, express amazement when he found that the clans of the remote parts of the Highlands still used bows and arrows. Had the bold soldier of fortune lived three centuries later he might have learnt that men suffered arrow wounds on tropical fronts even in the War of 1914-18. A wound inflicted by a poisoned arrow in West Africa gave a British officer a perfectly good 'blind eye' in 1917. He was rather proud of the unusual nature of the wound, but pride surrendered to disgust when he looked at his chart one morning and found that his injury was described as 'gunshot wound.'

After an Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force took Rabaul in 1914, the original force was relieved from Australia. Many of the reinforcement officers were no longer in the first flush of youth, and one such walked into headquarters at Rabaul and displayed—great interest in the collection of native weapons ornamenting the walls. They were mostly bows, arrows and spears, and the staff captain told him that these weapons were to be issued to the reinforcements, who would probably be more familiar with them. The troops on the Western Front, however, soon became familiar with many weapons and implements that had long been regarded as obsolete. The use of the hand grenade was merely a reversion to a mode of siege warfare that had been discarded nearly a century before, although the Japanese revived the use of hand grenades during their siege of Port Arthur in 1904-5.

During the phase of trench warfare in France the British even used the old Roman ballista and catapult to hurl grenades into enemy trenches. These primitive weapons were soon replaced by the trench mortars which, themselves, were revivals of a type of gun that had been out of date for nearly 50 years. There was also a revival of head-piece armour in all armies, and the German snipers even used a body armour.

News items culled from time to time out of English journals refer to some even more curious revivals to type. Archery, as a sport, has never been allowed to die out and, shortly before the present war, there were efforts to popularise it in Australia. Not so very long ago it was suggested quite seriously that training in archery should be given to selected members of the Home Guard in Britain. For all I know, the suggestion may have been adopted, as there were many valid
arguments in its favour. In the hands of a skilled man, the bow and arrow can be just as mortal a weapon as the rifle, within its own range. What is more, it has the merit of being practically silent, and the small amount of noise it may make—the twang of the bow-string and the whisper of the arrow in flight—may easily be mistaken for the brushing of birds' wings in wooded country. The unseen archer can slay his enemy without giving away his own position, or that of his unit.

What is true of the bow and arrow is equally true of the pike, which was the infantryman's weapon for close combat until it was superseded by the bayonet. According to English and American contemporaries, the pike is now being turned to the defense of Great Britain. Mr. Winston Churchill himself declared some months ago that the British would defend their vital air-fields, even if they had to do it with pikes. The War Office evidently interpreted the Prime Minister's statement literally, and, if overseas papers can be believed, the five-foot-four-inch spears have been issued to Home Guard units. Lord Crofts, the Parliamentary Under Secretary for War, has been credited with this quick action. He is reported as saying that after men of the Home Guard had been armed with grenades and bayonets at night, the pike is a handy weapon for mopping-up operations. That reminds me of the variety of weapons, knob-kerries, trench daggers, and the like, which we found very handy during trench raids in the last war. However, the British Press has displayed a tendency to treat the introduction of pikes with levity. The London "Daily Mirror," for example, says: "You never know. The pole-axe may return. Crossbowmen of the last war might be useful behind the hedges. . . . The War Office may be found studying reproductions of the Bayeux Tapestry and using medieval manuscripts as military manuals!" Having played mild fun at the War Office in this way, the "Daily Mirror" then admits: "It is not so absurd as it sounds. Did not head-piece armour return in the last war?"

AN AFFAIR OF THE HEART

Surgery made wonderful strides during the last war, and the years that followed: so much so that men are living today and in good health after taking wounds that would certainly have been fatal in former wars. Men have survived broken heads and also-wounded hearts—that is, hearts wounded in the surgical sense. Somewhere about 20 years ago, when a patient on a French operating table went out to it under an anaesthetic, a French surgeon opened up his chest and restored animation after massaging the heart. In England, there lives a man who has carried a German machine-gun bullet in his heart for 25 years.

Early in 1917 he was struck in the left side of the chest at 500 yards range. The bullet went through a service waterproof, a tunic, a thick note-book and a wad of letters. Though it looked as if the bullet must have hit his heart, his pulse was regular, and the temperature normal. X-ray examination, however, showed a frightening position. With its base anchored in the flesh of the heart, the bullet was pulsing with the beat, while its point whirled about in the churning blood inside the organ. The soldier did not feel unwell, and objected to his enforced rest. But Major George Grey Turner of the R.A.M.C. knew his patient ran a great risk with a foreign body in so precarious a position. It might easily have become dislodged and stopped the heart, or caused a clot of blood to form on it with fatal results. Major Turner decided to operate. He is now Professor of Surgery in the University of London, and he told the story of the operation about two years ago.

Nearly six weeks after the wound, the man was laid on the operating table and given an anaesthetic. The chest wall was opened and, for nearly an hour and forty-five minutes, the search for the bullet went on. When the heart was first exposed, it beat irregularly, but it soon quietened down and pulsed strongly throughout the operation, except for one alarming moment when it stopped working. The spot where the bullet had entered could clearly be seen, but because the muscle round the spot was firm, it was impossible to feel where it was. There was only about one second of relaxation between beats. During the actual contraction, the heart muscle was stone hard. A needle inserted into parts of the heart also failed to find the bullet. Says Professor Turner: "The heart muscle was surprised to hard, and the punctures only bled momentarily." Taking the whole heart in his hand, and turning it round, the surgeon eventually thought he could feel the bullet, but it was in such a position that nothing could be done to remove it. Accordingly, he calmly set about putting things back as he had found them. The patient stood the ordeal well, and immediate recovery was satisfactory. Three weeks later, he was out of bed. Five weeks later he was walking. On his discharge from the Army, he had a long rest before taking an office job. He eventually married, and was able to play a mild game of golf.
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Recently there has been much silly talk about scrapping the White Australia policy. The half-baked suggestions to that end emanate from a complete misunderstanding of what the White Australia policy is, and why it was adopted. If there is any underlying idea at all in the suggestions it would appear that because the Chinese are our Allies, and men of India are fighting alongside men of Australia, we should deliberately throw away a policy that has been the economic and national salvation of Australia. What those who make these suggestions forget is the fact that Indian soldiers also fought bravely for their King-Emperor in the last war, and both the Chinese and the Japanese were our Allies. There was no suggestion of scrapping the White Australia policy after that war, and Australia is the last place it should come from now. The time to discuss a suggestion of this sort is when it comes from outside the Commonwealth. Here is what Sir John Latham, the former Australian Minister to Japan, has to say about the White Australia policy. Speaking in Melbourne this month, he disagreed entirely about the White Australia policy.

