Opening a New Round

As the year 1942 approached its predestined end, the leaders of the United Nations and the writers of newspaper leaders observed the custom of reviewing the events of the year. Such reviews are almost invariably accompanied by a certain amount of stock-taking, of setting debits against credits, and arriving at a resultant which may, or may not, be a forecast of the future. One of the most striking comments on the year in retrospect was a London paper's description of 1942 as the "Year of Decision." That description may seem over-optimistic, or perhaps an over-statement; nevertheless it had a solid basis in fact. Actually, the year opened badly for the Allied cause. To many of us it presented a striking parallel to the opening of 1918, the Year of Victory in that war. At the beginning of 1918, the Allied Armies were stretched almost to the snapping point on the Western Front. The invincible Italians had suffered a crushing defeat, and British and French divisions which could barely be spared from the Western Front had to be sent to northern Italy to keep the Italians in the line. What was far more serious, Russian resistance had collapsed, and this enabled the Germans to concentrate their main strength for a knock-out blow in France and Flanders. The Year of Victory opened in an atmosphere of anxious expectancy, in which men knew the blow was coming, but could not foresee when or where it would be struck. All that one could be sure of was that hard knocks and even disasters awaited us, and most of us felt that the Italian and Russian collapses had probably prolonged the war by at least two years. However, if hopes had played us false in former years, our fears were deceived too; and before the year was out, the enemy had been thoroughly beaten and forced to sue for peace.

The year 1942 opened in a similar welter of anxiety. This time, Russia was again on our side but, so far from collapsing under the weight of Axis blows, she was withstanding attacks and hitting back. On the debit side, Japan had signalised her entry into the war by a characteristically Japanese act of treachery; but this had brought the U.S.A. into open warfare with the Axis gangsters. Here again, the position was similar to that of the beginning of 1918. The Americans were in the war then, as they were at the beginning of 1942; but at the beginning of either year, they had not been in long enough to make their weight felt. Throughout 1942, as in 1918, the increasing power of American co-operation in action and in war production, began to wear down the enemy and bring the final knock-out within striking distance. The year 1942 has not been the year of decisive victory, but it has been the year in which initial unreadiness was overtaken and corrected. As in 1918, the early months of the year saw the spread of disaster, the loss of vast territories by ourselves and our Allies, and the approach of war to our own gates.

Fortunately, neither we nor our Allies are people who confuse disaster with defeat. Most of us are people of kindred race. All of us are people with a common determination to fight this fight to the bitter end, and to make sure that this bitter end is the end of the aggressors. As we have stubbornly held our own, we have stemmed the southward flood of aggression and, now, on all fronts, we have wrested the initiative from the enemy. The victory has not yet been won. We know that only too well; but there are good grounds for believing that 1943, if not the actual Year of Victory in this war, will at least be the year which forces the enemy to realise that his defeat is inevitable, even if he is too arrogant to realise it now. Much darkness, much bitterness, and much suffering lie ahead of us. Even though the prospects seem brighter, and the New Year dawns under brighter skies, anything it offers must be dearly purchased with the blood and tears, which were all Mr. Churchill had to offer the Empire after the fall of France in 1940. The future, however, is one we do not fear to face.

Perhaps the most realistic attitude to adopt towards the coming year is to regard it as the opening of a new, and perhaps more gruelling, round in a fight that will go the full distance before a decision is reached. Certainly we are entering the year in a spirit of greater optimism than we have been entitled to evince at any time before in this war. That optimism can be maintained only if the effort on the home front marches in step with that of our men in the line of battle. Certainly, the Australian public has put up another very creditable performance in over-subscribing the Austenity Loan. There are plans in the making also for a commendable tightening-up on the administrative side of the war effort, and the Prime Minister's plan.
for extending the scope of service of the Militia forces to territories outside the boundaries of Australia is certainly a step in the right direction, though many of us may think the step could be a still longer one. The general approval which has greeted this, and other measures for increasing the war effort, is evidence of the greater seriousness with which the Governments and the people of Australia are facing the situation. Unfortunately, there is room for greater austerity on the industrial front. There are still far too many strikes; and on New Year’s Day, while Australian and American soldiers were fighting tooth and nail to overcome the last vestige of Japanese resistance, 35,000 heroes of the industrial front took a day off in defiance of the law. How long is Australia willing to stand this sort of thing? Dr. Evatt has assured the public that some of the offenders are to be prosecuted; but surely this scabbing on Australia—for it is nothing else—merits severer punishment than a fine. At the very least, the man-power protection which enables these heroes to keep out of the firing line should be withdrawn.