Many still labour under the delusion that United States troops first crossed the Atlantic on active service in 1917. Very early in their history as a nation, Americans smashed the pirates of Tripoli and captured Derna, the north African port later told the pirates of Tripoli, and captured Derna, and ended up by pinching his girl. Now, Chocos, what more could you have than that?

The new standard for three-course meals and the fixed prices need cause no painful tightening of belts. The maximum prices allowed are well above the average cost of a dinner or a luncheon in a good city hotel or restaurant, and the restricted menus need leave no one unsatisfied. A contemporary, commenting on the new regulation, summed up the position by saying that any man who would want more is either a gourmand or an epicure. We should say he would be just a common gardener glutton.

An American newspaper commenting on Laval's latest broadcast announced it was remarkable not for what he said, but for what he left unsaid. Evidently he omitted to state that the session was sponsored by Hitler & Co.

Thank goodness we have not missed our season of humour even in these austere days. When the Daily News announced that Alex Panton had given up smoking, a mutual acquaintance said, "Well, Alex has given up one good hobby. I suppose I'd better follow a good example." He then took stock of his own hobbies. Wine, Women and Song, and decided to cut out music. And then there was the blighter who went round telling everyone that "this austerity champagne is the stuff to grip up the nation." And now, Gentle Reader (as those dear old 18th century writers used to say), take an old soldier's warning: The next humorist who comes along to tell me a story about twins named Tit and Tat will have to side-step and duck very quickly.

When the Militiaman is called a "Choco" there is really no valid reason why he should feel aggrieved. Actually, he should accept the name as a compliment. The term is derived from "The Chocolate Soldier," the name of the opera based on Bernard Shaw's play, "Arms and the Man"; but the name "Chocolate Soldier" was first applied to the professional soldiers, because every soldier received a daily ration of chocolate. In the opera, the Chocolate Soldier is a highly trained professional soldier. As such, he puts it well and against all amateurs rival, and ends up by pinching his girl. Now, Chocos, what more could you have than that?

Quite a storm in a cold tea cup has been caused by the refusal of the Australian Broadcasting Commission to broadcast a Sunday afternoon address entitled "This Liquor Question," by Professor H. A. Woodruff. The Commission rightly ruled that liquor is a controversial topic. What is more, the title of the talk was, in itself, likely to give offence to a considerable section of the public. The Australian Broadcasting Commission is a public utility, and not for disseminating propaganda, however desirable the aims of that propaganda might be. While the storm has been raging in the cold tea cup the rightness of the Commission's attitude has been demonstrated by evidence from an unexpected source. At the week-end, General Blamey defended the Australian soldier against the wild charges of excessive drinking that are continually being leveled at him by all sorts of irresponsible individuals. The Press report suggested that General Blamey was replying to Professor Woodruff's talk, which was eventually broadcast from a commercial station. Whatever may be said about liquor control, it's over the odds when propagandists try to push their barrows by defaming the very men who are fighting for the freedom they so glibly abuse. Our congratulations to the Australian Broadcasting Commission for refusing to allow muck of this sort to come over a National Station, and to General Blamey for his spirited defence of the troops.

Now that we have local organisations for propagating friendship between Australia and America, Australia and China, and Australia and Russia, how about forming a really big association to stimulate friendly relations between Australian residents and Australia?

An American correspondent recently expressed surprise at hearing the music of Deutschland Uber Alles played in London by a leading orchestra. Had he lived in Australia, and been a good church-goer, he would also have heard that music wedded to the words of a hymn used in all Protestant churches. Actually, the music, called "Austria" in the hymn books, was composed by Haydn as the Austrian Emperor's hymn. It is played as such in civilized countries, and not as "Deutschland Uber Alles" for which it was used by the invading Huns to steal the tune from their Austrian neighbours.

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Now that the United Nations are feeling the pinch of a shortage of raw materials, our—own scientists are showing that they are as capable of devising substitutes as the enemy. The petrol shortage has led in Australia to the increasing production of shale oil, and power alcohol from wheat and molasses. The rubber shortage has turned attention to the Moreton Bay fig tree, whose thick, sticky milk adheres to the hands like a coating of rubber. It is considered that it may be possible to produce rubber from Moreton Bay fig milk. In the United States the development of rubber substitutes has gone much further. American papers tell of rubberless Army raincoats and almost rubberless tyres. The Quartermaster Corps, which, in the United States Army, combines the functions of ordnance and A.S.C., is helping to save rubber by authorising the use of a synthetic rubber compound for waterproofing Army raincoats. It is estimated that the change will save a million pounds of rubber. From Detroit comes the news that the Ford Motor Company has developed an automobile tyre which uses only about one-sixth of the amount of rubber put into ordinary tyres; and a Massachusetts trade school instructor says that he has proved the success of a wooden tyre on which 23 rubber heels are mounted. With tyres, he says, the motorist is not afraid of flats or blow-outs—but only of getting down at heel.

The war has certainly spurred inventions. Dr. Willard H. Dow, the veteran American chemist who heads the large Dow Chemical Company, considers that the world will never return to natural rubber, however abundant it may become. In discussing the advantages of different types of synthetic rubber, he has introduced a new thought. He suggests, in effect, that we should forget about imitating rubber for the moment and consider the use of thermoplastics for tyres instead. Plastics have entered all sorts of new fields in recent years. In the United States today they are being used instead of aluminium in the construction of aeroplane parts. In civilian life, plastics are being used in men's belts and braces, and water pipes that will not burst when exposed to frost. Plastics have been used in so many forms, and suited to so many uses, that Dr. Dow considers that, after all, there should be nothing startling in the idea of their use for tyres. He believes that as many as a one million motor car tyres a month may be recapped. He emphasises, too, that the necessary chemicals are available in North America in large quantities, and no shortage is likely to develop. The particular type of thermo-plastic that is being developed for tyres is known as Thiolok.

The process of making Thiolok was discovered thirteen years ago, and like many great discoveries it was the result of an accident. Dr. J. C. Patrick, a Kansas City chemist, was experimenting with a new anti-freezing solution, but he produced a gummy mass which looked like rubber, and actually bouncy. That accident led to the development of Thiolok.