The Huns must be hard put to it to live up to the Aryan racial theories these days. When the Rome-Berlin Axis was arranged, the Hun somewhat hesitantly added to the gaiety of nations by accepting the Italian as a fellow-Nordic. Now that the arrogant little Jap is in the team, we suppose the Nazi propaganda chiefs must accept him as an honorary Nordic. Stalin was more honest. He greeted slinky little Matsuoka as a fellow Asiatic.

SERVICE RATES OF PAY

In response to requests we publish the rates of pay to members of the Forces operative since August 14, 1942:

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FAMILY ALLOWANCES

The allowances for wives and children are as follows, and are contingent upon the husband making an allotment of 4/- per day with his pay:

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ALIENS AND FARM PROPERTIES

This year’s Congress carried a resolution expressing concern over the policy of the Agricultural Bank in disposing of properties to aliens, and directed the Executive “to take suitable action to see that no further properties are leased, transferred or sold to any foreigner or his agent during the present war.”

The necessary representations were made to the Minister for Lands, as the Minister controlling the policy of the Agricultural Bank. The Minister has advised that in October 1939 the Bank Commissioners decided that they would sell only to British born subjects or naturalised British subjects, and they have not departed from this policy. The Minister

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SHOULDER BADGES

One of the resolutions carried by the 27th Annual Congress urged the restoration of the privilege of wearing the metal "Australia" badges on the shoulder straps by members of the first A.I.F. who are now serving with the forces. In reply to the League's representations, the Secretary of the Department of the Army replied that the matter was carefully considered, but it has been decided that the wearing of these shoulder badges should be confined to the present A.I.F. The Secretary added that the desire of those who favour the extension of this rule to members of the first A.I.F. now serving with the forces, is understood, but it is felt that the proposed extension might tend to obscure the significance of these titles. It is also felt that the former service of the members concerned is clearly distinguished, without the shoulder titles, by the medal ribbons and colour patches which they wear.

FATHER CHRISTMAS ON THE FIELDS

Veterans of two previous wars saw that patients in the Government and St. John of God Hospitals in Kalgoorlie received their Christmas this season. This happy result was due to the splendid co-operation of the South African Veterans' Association and the Kalgoorlie and Boulder sub-branches of the League. Father Christmas was a very busy man at the Kalgoorlie Government Hospital, when members of the three organisations were met by Matron L. Faran and the secretary (Mr. E. J. G. Stansfield). The president of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch (Mr. J. R. Hylton) was supported by the president of the South African Veterans' Association (Mr. H. Golding) and the secretary of the Boulder sub-branch (Mr. Vic O'Grady) in his seasonal greetings to the Matron and staff and to the children in the wards. Father Christmas then distributed toys and Christmas stockings to the children.

PREFERENCE TO RETURNED MEN

At a recent meeting of the Pensions and Employment Committee grave concern was expressed about the question of preference to ex-service men. That question is likely to become more acute than ever, as the present war goes on, and after hostilities end. In the present welter of bewildering circumstances, it is not easy to see just who will and who will not be returned men. The question of definition is not one which can be answered straight away. Moreover, an amendment of the Repatriation Act is pending, and this may help to solve a number of problems. Nevertheless, the League would like some declaration of policy by the Federal and State Governments. Such a policy could be declared easily enough and administered fairly enough for the Commonwealth.
and State Public Services. It should also be easy enough for governments to enact legislation enforcing the principle of preference in Government and private employments. The matter was discussed by the recent Federal Congress and it was suggested that each Branch draft something which might be used as the basis of a Preference Act. Two Branches, New South Wales and South Australia, have already done so. The Pensions and Employment Committee has deputed a sub-committee, consisting of the State President (Mr. Edmonds) and the chairman of the committee (Mr. Watt) to undertake the work of arranging suggestions for the Federal draft legislation. This Branch's recommendations will be submitted to the next meeting of the Federal Executive.

SUCCESSFUL CONVOYING

The smashing of a Japanese convoy at Le was reported on the same day as the arrival of a British convoy which arrived in a north Russian port, after beating off German attacks. The North Atlantic and the Mediterranean convoys have provided stirring chapters to the history of the war at sea. Equally successful in its efforts to eliminate the submarine danger off the east coast of the United States, Captain Lovette spoke of the great dangers of the northern convoy route to Russia. He added that if 50 per cent. of the supplies get through, the risk is regarded as being worth while.

Actually, Allied ships have been able to carry enormous quantities of supplies to Russia. In November last it was disclosed that, during the preceding 12 months, with heavy attacks on convoys bound for Soviet ports over the northern route, the great bulk of shipments have reached their destination in the 12-months period which ended in October last, more than 3,000 planes were among the aid shipped to Russia from Britain and the United States. Early in November, Mr. Richard K. Law, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, gave the House of Commons the exact figures of the cargoes placed aboard ships sailing for Russia. Among the items listed were more than 40,000 tanks, and various amounts of shells, small arms ammunition, machines, machine tools, medical supplies, and non-ferrous metals such as nickel and aluminium. "When you consider," Mr. Law commented, "how we could have used so readily much of that material in other theatres of war, and how little we had at home, you will realise that there is very little need for us to feel humiliated about what we have done for Russia."

A contemporary, commenting on Mr. Ded man's deadwood on Christmas advertising, said he could not see why, for instance, a draper should not advertise his existing stocks of frocks and tea-pots. Maybe; but many of us will wonder why drapers should be selling tea-pots at all.
AUSTRALIANS
Miss Ethel Campbell's Spirited Poem of the Last War
(In our December issue we reported that a member of the R.A.N. who had returned from three years' service overseas had mentioned that Miss Ethel Campbell of Durban is still doing all in her power for Australians calling at Durban. He recalled verses she published during the last war, and suggested that one poem, entitled "Australian," might be republished in "The Listening Post." It would be gratifying to Miss Campbell if she could see the many replies we have received to our request for a copy of her verses. They have all come from old Diggers in various parts of the country, who have cherished them throughout the intervening years. In thanking our many correspondents for their prompt replies, we regret we have not the space to publish all the other verses they have sent along.—Editor, "Listening Post.")

We stand on the shore of Durban,
And watch the transports go to England from Australia,
Hurrying to and fro,
Bearing the men of a nation—
Who are heroes to the core—
To stand or fall by the Motherland,
And they're sending thousands more! We've watched the ships returning,
With the cripple and the maim,
With limbs that trail and falter—
Their's an important name!
The deathless name of "Anzac," That thrills from Pole to Pole,
The remnants of the heroes On the long and glorious Roll.
And now in their tens of hundreds
Come the men to fill their ranks, And what can we do to show them Our love, our pride, our thanks? We can't do much, I own it,
But give them a passing cheer—
While the real elite beat a shocked retreat. Why they saw one drinking beer!
O God, could we show these misers The path that the Anzacs went? Could they rest in their beds at night time? Or live in their damned content? Could they talk with a sneer of Australians When one or two get drunk? I'd rather a drunk Australian Than a wealthy Durban funk!
He's a better man than you are, You dear treasured saint!
You do not drink—you will not fight; What wonderful restraint! We stand on the shore of Durban, For we are not all like you, And the glorious name of "Anzac." Thrills us through and through! But all we can do is to cheer them, And throw them an orange from the shore, We're not millionaires (like some are), Or perhaps we would try to do more. They're coming in tens of thousands, And here's to their honour today—
Here's to the Sister Dominon Who is showing us the way!

Plenty yet in most of us, and some were fighting fit;
All our applications got the answer;
This is it:
"You're too * old for the Army."

CHORUS
Thumbs up, thumbs up—we are the Vee Dee Gee;
The Old and Bold who stormed Gallipoli;
They used to call us heroes of the
A N Z A C—
But we're too * old for the Army.
All the week we toil like hell to get munitions made,
Whether it's a-freezing or a hundred in the shade;
Then we spend our Sundays on a Volunteer Parade—
But we're too * old for the Army.
If they'd only try us out, they'd realise our worth;
Actual war experience can balance date of birth.
We'd make just as good a corpse as anyone on earth—
But we're too * old for the Army.

The membership of the League in this State is 8,000; but it should be much larger. Certainly many members are away from their sub-branches, doing full-time duty with one or other of the services, but the sub-branches would like them to remain on the strength, even if it is not possible for them to attend meetings. One can always keep in touch by letter, and the chaps on the home front are always glad to hear from comrades who are away on more active duty.

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DARLAN AND GIRAUD

By our Special Commentator

It was characteristic of the German mentality that Nazi leaders should try to exploit the assassination of Admiral Darlan and make it a lever for sowing dissension between Britain and the United States. Regrettably as it may have been from an ethical standpoint, the murder of the French Admiral certainly provided a solution to a thorny problem. Many people in Britain could not understand the readiness with which the Allied leaders on the spot in North Africa accepted Darlan as an ally and a collaborator. Many of his own countrymen execrated him as a former collaborator with Hitler, the mass murderer of innocent French hostages. Even the most open-minded of the Admiral's critics saw in him the opportunist who once more fell on the right side of the fence. It was obvious that Darlan could not be fully trusted, at least not immediately, and it was equally obvious that he could never become a rallying point for all patriotic Frenchmen. His removal from the scene, crime though it was, has made room for General Giraud, whose leadership in North Africa will be a greater asset to the Allied cause. Recognising this, the Nazi propagandists promptly accused Britain of instigating a murder plot, which is precisely what they would have done themselves in a corresponding set of circumstances.