In the field of rubber production, the United States Rubber Company has developed a method of reclaiming used rubber, which improves the quality of the reclaimed product. This method saves materials and shortens the processing time so much that the capacity of the existing equipment can be increased by 60 per cent. The same company has announced the invention of a new aeroplane tyre, which is designed to prevent skidding in glare ice. Sharp, cylindrical, crimped metal inserts are used. Finally, the Standard Oil Company has placed in operation the first of a number of new fluid catalyst refining units, which will raise the supply of 100-octane aviation petrol. This will also aid considerably in the production of synthetic rubber.

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Sub-Branch Activities

BOYANUP JUNCTION

The annual general meeting was held recently, and a full attendance was present. The officials retiring by efflux of time were all re-elected. The president (Mr. R. Tweedie) and the secretary (Mr. J. H. Rudyler) were praised for past services. At present membership is at a low ebb. We await the time when reinforcements will adjust the position to mutual advantage of the League and ourselves.

VICORIA PARK

The monthly meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on August 21. Messrs. A. Nicholas and F. Matthews were elected delegates to Congress. The darts competition was keenly contested. The two finalists were Charlie McIntosh and Tom Taylor. It was won by the former. Another contest will be held at the September meeting, so all Diggers are asked to come along and try their skill. Members are reminded to get in touch with all ex-service men who are outside the fold, and prevail upon them to join the League. Invite them along to a sub-branch meeting. It is regretted that Mr. Pow's name was omitted from the list of committees. This was an oversight. Mr. Pow is the sub-branch hall attendant, and the good job he is doing is greatly appreciated by members. The concert given by the Gable Williams pupils on September 9 was a great success. The hall was packed, and many were unable to gain admission.

C RISP PIER

The fortnightly meeting took place on September 2. The president (Mr. J. Lanigan) presided over a record attendance. One or two visitors were cordially welcomed by the president. A committee consisting of Messrs. Lanigan, G. Hamen, A. Fisher, T. Hare and F. M. Johns were elected as a hall controlling body. It was decided to support Mr. E. S. Watt for the State Presidency. Mr. W. L. Menkens was selected as sub-branch delegate to Congress. The president announced that arrangements were well in hand for the smoke social, which will be held on September 23. Admission will be by invitation only. The secretary (Mr. G. Hamer) reported that financial assistance towards the piano fund had been received from Messrs. G. H. Millett, James Bros., J. Dinnitt, M.L.C., W. L. Menkens, Ahearn Ltd., and Foy's Ltd. Mr. Hamer also stated that the sub-branch membership is increasing. After formal business had been despatched, the evening was spent in games and community singing.

GLoucester Park

The monthly meeting was held at Evans' Hall on September 3, with Mr. C. Ishbister (president) in the chair. The extra seating accommodation provided was fully taxed. Amongst those present was Cliff Lumbe, the former secretary, on a short leave from hospital. Cliff looks very fit and well, and has put on over two stone in weight since we last saw him. Other members on the sick list were reported to be all doing well. We congratulate three members of the sub-branch who have been recipients of four major promotions in the railway service, including that of Mr. Glover to the position of superintendent.

The weekly socials are proving a huge success, and are helping to build up the Amelioration Fund substantially from month to month. Plans are in hand to ensure that this year's sale of poppies exceeds all previous records. The president made a presentation to his predecessor (Mr. Vic Fowler) of a framed Certificate of Service. At the conclusion of business refreshments were served, and the health of Vic Fowler was drunk with much gusto. Then followed the darts competitions, which are being more and more keenly contested. Ted Cunningham, second Bill Wright was narrowly beaten on the post by A. Downing.

S HENTON PARK

The monthly meeting was held in the Progress Hall on September 7, with president R. W. Ogg in the chair. Matters in connection with the recently dissolved women's auxiliary were finalised, and the assets were over by the sub-branch. In response to an appeal for funds from the Australian Red Cross it was pointed out that it was costing 41 per man per week to send one food parcel to prisoners of war, and the amount of 45/1 was voted from the funds for that purpose. Mr. T. S. Edmondson, representing the State Executive, paid an official visit and gave a very interesting talk on several League matters. Had a month's notice been given of his visit no doubt many more members would have been present. Much interest was centred upon two matters brought up, these being eligibility for League membership, and treatment of men returning from the present war. In connection with the V.D.C. appointments, the president (Mr. R. W. Ogg) is now 2nd I.C. of B Coy., A Taylor is No. 12 platoon leader, and F. Strongman platoon sergeant. Sub-branch members congratulate all three upon their elevation to these ranks. The next meeting will be on October 5

Fremantle City

The new team is getting into its stride, admirably settling down to a year's hard work. At the last general meeting on August 28 various items of interest and importance were discussed. Complaints have come in re the meeting of the Commonwealth Peace Officers and the newly-formed Naval Police, particularly on the principles of preference and preferment. The matter was referred for advice and guidance to the State Executive. Various opinions on social service and economic advancement in the future and plans to bring these views into operation were discussed. The president suggested that these matters will be ventilated and discussed at the forthcoming State Congress. Other business was the entertainment of the women's auxiliary by the sub-branch in the near future. It was referred to the committee for action. Congress delegates elected were Messrs. Wilson and Bracks, president and vice-president respectively—Gr. Griffiths as proxy if necessary. Mr. A. Jackson was elected as delegate to the Citizens' Reception Committee. The sub-branch by resolution decided to recommend for the League's Certificate of Service the immediate past president, Tom Hobbs, for

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BULLSBROOK
The August meeting was held in the Town Hall at Bullaburra, and was fully attended by members. All business was completed by 8.15 p.m., and the usual weekly dance was in progress by 8.30 p.m. The hall has now been made over to the sub-branch on a yearly rental, with the right of renewal. Hence the sub-branch now has responsibility for all furniture etc. contained in the hall. The dances we hope will be better attended now that the Air Force personnel can obtain passes from the OAPS

COTTESLOE
The sub-branch held its 11th annual general meeting on September 1 in the Council Hall. There was a very good attendance, presided over by the president (Mr. W. Dunn). It was noticed that two foundation members were present. There were also quite a number of members in uniform, all looking as fit as ever. Archie Fletcher was present after his illness, having made a very good recovery. The largest number of visitors, including the secretary (Dick Thomas) of Mosman Park, who was very quiet when the activities of the sub-branch were read out. The reports of the president and secretary were received and adopted. Mr. Bert Hyde (treasurer) was recommended for the League's Certificate of Service for services rendered during the past year. Congratulations go to Messrs. Allan John and Harry Poole for raising the sum of £10/10/- towards the Salvation Army Mobile Canterbury Fund. It was a very good effort indeed. We also congratulate Harold Jones. After 10 years of married life the stork has paid him a visit with a daughter. We hope that Mrs. Jones and the baby are both well. We regret to learn that Major Pearse is in hospital, and we wish him a very speedy recovery. It was decided to hold the annual toasting smoke social this year, at a date to be fixed later, in November. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. E. Cartwright; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. H. Bagnell and C. A. Finchum; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. W. Boyd; minute secretary, Mr. N. Beckley; auditors, Messrs. W. J. Green and G. H. Cooper; committee, Messrs. A. E. Tyler, C. H. Hayles, M. J. Offer, B. McLeay, T. A. Falke, T. J. Nichols, A. V. Y. Baxtont, L. A. Robertson, J. J. Walton, J. N. Earnshaw and J. N. Nurse. The next monthly meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at Monash House, commencing at 7.45 p.m. All members are requested to attend. The membership of the sub-branch is now 135.

WEST PERTH
The annual meeting was held at Monash House on July 28. The president (Mr. N. B. Price) occupied the chair. A comprehensive report on the activities of the sub-branch was given. The president expressed appreciation of the able assistance which the committee had given during the year. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. L. W. A. Carter; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. H. Bagnell and C. A. Stephens; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. W. Boyd; minute secretary, Mr. N. Beckley; auditors, Messrs. W. J. Green and G. H. Cooper; committee, Messrs. A. E. Tyler, C. H. Hayles, M. J. Offer, B. McLeay, T. A. Falke, T. J. Nichols, A. V. Y. Barrington, L. A. Robertson, J. J. Walton, J. N. Earnshaw and J. N. Nurse. The next monthly meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at Monash House, commencing at 7.45 p.m. All members are requested to attend. The membership of the sub-branch is now 135.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD
The last monthly general meeting was well attended as usual, but those who failed to come along missed a speech in a talk by Col. Mansbridge. He spun some good yarns of the old—really old—days on the goldfields from the Kimberleys to Kalgoorlie, and judging from what he said lifting of the parts where he couldn't say the least. But there was always that sense of humour; even with the victim, which made even tragedy seem less dire than is usually the case. Once again we would remind members that subscriptions must be paid if the sub-branch—and the League—is to carry on successfully. Unfortunately, too many who are now in uniform, and in a position to pay, seem to think that as they cannot attend meetings there is no need for them to "ante up." This is possibly due to forgetfulness rather than selfishness, but they should remember that without money the League cannot function as it should, and maintain that vitality which will be so necessary to enable it to fight for the young Digger as it did for them in the years that are past. So just think again, Digger, and send along that overdue sub. Remember, the next meeting will be in the "Dug-out" as usual, on the first Tuesday in October, the 6th of the month.

MOSMAN PARK
The August meeting was sparsely attended. This was quite a reversal of form after the splendid meeting of the previous month. But as the weather was at its dirtiest, members no doubt preferred to keep the home fires burning. Despite the small attendance there was a very useful discussion, the outcome of
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which may be some very essential improvements to the hall in the near future. Voluntary workers will be required for the job. Our annual smokey was a great success, credit being due to social secretary Bob Kerr for a fine initial effort. We were honoured this year by the presence of our esteemed State President, Mr. Yeates. Everyone enjoyed his splendid address. Having to leave rather early, he took his departure to the strains of "Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major." All arms of the forces were represented. Especially glad were we to welcome Boatyam-Wiggins, representing the U.S.N. Many new Diggers were with us, and all appeared to be impressed with the way the Old Brigade go about things. Visitors included Messrs. F. Gibson, M.I.C. and J. Tonkin, M.I.A.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

Another successful meeting was held on September 14. Steady progress is reported from this sub-branch. The Home Guard continues to meet each Sunday morning at Henderson Park, Wembley. If there is any variation to these arrangements members and intending members will be notified through the daily Press. A number of our regular stalwarts were missing at this meeting owing to guard and other military duties. The West Leederville-Wembley Camp Comforts sub-branch will hold a Party Night on September 24 at 7.45 in the local Town Hall. The special stunt on this occasion is Christmas parcels for the troops. Members are asked to advertise this effort as widely as possible. Preliminary arrangements are now in hand for Poppy Day. It is intended that members of this sub-branch organise themselves for an intensive drive throughout the district. The sub-branch is very dissatisfied with regard to the position at Anzac Club. It is felt that the charges made are not co-recorded to the facilities of the Club cannot be made available to the dugouts. It is felt as to why the facilities of the Club cannot be made available to the Diggers after 6 p.m. It has been pointed out previously in these notes that it is our opinion that there are many Diggers who would like to use the Club, and we do not all go down there to drink. It seems an extraordinary thing that members of other clubs can have the use of them, apart from the liquor bar, and it is well known that somehow the authorities are satisfied when the liquor bars are sealed up after 6 p.m. Why cannot that apply to Anzac Club? We hope to have members of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch attend the next meeting in force for a games night. Bridge evenings are still held each Friday night, and attendances have improved.
but there are extensive facilities and everyone is welcome. An interesting report was submitted by Mr. H. E. (F.D.A.A.) Smith regarding his recent trip to the Eastern States.

**MERREDIN**

The September 7 meeting assembled earlier to permit business to be expedited to enable discussion on post-war problems, for which a number of citizens were invited. A very representative gathering was present. Suggestions from some unable to attend were read and generalising discussions from those present who followed with such suggestions as control of exploitation of men by man; international school of students to teach along right lines suitable to all countries; post-war control of conditions to prevent fluctuations to extremes; present lack of sincerity of purpose; lack of finance no excuse for lack of peace-time improvement and essential services, etc.; primary incentive behind production and expansion of profit; depreciation of the human element in all cases to be deplored and not to be jeopardised. Some advocated nationalisation of natural resources and main industries; others contended that it would exploit the human factor detrimentally. The meeting was lively and interesting until a late hour, when it was adjourned to follow until after the next meeting on October 5.