It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that the historians of the North African episode will present Admiral Jean Darlan to future generations as a misunderstood and, possibly, a much-maligned man. If that should happen, it will not be the first instance of a man being execrated by his contemporaries, but exonerated by historians in possession of all the facts of the case. American newspapers, which have just reached Perth, if they do not entirely white-wash Darlan, shed a new light on the subject, which makes it easier for us to understand why his collaboration should have been accepted so readily by General Eisenhower. It must be borne in mind that the Government of the United States has consistently tried to win the confidence of the Vichy Government, in the hope that Vichy might yet be induced to offer a more determined resistance to Axis encroachments. To that end, the United States carefully maintained diplomatic relations with Vichy, despite criticism of this course. This policy enabled the Allies to secure the collaboration of Darlan, and to present General Giraud in Algiers at the right moment. When that was done, General Eisenhower declared that "The Government of the United States has pledged itself to assist in providing arms and equipment for the new French Army." Algeria, by the way, is not a French colony. It is an integral part of France, with representatives in both Chambers of the French Parliament—before that Parliament was suspended—just like any Department of European France. The main significance of the North African episode is that an integral portion of France is now fighting on the side of the Allies, under the leadership of a great French soldier.

Possibly this development was foreseen by Admiral Darlan when he went to Algiers. He may even have worked for it. Shortly after the armistice which he authorised, it was reported that Darlan was in Algiers, where he was being entertained by one of the American generals with "the respect due to his dignity and rank." It was soon pointed out, too, that the Admiral was not with the French fleet at Toulon, nor did he order it to steam out to fight the British, as he could easily have done before Algiers capitulated. This, according to American contemporaries, recalls a well-authenticated story about him. After fighting well and faithfully through the early stages of the Battle of France, the Admiral is said to have seen that the game was up. He sent a final message to the principal officers of the French fleet: "Take no further notice of what I say or do henceforth, as I shall not be able to act as a free agent." Darlan, in spite of his reported anti-British utterances and his apparent pro-Axis policy, may possibly have been with the Allies at heart all along. He was not a seeker after the crown of martyrdom but one of those who bided his time and watched his opportunity to strike at the Axis gangsters when that opportunity came. Tortuous and hard-to-understand though it may have been, it was no more incomprehensible to the Allies than was the policy of Stalin during the first year of the war. Whatever Darlan may have been, and whatever were the motives that actuated him, the fact remains that, thanks to the armistice he authorised, Algeria, French Morocco, and West Africa, including the valuable base at Dakar, came under Allied control without any further bloodshed.

His successor, General Giraud, is a soldier of unquestioned integrity and a high military reputation. Added to this, he has a romantic presence and background which cannot fail to appeal to all true Frenchmen. He is 63 years of age, 6ft. 2in. in height, and just the type of figure around which the French forces and the French people alike might rally. This is the second war in which he has managed to escape after being held by the Germans. He was captured in 1914,

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but managed to escape from Germany. He served with the French Fifth Army, which was afterwards commanded by Gamelin, during 1915. Giraud's first disagreement with Marshal Petain occurred during the Rif campaign in Morocco in 1923, when he complained of the Marshal's lack of offensive spirit. At the same time, Giraud was one of the first to appreciate the ability of General de Gaulle, who was then a colonel. People in Allied countries are now awaiting with interest the coming interview between Giraud and de Gaulle. The former is much senior in rank and service to the leader of the Fighting French, but General de Gaulle enjoys a special status because he is the leader of an independent movement. However, even if the two leaders decide to follow separate paths, those paths will lead to and converge upon one goal: the eventual liberation of France.

REPATRIATION BENEFITS

The Joint Committee of the Commonwealth Parliament, which was appointed last year by the Curtin Government to review the Provisions of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, has now completed its labours and submitted its Second and Final Report to the Prime Minister. The Joint Committee is composed entirely of men who saw service in the last war, and who are members of the Federal Parliament. Both Houses of Parliament are represented on the Committee. During its investigations, the Committee surveyed the whole field of repatriation. Its conclusions have been expressed in the form of recommendations which, Mr. Curtin stated recently, have been considered by a sub-committee of the Cabinet. Senator Collett, a past president of this State Branch of the League, who was one of the Joint Committee, said it is believed that the Government will be in a position to place the necessary amending legislation before Parliament next month. The Bill, if drafted, may involve an entire re-casting of the present Repatriation Act. One important recommendation made by the Joint Committee was for a substantial increase in the present rates of war pensions. Others concern the basis of eligibility for war pensions and medical benefits for soldiers serving in Australian and Australian territories.

The recommendations put up by the Joint Committee are of a nature which the Committee considers fair, reasonable and practicable. Many aspects of repatriation were considered, and the Committee paid close attention to representations made by the League, the R.S. Soldiers' Association, and similar ex-service men's organisations. It is understood that the main features of the Committee's report contain proposals for increased rates of war pensions payable to ex-service men and their dependents; and also a clarification of the position of soldiers fighting in Australian territories, such as New Guinea, which are not now regarded as overseas territories. It is not known, of present, whether the Government will accept the Joint Committee's recommendations in full, but, as stated earlier, these recommendations will form the basis of the amending Bill. The amendments to the present Repatriation Act are expected to provide for the declaration, from time to time, of certain zones as theatres of war, thus overcoming the existing restrictions on pensions and other benefits, for members of the A.I.F. and the Australian Military Forces operating in Australian territories.

A USE FOR EMPTY TINS

Here is a use for those tins unwanted by the Old Metals branch and the Red Cross Waste Products! During the recent visit of the State Executive Women's Auxiliary to Wooroloo Sanatorium they found some of the patients busily engaged in the making of toys. Old tins and all sorts of discarded tinfoil were converted into aeroplanes, engines, small kettles, watering cans, etc., and attractively painted.

A firm in Perth has offered to buy all the stock made. The patients engaged in this work receive a small remuneration, and all profits go towards the Colony Scheme Fund. It has been noticed that the occupation has had a most salutary effect on the patients, and the doctors and matron are delighted with the results.

The scarcity of tin is a problem, however. To assist, the Medical Department, Murray Street, has offered to receive any discarded tins, which will be transported to the Sanatorium weekly.

NEW YEAR

We have known pain
And death; taught tears and heartbreaking;
We have been brave,
Stood steadfast in the fight,
Farewelied our sons, our husbands, fathers, brothers,
Gave of our best,
Nor failed in the night.

A New Year dawns!
The world once more heeds its coming.
The fight goes on;
Past ills are not condoned.
What have we now to steel us in the battle?
Nought but the urge
To safeguard all we owned.

Things we have evolved,
One hope, quiet peace and sunshine
Pass in review;
Inspire us, banish fear.
Upward we look, and onward tread we fearfully.
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— H. PERRY.

At the meeting of the State Executive on January 6 authority was given for the State President (Mr. T. W. Edmondson) to make tours of the sub-divisions in the Great Southern and Midland areas. Mr. Edmondson left Perth on January 13 on his Great Southern tour. His itinerary was as follows: Wednesday, January 13, Koongup; Thursday, January 14, Katoomba; Friday, January 15, Mt. Barker; Saturday, January 16, Albany; Monday, January 18, Narrogin.

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J.P.O." writes from Traraling: Let me add my meed of congratulation to the many others you have received on your article, re Beeby, in your October issue, and that in your December issue. It has puzzled many hundreds of people that this man should be allowed to criticise everything and anything in connection with the war, and I can assure you and Mr. Curtin that his uncurbed mouthings have not in any way assisted the war effort. I agree entirely with your remarks about the "anti-fascist League." Why is he exempt from call-up for service in one of the real anti-fascist leagues? Is this not an all-in-war? According to your October article, he does not even belong to the V.D.C. Is he a married man with a large family? His frantic howling for a "second front" is a sample of his intelligence and of how people can be misled. However, you are assured of the backing of all patriotic people in your efforts to find out why he gets preferential treatment from the Censor. It sounds like one of the "rackets" he so diligently unearths, or invents, and which he, with his rusty voice and soap-box style, so heartily condemns.

The Federal Executive is making representations to the Army authorities to enable the return, if practicable, of A.I.F. men who have served a thousand days in the Middle East, without being returned to Australia. The precedent of returning men to Australia after a long period of service abroad was established during the last war, when 1914 men were pulled out of the line and sent home during the latter part of 1918. The Armistice came before these war-worn veterans arrived home, so there was not time for the principle to be extended to men who came out in 1915 and so on. The point is, however, that the precedent established by the authorities, and the general opinion was that in this instance the official judgment was sound. The Federal Executive considers that the principle might well be adopted by the Commonwealth Government on this occasion. At the meeting of the State Executive on January 6 the opinion of the Federal Executive was unanimously supported.

The State Secretary has again reminded sub-branches that men who served in the Italian Army in the last war cannot join the League. Their eligibility for membership is suspended until the present war is over.