**MAYLANDS**

Delegates for the annual Congress were appointed at the fortnightly meeting held in the Dug-out on August 27. The delegates are Messrs. Ted Baker (vice-president) and Alf Cook (secretary), and Ron Fleming. The dances held every Friday evening in the Maylands Town Hall were expected to attract their popular crowd, which as it should be, seeing that 90 per cent. of the proceeds go to various patriotic funds. In connection with the running of these dances, a motion has been recorded concerning the good work being done by the sub-branch and centre officers, giving thanks to Billy Hall, Fuller and Burtenshaw. The orchestra, run by Pat O'Hagan, is also very popular, thus contributing largely to the success of the dances. Through the efforts of the sub-branch, cinemas at the Town Hall are packed out, there are now numerous enquires for the hire of the hall for other local functions, which otherwise would not have been the case. There being no member of the sub-branch available as sick visiting officer, owing to war work, Mesdames Wynne and Genery of the women's auxiliary have generously undertaken to do that important work for the sub-branch. It is worthy of note that several members have, of late, been appointed to positions in V.D.C. Ron Fleming is captain, and O.C. Headquarters Coy. Swan Battalion; Sep Horton, lieutenant, and George Burtenshaw, corporal. In connection with the above and other appointments, social evening was held at the Dug-out on Thursday, September 3, to celebrate the appointments having been made.

**ARTILLERY COMRADES' ASSOCIATION**

Jack Kenny, secretary of the Artillery Comrades' Association, writes—

Another Gunners' Day and another smoke and reunion have passed. Gunners' Day was everything you could have wished for, and the attendance at the smoke was 113—a record—90 per cent. thoroughly enjoyed it. I want you one and all to ask yourselves the following few questions:

First—Is it sufficient to attend Gunners' Sunday, your annual reunion, and pay your 2/6 per year and forget there is such an organisation as the Artillery Comrades' Association? The word "Artillery" does not mean much to a lot of us; or we would try and do something and prepare our association for the time when we should be a help and backstop for those artillery boys who are home, as this day will eventually come back for God knows how long.

Second: Your association has practically developed into a one-man show, and I do not want to run it; but I do want you, one and all, to come along to your next general meeting, which will be held in the Board Room at Anzac House on Saturday October 17 at 3 p.m. and let us set about doing something for the sons of our old pals and their widows.

**8th BATTERY ASSOCIATION**

The annual meeting and reunion will be held on Saturday, October 24, at 8 p.m. in the Wembley Hall, 347 Hay Street (East), near Government House. A good roll-up as requested, as it is the one night in the year when you can meet your old Battery Pals. Any old artillery comrades are welcome. A special invitation is extended to any of the new auxiliary parties already returned from this stunt. To the old artillerymen who read this in "The Listening Post," I would ask them to make a note of the dates and inform their pals.

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES**

**STATE EXECUTIVE**

Will country auxiliaries please note that the Government cannot supply concession railway tickets as requested, as they have to be supplied to the Auxiliary Services only.

**NEDLANDS**

Mrs. Randall presided over a good number of members. Mrs. G. Kenny was busy with her new duties as to having given up the reins from Mrs. Frith, who has taken up residence outside the district. The secretary, Mrs. Jefferson, read letters of appreciation from the men of Lemos and Sunset for the conception of the scheme, which was provided in August on "Lemos Day." The secretary of the sub-branch also made eulogistic references to the catering which the auxiliary carried out for the smoke social. Mrs. Perry reported that the War Savings Group still made progress. Certificates to the value of £671 have been purchased for the 14 months to date. The meeting agreed to pay out at this meeting cheques of £45/5/- to the Seamen's Mission and £3/3/- to the Soldiers' Scholarship Fund. Below is a list of donations which appeared in the annual balance sheet. Donations for the year ending Aug. 31, 1942 were: Canteens Reception Council, £66/17/-; Daily News Earphones Fund, £2/3/-; Victoria League Comforts Funds, £4/10/-; Y.M.C.A. Comforts Fund, £1/16/-; Army Meat Depot Social Fund, £4/-; Lord Mayor's New Sydney Fund, £3/3/-; Dunleavy House, £3/3/-; Nurses' Hostel, £3/3/-; Seamen's Mission, £9/-; S.A. Red Shield Huts, £6/6/-; Red Cross Prisoners of War, £1/9/-; Total £60/9/-.

At the conclusion of general business the president introduced Mrs. Irene Greenwood, who addressed the meeting on "Women at War."

**SUBIACO**

About 35 members were present at the meeting held on August 19. Mrs. Pope (president) presided. Letters of thanks were received from Gunner Collins, Sunset, and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson (Mayor and Mayoress of Subiaco). Mrs. Pope invited more helpers to come and make canvass nets on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Two guineas were donated by the Camp Comforts Fund to the Returned Nurses' Hostel, and £2/2/- to the Blanket fund at Dunleavy House. Eleven parcels have been forwarded to various camps. A very enjoyable tea was held at Sunset, and the Lemnos "boys" were entertained to pictures and tea on August 23. At the monthly afternoon at Lemnos Hospital both Mesdames Pope and Turpin were the recipients of beautiful bouquets, and Mrs. Stone made a birthday cake for the
Delegates were advised that on Friday, August 28, the auxiliary entertained sick and wounded soldiers from Hollywood Hospital. Mrs. Pope welcomed the "boys," and expressed a wish that there would be many more such afternoons. The programme was by Mrs. "Bill" Thomas, assisted by Mrs. E. McMahon (accompagnist), Messrs. A. Gallop, G. Withers, Misses J. Gallop, Beavan, Hoops, S. Lamb, H. Knight, Mr. G. Tatem, and Simon de Haan (Royal Dutch Navy). The auxiliary thanks Mrs. A. W. Jacoby for making possible the transport of the "boys" to and from the hospital.

MT. HAWTHORN

As afternoons meetings have not been well attended, it was decided to revert to the practice of holding fortnightly meetings at night. Members carry on the good work of visiting the Repatriation Ward and Sunset. They are always well received. Several parcels of woollens have been sent to airmen and seamen, but the present control of knitting wool has hung up this work. The auxiliary is trying to obtain a quota of khaki wool, as only the navy wool still on hand can be used at present. A sum of £1/3/- was raised by means of an auxiliary social evening. Members are happy at taking their turn at the Barrack-street Buffet. Mrs. Fewson has again handed in £1 from her bandaging class. She will not be giving further instruction. Seven War Savings Groups are in progress. The auxiliary is prepared to open further groups if members care to contribute.

BULLS BROOK

An error in the August issue of "The Listening Post" has to be corrected. "Mrs. Pearce" should have read "Mrs. Burrows." We are proud to announce that one of our younger members, Beryl Keith, has offered her services and will be one of the A.W.A.S. at the end of September. She was presented with a brush and comb on behalf of the auxiliary at a recent meeting. Within a month "au revoir" has been said to two members' sons. Mrs. Lane has been elected Junior vice-president in Mrs. Burrows' stead.