The State Executive is making another effort to secure an extension of the first penny section on north-bound tramways from the present end of the section at Roe Street to Francis Street. The effort is being made on behalf of the dependants of ex-service men who have to make visits to Command Headquarters at Francis Street. In January 1941 the Minister for Railways was asked to make the desired alteration. It was pointed out that a great number of dependants of men of the fighting services have business at Command Headquarters, and this concession would be of great advantage to them. At the time, the Minister was unable to accede to the request. Subsequently, the Government made concession fares available to service men and women in uniform travelling on the trams. The Press sub-branch considers that the time is opportune to make further representations for the desired extension of the penny section, especially as the extension will be in the interests of dependants of men in the fighting services. At its meeting on January 6 the State Executive agreed that another approach be made to the Minister for Railways with a further request for the extension of the section.

Pigeons are proving as useful in this war as they did in the last, though they carry out duties other than those of carrying messages. This it what a Royal Air Force corporal in the Middle East had to say about the R.A.F. Pigeon Service. "Even if they don't know much about pigeons, the majority of crews like to take them with them. In some sort of a way they seem to be good company in the aircraft. Great heights don't appear to affect the pigeons at all. In fact, at 22,000 feet, when all are wearing oxygen masks, they don't seem the slightest distressed. When released in the air they have to be thrown head downwards, facing the way the aircraft is going. This gives them a chance to get clear of the slip-stream. After circling round and getting their bearings, they go well down and make a bee-line for home, from three to four feet over the water, or hedge-hopping if it's over land, until they are a few miles from home. Then they take the air again and sail in. The courage and endurance of the pigeon is second to none to beaast or bird."

The United States War Department has renewed its plea for 18- to 19-year-old volunteers, pending a lowering of the draft age by Congress. This presents a strange contrast to our own policy of not sending younger men into the firing line, although this war is often referred to as a young man's war. Even so, Australia and New Zealand consider, in the light of experience, that the age limit should reach downward as well as upward. Just how far the Germans are dipping into the low age brackets is indicated by reports from Stockholm, that the names of boys under 18 are figuring...
A PAGE FROM THE PAST

Colonel H. B. Collett has sent us the subjoined extracts from writers on Roman history. They show very clearly that the problem confronting democracy at war were the same in the days of Ancient Rome as they are now. There were the same rumourmongers, the same amateur strategists, and the same ill-informed critics. In fact the only modern inconvenience not mentioned by Plutarch and Livy was the radio commentator. It all makes one wonder where antiquity ends and modernity begins. The extracts refer to are from Plutarch's biography of Lucius Aemilius Paulus, and from a report of a speech he made to the Roman Assembly contained in Livy's History of Rome. Lucius Aemilius Paulus was a Roman general who conquered Macedonia 133 years before Julius Caesar went to Britain. He was one of the best types of the Old Republican nobility.

This is what Plutarch says of him:

"...he showed a great severity in scrutinising and preserving his country's military customs and traditions also, not courting popular favour when he was in command, nor yet, as most men did at this time, courting a second command during his first by gratifying his soldiers and treating them with mildness; but, like a priest of other dread rites, he explained thoroughly all the details of military custom and was a terror to those who transgressed and so restored his country to her former greatness, considering the request of his enemies hardly more than an accessory to the training of his fellow citizens."

ADDRESSING THE ROMAN ASSEMBLY

he said:

"...you thought I could be the means of bringing this long-protracted war to such a close as shall be worthy of the greatness of Rome. Some things I can prognosticate, others I can feel hopeful about. This I venture to affirm with absolute certainty—I will strive to the utmost of my power, that the hopes you have formed of me shall not turn out to be vain.

"All measures necessary for the war the Senate has already taken, and as they have decided that I must start immediately, and there is nothing to hinder me, my distinguished colleague, C. Licinius, will carry out those measures with as much energy as if he himself were going to conduct the war.

"What I write to the Senate or to you, I ask you to believe, and not strengthen by giving credence to them, the idle rumours of which no one will confess himself the author. For it is a common experience, and I have noticed it especially in this war, that no one can be so indifferent to public opinion as not to find his courage and energy influenced by it. In all public places where people congregate socially or at private parties, there are men who know who are leading the armies in Macedonia, where their camps ought to be placed, what strategic positions ought to be occupied, and what military operations are necessary. At home, by what mode of land and sea transport supplies are to be conveyed, when actions are to be fought, and when it is better to remain inactive. And they not only lay down what ought to be done, but when anything is the contrary to their opinion they arrange the consult as though they were impeached before the Assembly. This greatly interferes with the successful prosecution of a war, for it is not everybody who can show such firmness and resolution in the teeth of hostile criticism as Fabius did: he preferred to have his authority weakened by the ignorance and caprice of the people rather than gain popularity by dis-service to the State.

"I am not one of those who think that generally not to offend; on the contrary, the man who always acts on his own initiative shows, in my judgment, more arrogance than wisdom.

"How then does the case stand? Commanders, I can only get the advice of thoughtful and far-seeing men: they have special experience of military affairs; then from those who are taking part in the operations, who know the country and recognise a favourable opportunity when it comes, who, like comrades on a voyage, share the same dangers. If, then, there is any man who in the interests of the Commonwealth feels confident that he can give me good advice in the war which I am about to conduct, let him not refrain to help his country, but go with me to Macedonia. I will supply him with a ship, a horse, a tent, and with his travelling expenses as well. If anyone thinks this is too much trouble, let him not try to act as a sea pilot whilst he is on the land. The city that affords poor subjects for conversation, let him confine his loquacity to these; he may rest assured that the discussions in our councils of war will satisfy us."

The story of the month is one told to a Press interviewer by Able Seaman J. Vanderweg of Adelaide. He was one of the crew of the Australian destroyer H.M.A.S. Nestor, which met her end in the Mediterranean just south of Crete on June 16. A.B. Vanderweg told the story when he arrived home, and in doing so he paid a wonderful tribute to the Nestor's commander, Commander A. S. Rosenthal, D.S.O., and Bar. Three-quarters of the Nestor's crew were South Australians. Commander Rosenthal is a Sydney man who was living in South Australia when he rejoined the Navy after the outbreak of the war. 'The Nestor,' he said, 'is not one of our warships, but it is a very fine one. We were rather lucky in her. When she was sunk, she was able to get away safely. The Nestor was a very fine ship, and the Nestor's crew was very good. They were very brave, and they were very well trained. They were very well equipped, and they were very well led.'
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**TARIFF:** 14/6 per day inclusive; 9/- per day, bed and breakfast; 24/10/- per week inclusive.
Many of the young Diggers now joining up with the metropolitan sub-branches are sons of men who served in the former war. The name of the late Rabbi Freedman will be ever green throughout the sub-branches of this State. It is therefore of special interest to old Diggers that his elder son, Staff Sergeant Cecil Freedman, having returned from the Middle East, is now a member of the Perth sub-branch. Before he enlisted he was a vice-president of the Perth sub-branch. Since his return from abroad, he has answered another call to arms by taking unto himself a wife.

Another young Digger to join up with the League is Stan Wiek, of the 2/16th Bn. He is now a member of Nedlands sub-branch. Stan Wiek is the son of Colonel G. P. Wiek, a senior Staff Corps Officer who was for many years on a Headquarters job at Swan Barracks.

Lieutenant Wally Crain of Nedlands sub-branch was seen in town before the year ended. He was looking very fit. Wally is very proud of his two boys. Sergeant-Pilot Alan Crain has recently gained his wings, while brother Bob is on the R.A.A.F. reserve.

Another member of Nedlands sub-branch, J. W. Armstrong, has two sons who are also doing swell. William is a Sergeant Wireless Air Gunner, and Ron is doing his bit with the A.T.C.

At their December meetings Osborne Park received a welcome invasion from members and young men of the district who are now serving with the forces. Foremost among these was Sergeant Bill Payne, who was secretary of the sub-branch when he joined the Army. Another was Mr. De Largie, who recently returned from overseas. A welcome visitor at the meeting on December 16 was Bob Croxford, of the R.A.A.F.

Our Osborne Park correspondent reports that Mr. Joe Datchens, the popular boniface of the Osborne Park Hotel, has been evacuated from hospital. Mr. C. Thompson, another Osborne Park member who has been on the sick list, is making favourable progress. We wish them speedy recovery and the best of health.

Charlie Walker, the newly-elected assistant secretary of the T.P.E.I. Association, served with the Lewis gunners of the 11th Bn. during the former war against the Huns. For a number of years he was secretary of the Fremantle and Districts sub-branch. No doubt his knowledge and experience of League matters will stand him in good stead and be well appreciated in his new sphere.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of two members of the T.P.E.I. Association, Messrs. D. W. Boggan and Alex Nicol, who have been called to higher duty. These two old soldiers were great and patient sufferers. Our condolences are extended to their relatives.

An interesting visitor to Perth during the month was Jim McGill, the secretary of the Calingiri sub-branch. Jim fought with the 32nd Battalion, and has served his sub-branch as president and secretary for over 13 years. Incidentally, Calingiri has, for all of its 21 years existence, been an active and useful sub-branch with good membership and sound finances. We understand that all but one of those eligible for membership are members of the sub-branch.

When Alf Yeates forms his Sergeant-Major Association (for the protection of their good C.O.) and he will be sure of an application for membership from D. K. (Dal) Fordham, the president of the Calingiri sub-branch, who served from Gallipoli as Sergeant-Major of the 12th Field Ambulance. Dal is now the V.D. I., having recently taken over from W. F. Shing, who has been promoted to 2/1.C. E. Coy, Northam Battalion.