STATE EXECUTIVE

AUGUST 22

At the meeting of the State Executive on August 22 there were present: Messrs. Yeates, Anderson, Philip, Watt, Zeffert, Margett, Harvey, Thorn, Williams, Wood, Paton, Edmondson, Smith, Warner, Baker, Batson and Davies.

Sympathy.—Delegates were advised that Mr. Logie was ill. The State Secretary was instructed to extend sympathy and best wishes for a complete recovery.

Reception Committee.—The report of the Reception Committee held on August 12 recommended that a suitable notice be erected inside Claremont Camp grounds indicating that the League welcomed personnel of the new forces. It was recommended that a booklet be printed, on the lines operating in other States, and that this should indicate the names of sub-branches and places of meetings. It was also recommended that Mr. A. Dous secretary of the North-East Fremantle sub-branch, should be co-opted to the committee. The report was adopted.

Visits.—A report on a visit to the Wooroloo Sanatorium by Messrs. Anderson, Thorn, Williams and the State Secretary was received. The representatives were cordially welcomed.

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The following roster was submitted by the Resident Medical Officer. Matters concerning pay, Red Cross comforts, pensions, and the segregation of repatriation patients were placed before the representatives, and action taken since the visit was made. In the meantime, it was agreed to hold Federal Congress this year. Other visits were reported by the State President (Gunnerys' Day, Nedlands sub-branch, Australia-China Association); Mr. Thompson (Gunnerys' Day and Artillery Comrades' Association smoke social); Mr. Edmondson (Army Education Service); Mr. Bateson (Ward XII); and Mr. Watt (Commercial Travellers' Association).

Federal Executive Meeting.—Mr. H. E. Smith submitted his report on the meeting of the Federal Executive on August 6 and 7. He was accorded a vote of thanks for able representation. Mr. Smith stated that the State Presidents were being circularised by the Federal President on the advisability of holding Federal Congress this year. Delegates expressed the opinion that the Congress should be held, and that its venue be a central place.

Sub-Branches.—Appointments of officials as advised by the Osborne Park and South Perth sub-branches were approved.

A communication from Gnowangerup sub-branch, relating to concession warrants for Congress delegates was received. Discussion was deferred.

Government Appointments.—The Press sub-branch submitted a motion that permanent appointments to high Government positions, such as that of Government Printer, which was recently advertised, should not be made until after the war. Discussion of the matter was adjourned to the next meeting. In the meantime, it was agreed that the State President should see the Public Service Commissioner.

Civil Construction Corps.—A case was reported where a full-rate pensioner had been called up for the C.C.C. He had appealed on medical grounds, and had been subjected to hostile treatment by the examining medical officer. Other cases of returned soldiers being called up for this work were also mentioned. The Executive carried a resolution that no returned soldier who can produce evidence that he is suffering from disabilities that unfit him for hard and exhausting work shall be called up for work in the C.C.C.

Commonwealth Peace Officers.—Perth sub-branch complained that members of the sub-branch who had applied for appointment as Commonwealth Peace Officers had not been employed. It was agreed that the matter be taken up with the Department concerned.

Soldiers' Representative: State Cabinet.—V. J. Bray, of Sydney, requested certain information in this regard. As details were published in the August issue of the "Listening Post" it was agreed that a copy be sent.

Greenbushes Sub-Branch.—The annual financial statement of the Greenbushes sub-branch were presented. This sub-branch was carrying on under difficulties, and an expression of appreciation to the secretary, Mr. Thomas, was carried.

Russian Medical Aid Committee.—The Women's Auxiliary had received a request to appoint a representative on this committee. The auxiliary sought the advice of the Executive in the matter. It was resolved to advise the auxiliary to reply to the effect that the members' time was so fully occupied at the moment that they were unable to undertake any further responsibility.

Munition Work, W.A.—The Midland Junction sub-branch asked that the Executive make every effort to procure more munition work for this State. It was resolved to advise that this had been the League's policy for a number of years.

Meeting of Presidents and Secretaries.—The North Perth sub-branch suggested that a meeting of metropolitan sub-branch presidents and secretaries should be called before the forthcoming State Congress. The matter was referred to the membership committee for consideration and action.

Reckless Driving, Army Vehicles.—Advice was received from Army Headquarters that orders have been issued to bring attention of the need to exercise caution.

September 5

At the meeting of the State Executive on September 5 there were presentMessrs. Yeates, Olden, Anderson, Philp, Denton, Cornell, Watt, James, Zeffert, Margolin, Harvey, Thorn, Williams, Wood, Edmondson, Smith, Warner Bateson and Davies.

R.S.L. Broadcasts.—The following roster was arranged for R.S.L. broadcasts: September 10, Mr. E. Davies; September 17, Mr. T. E. Edmondson; September 24, Mr. M. E. Zeffert; October 1, Congress delegates.

Greek ex-Service Men.—An organisation known as the Greek ex-Servicemen's League of Western Australia sought permission to form a sub-branch of the League. It was pointed out that similar action had been taken in New South Wales. It was left to the State Secretary to point out the provisions of the constitution concerning community of interest sub-branches, and to make a suggestion relating to individual applications.

Repatriation Institutions.—The following resolution was carried: "In view of the increasing number of ex-service men and women, who will require treatment for war-caused disabilities, and the consequent increased responsibility which will devolve upon the Commonwealth Government, this Executive strongly urges that immediate steps be taken by the Commonwealth Government to.
have brought under its direct control all institutions which used to provide such treatment.

**Congress Concession Fares.**—It was reported that a deputation had waited on the Acting Premier to urge that the usual concessions be granted to country delegates attending Congress. A reply had been received, regretting that the concessions could not be provided.

**Government Printer.**—The State President reported that he had interviewed the Public Service Commissioner about the filing of the vacancy which existed for Government Printer. It was agreed that the League should write to the Premier, expressing the hope that a returned soldier would receive the appointment.

**Salvation Army Mobile Unit.**—It was reported that donations for the fund to present a mobile service unit to the Salvation Army for work among the forces in this State would amount to approximately £240. It was agreed that this fund should be finalised, and that the Executive make up the balance required to provide the unit. It was also agreed that opportunity be made to present the mobile unit to the Salvation Army during Congress.

**War Loan Committee.**—Mr. Watt reported on the opening of the campaign for the present war loan, which took place that morning. The speakers at the opening rally were all members of the State Executive. After these speakers had been thanked, congratulations were extended to Mr. Watt on his re-appointment as chairman of the committee, and for the excellent work he was doing in connection with war loans.

**Visits.**—The following visits were reported: Mr. Bateson (Ward XI); Mr. Williams (Woorooloo Sanatorium, Narrogin Convalescent Camp); Mr. Edmondson (ex-Service Men’s Group, League of Service); Messrs. Yeates, Edmondson and Paton (Mosman Park); Mr. Cornnell (Norseman); Colonel Margolin (Red Cross re comforters).

**Federal Congress.**—Advice was received that the 27th Annual Federal Congress would open in Sydney on November 25. The election of delegates was referred until the next meeting. Sir Gilbert Dyett was nominated “as Federal President. It was agreed to nominate other retiring officers for positions they now hold.

**Parliamentary ex-Service Men’s Committee.**—A Federal circular contained a suggestion from the New South Wales sub-branch that the recently-formed Federal Parliamentary ex-Service Men’s Committee should be formed into a sub-branch of the League. The proposed action was definitely opposed by the Executive.

**Appointment Sub-Branch Officials.**—The appointment of officials advised by the following sub-branches was confirmed:—West Perth and Margaret River.

**Union Jack: Funerals.**—Correspondence concerning the use of the Union Jack at certain funerals was received from the Kalgoorlie sub-branch. The State Secretary had already replied and his letter was endorsed.

**Resident Medical Officer: Derby.**—Correspondence from the Kimberley sub-branch in regard to this matter was received and the reply left to the Secretary.

**Looting: Mosman Park Sub-Branch.**—This sub-branch considered that compensation for loss or damage caused by looting should be provided for in the existing war risk insurance. It was agreed that the matter be taken up with the War Damage Commission.

**Total Conscription.**—The Collie sub-branch urged that the League do its utmost to have brought into operation its, policy of total conscription at the earliest possible moment. It was agreed to advise Collie that we were continuing to press for the introduction of this policy.

Civil Construction Corps.—A communication was received from the Deputy Director of Personnel, Civil Construction Corps, concerning the case of an ex-service man which had been referred to at the last meeting. It was agreed that the sub-branch concerned be supplied with a copy of the letter.

The North-East Fremantle sub-branch protested against the appointment of non-retired soldiers to the control of the Civil Construction Corps. The reply was left in the hands of the Secretary.

**New Commander: V.D.C.**—Letters from the Fremantle and Gosnells sub-branches on this matter were received.

**Preference Army Inspection Branch.**—The Victoria Park sub-branch submitted details of a case where it was stated preference had not been observed. The Colonel in Charge of Administration had been written to, and a reply was awaited.

**A.R.P.: Compensation Rental Premises.**—A case was reported where a war widow who owned a garage premises which were taken over by the A.R.P. was receiving no compensation. The City Council, although quite willing to pay rental, it was stated, was unable to do so under existing regulations. It was agreed that the matter be taken up with the Federal Office with the object of satisfactory adjustment.

**Visitor.**—Mr. F. Morrison, a State Councillor of New South Wales, attended the meeting, and was welcomed by the President.

**Volunteer Defence Corps.**—Brigadier Weavers, Director of the Volunteer Defence Corps, together with General Bessell-Browne and Colonel W. Robinson, attended the meeting, and were extended a welcome by the State President. Brigadier Weavers addressed delegates and imparted some very interesting information concerning the Corps.

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<td>FREMANTLE &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
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<td>GASCOIGNE</td>
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<td>C. A. Gunnery, 365 Marine Terrace, Gascoyne</td>
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<td>W. J. Reed, 55 Armagh St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>GLOUCESTER PARK</td>
<td>Evans' Hall, Hay Street, East Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday</td>
<td>C. Freeman, 60 Golden Street, East Fremantle</td>
<td>S. W. Stewart, Gascoyne</td>
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<td>GUTHA</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>E. Way, Gutha</td>
<td>E. A. Mathews, Gutha</td>
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<td>HARVEY</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. W. Smith, Herbert Rd., Harvey</td>
<td>D. D. Johnston, Box 26, Harvey</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 p.m.; Executive, alt. Fridays</td>
<td>J. R. Hyton, Great Boulder, Flemington</td>
<td>J. F. Edwards, Kalgoorlie</td>
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<td>KIMBERLEY</td>
<td>Derby</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>Jack Surtees</td>
<td>W. J. Surtees, Kalgoorlie</td>
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<td>KATANNING</td>
<td>Charming Corner Hotel</td>
<td>Saturday, 5 p.m. after V.D.C. parade</td>
<td>T. O. Chambers, Katanning</td>
<td>T. G. Griffin, Kalgoorlie</td>
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<td>KELLERBERIN</td>
<td>Tomlin, meet quarterly</td>
<td>3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Chas. H. Smith, Koorda</td>
<td>E. W. Robinson, Koorda</td>
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<td>KOORDA</td>
<td>Koorda</td>
<td>Quarterly (committee 1st Friday)</td>
<td>D. Hamilton, Koorda</td>
<td>R. V. C. Davidson, Koorda</td>
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<td>KUKerin</td>
<td>Kukerin Hotel</td>
<td>Last Saturday, quarterly (Jan., April, July, Oct.)</td>
<td>C. G. Gordon, Kukerin</td>
<td>W. A. Tumber</td>
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<td>KULIN</td>
<td>R.S.L. Institute</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>1st T.</td>
<td>E. C. Smith, Lake Grace</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
<td>2nd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. S. Polham, Lake Grace</td>
<td>M. G. Johnston, Lake King</td>
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<td>LAKE KING</td>
<td>Lake King Hall</td>
<td>2nd Thursday each month</td>
<td>R. D. Allen, Lake King</td>
<td>Geo. A. E. Miller, Mandurah</td>
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<td>MANJIMUP</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, Manjimup</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Horton, Almon Rd, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>A. Cook, 168 Railway Terrace, Maryland</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper-room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday, 7.30 p.m. (pension week)</td>
<td>Mr. F. Kessell</td>
<td>Mrs. C. Scobie, Tukarri</td>
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<td>MECKERING-CUNDERDIN</td>
<td>Meckering and Cunderdin Hotels, alternatively</td>
<td>1st Sunday in month</td>
<td>Eric Henderson, Menzies</td>
<td>G. H. Jacobson, Menzies</td>
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<td>MENZIES</td>
<td>R.S.L. Branch Rooms, Railway Parade</td>
<td>1st Monday in month</td>
<td>V. Cooper</td>
<td>R. H. Wilkes</td>
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<td>MERRIDEN</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, Johnston Street, Cottonwood Park</td>
<td>1st Thursday in each month</td>
<td>I. H. Cole, 36 Harper Street, Midland Junction</td>
<td>Len Wilkinson, 32 Broome Road, Midland Junction</td>
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<td>MILLAN</td>
<td>Moorabool</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>R. E. Smith, Moorabool</td>
<td>R. G. Thomas, 7 Lillian St., Cordelia Park</td>
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<td>MOORAA</td>
<td>Road Board Room, Moorabool</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. V. Jenkins</td>
<td>C. Ryan, Moorabool</td>
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<td>MT. BALEX</td>
<td>Committee Room</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday (Pension Night), 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. J. Tomlin, 38 Winser Rd., St. James Park</td>
<td>Fred. H. Morphet, Mt. Magnet</td>
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<td>MT. HAWTHORN</td>
<td>Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Hawthorn</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>P. Oehler, Bencubbin</td>
<td>R. M. Pohlner, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>LUDGEE</td>
<td>W. Street Road, Ludgeree</td>
<td>Quarterly, 1st Friday in the month</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 21 Grosvener Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>Dan Fullerton, Swan Barrows Park, Perth</td>
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<td>MT. MARSHAL</td>
<td>W. Street, Marshall</td>
<td>4th Friday of the month</td>
<td>T. Conner</td>
<td>S. Goodchild</td>
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<td>MT. LAWEY-INGLEWOOD</td>
<td>Town Hall, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Chas. Groves, No. 2 Pumping Station, O'Connor</td>
<td>T. Hogg, R.S.L. Institute, Narrogin</td>
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<td>MUNDARING &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Meckering, Mundaring, Darlington, Parkerville</td>
<td>2nd Thursday in each month</td>
<td>J. M. Cusack, Narrogin</td>
<td>J. K. Jefferson, 8 Thomas Street, Mundaring. Phone WM2111.</td>
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<td>NARROGIN</td>
<td>R.S.L. Institute, Narrogin</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>R. W. Perry, 22 Cooper St., Narrogin, Phone WM2111.</td>
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<td>Nedlands</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>Quarterly, 3rd Friday, March June, September, December, 4th Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>G. Caldwell, Newdegate</td>
<td>G. W. G. M. A. N., Mount Pleasant Road, Northcote</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
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<td>3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.</td>
<td>E. J. Tomlin, 38 Winser Rd., St. James Park</td>
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<td>NORTH EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Fremantle</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. Barlow, Northampton</td>
<td>E. J. Thomas, 77 Mabel St., North Perth. Phone 87047.</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>R.S.L. Clubrooms, Northam</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. B. James, Fitzgerald St., Northam</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilary's Hall, Glebe Street (off View Street)</td>
<td>4th Friday of the month</td>
<td>E. O. Davies, 77 Mabel St., North Perth, Phone 87047.</td>
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<td>W.B. BANDA-Grant's Patch</td>
<td>Ora Banda, Grant's Patch</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. G. Bow, 26 Thompson Road, Claremont</td>
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<td>OSBORNE PARK</td>
<td>R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Main Osborne Park</td>
<td>Fortnight (alt. Pension Week)</td>
<td>A. Dams, 149 Carr Street, Leederville</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>Monarch House, 23 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday</td>
<td>W. G. Bow, 26 Thompson Road, Claremont</td>
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<td>PINGELO</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
<td>F. Archer, East Pinjigely</td>
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<td>RINCUS</td>
<td>At Lumsden, Y.M.C.A.</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1st Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. E. Thomas, &quot;West Australian,&quot; Perth</td>
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<td>3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>E. S. Atkins, Pithara</td>
<td>L. G. Browning, East Pithara</td>
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<td>P R A H R I D A -DANGIN</td>
<td>Quairading Hall and Dangin Hall</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. C. Johnson, Quairading</td>
<td>H. W. Turner, Bank N.S.W., Dangin</td>
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<td>REEDY</td>
<td>T. Fraser's Buildings</td>
<td>2nd Sunday each month at 10 a.m.</td>
<td>E. Law, Reddy</td>
<td>J. P. Evans, Compound, Reddy</td>
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<td>SOUTHERN CROSS</td>
<td>A.R.O. Clubrooms</td>
<td>1st Monday in month</td>
<td>J. M. Beckwith, Box 7, Redcliffe</td>
<td>H. D. Nash, 13 James Street, Redcliffe</td>
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<td>SHENTON PARK</td>
<td>Progress Hall, Oven Road</td>
<td>1st Saturday in every 3rd month from June, 1st, at 8.15 p.m.</td>
<td>W. A. Thomas, 24 Francis Street, Subiaco</td>
<td>I. H. Lester, 112 Hay Street, Subiaco</td>
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<td>Kowlyn Hotel</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. R. Riley, Toowong</td>
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<td>SUSIACO</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, 61 Townshend Rd, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 8 p.m., bi-monthly</td>
<td>T. J. Fitzsimmons, 37 Rathay Rd, Victoria Park</td>
<td>F. Mathews, 3 Manchester Road, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>TRAVELLING-ELBINI</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, South Street</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>E. H. Hall, Toowong Street, West Toowong</td>
<td>Geo. W. Newton, 14 Ruth Street, West Toowong.</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge St., Toowong</td>
<td>2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>William McCullough, 75 Kimberley St., West Toowong.</td>
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<td>Wabin Hall</td>
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<td>W. Schuize</td>
<td>E. R. Mitchell</td>
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<td>WYALINGHAM</td>
<td>Wally Hall</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 8 p.m., bi-monthly</td>
<td>G. H. Riches, Tel. No. 41</td>
<td>N. S. Moseel</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE-WILMBLEY</td>
<td>Toowong Hall</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. C. Crayden, Waboon</td>
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<td>WUBIN</td>
<td>Wabin Hall</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 8 p.m., bi-monthly</td>
<td>A. Kelly, Yeelering</td>
<td>W. L. Boyd, c/o Agricultural Bank, Perth</td>
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<td>WYALKACHEM</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>April, June, August</td>
<td>A. J. McDougall, Talbot, York</td>
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<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday</td>
<td>N. B. Brice, c/o Registrar-General's Office, Perth</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>Yoralla House</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, all months</td>
<td>A. J. McDougall, Talbot, York</td>
<td>E. Fraser, York</td>
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<td>YOUNAMM</td>
<td>Yoomini Hotel</td>
<td>1st Saturday, after 18th of month</td>
<td>D. O. Johnston, Yoomini</td>
<td>G. M. Molyneaux, c/o Y.G.M. Ltd., Yoomini</td>
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