Goldfields members of the League will be interested to hear that Geo Aylward, late "mine host" of "The Boulder Block," Fimiston, and the Lancefield Hotel, Beria, is now secretary of the Brunswick Junction sub-branch.

The Air Minister (Mr. Drakeford) has announced the postponement of the Victoria Cross to Flight-Sergeant Rawdon Hume Middleton, of Bogan Gate, New South Wales, for conspicuous gallantry during and after an air raid on Tunin. Although his bomber was damaged, and he was wounded, so seriously ill was he that he boarded another. He brought the machine back to Britain, and lost his life crashing it into the sea to avoid a forced landing in a thickly-populated area. The late Flight-Sergeant Middleton's V.C. was the first to be won by a member of the R.A.A.F. in this war, though two other Australians—Wing Commander H. I. Edwards and Squadron-Leader J. D. Nettleton—won the V.C. while serving in the R.A.A.F. These awards recall the circumstances under which the only V.C. to be won by an Australian flyer in the last war was earned. This flyer was Air Vice-Marshal Frank Hubert McNamara, then a junior officer in the Royal Flying Corps. He won the V.C. for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty in Palestine on March 20, 1917, during an aerial attack on a hostile construction train, when one of the British pilots was forced to land behind the enemy's lines. Lieutenant McNamara descended under cover of darkness, discovered the train, and while lying in the thicket, he rescued the other pilot and set fire to the abandoned machine. Although weak from loss of blood, Lieutenant McNamara flew his damaged aeroplane back to the aerodrome, 70 miles, and so completed the rescue of his comrade.

A good soldier and a fine citizen answered the Last Call when Captain W. F. S. E. Buchan passed away recently. Born in Scotland on June 6, 1870, he entered the Royal Navy as a boy in 1883. Then, after a spell at assaying, he enlisted in the Western Australian Engineers on September 10, 1889. His first experience of active service was with this famous regiment on the North-West Frontier of India, where he served in three campaigns: the Dera手中 Expedition of 1897, the Mauzau Expedition in 1893, and the Relief of Chitral in 1895. He came to Australia in that year, and linked up with the Australian Military Forces. During the War of 1914-1918 he served with the A.I.F., and afterwards was adjudant to the 3rd Australian Division of the Serbian Legion in 1917. He retired from the Army in June 1918, having reached the retiring age. In the same month he joined the Y.M.C.A. war organisation, with which he served in London and Edinburgh. While in Edinburgh he organised a parade in honour of Earl Haig, in which Allied troops on leave in the Scottish capital took part. At the outbreak of this war, Captain Buchan again answered the roll of duty with the Y.M.C.A., and did excellent work in the capacity of various camps in this State. He very reluctantly relinquished that work, having again reached an age limit in November 1941. Throughout last year he was on the staff of the Perth City Gardeners' office. He was a man of outstanding personal integrity and genial personality, and his passing will be deeply mourned by a host of friends and admirers.

One of the stalwarts of the West Leederville-Wembley sub-branch, Captain J. H. Jose, has been called to higher duty. The late Captain Jose saw active service in the South African War, as well as the War of 1914-18. He was a foundation member of the West Leederville-Wembley sub-branch, and a past president. Always active in the affairs of the sub-branch and the League, it was his duty, for many years, to read the roll of honour at the sub-branch's Anzac Day celebration.

News has been received from Bulawayo of the death of Major Darling, D.S.O. He served with Western Australian contingents in the South African War, and with the 44th Battalion of the A.I.F. in the War of 1914-1918.

Our Nedlands correspondent announces the death of Syd D. Roxburgh, who served with the 28th Battalion in the last war. Syd was a very good friend to the Nedlands sub-branch for many years, and helped many by his generosity. When the sub-branch was in extending sympathy and condolences to his widow and son, the Nedlands sub-branch was represented at the funeral by the president, secretary, and a number of members.

Congratulations to Doug Cummings, if the W.A. Police Force, on his recent promotion to the rank of sergeant. Doug served with the 1st Battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry in the last war, and was a prisoner of war in Germany after the armistice. When he heard of the sub-branch's interest, he was only 16 and he joined up. In his police job he has been a draughtsman in the Traffic Branch for something like 20 years; and it will be news to many Diggers when they are told that it was he who designed the Walsh-Pitman Memorial to the war dead in the Swan River Gardens.

W. W. Spencer writes: On behalf of the repatriated Diggers and ex-service men who are patients in the Woorooloo Sanatorium, we wish to thank all ladies of the R.S.I. and women's Auxiliary for their kindness extended to us during the Christmas festivities and their visits and gifts. The ex-Educated Mil len patients were pleased to see the familiar faces and enjoyed themselves as well as possible. Although we are away up in the hills, we know that we are not forgotten—and for that we are thankful. We tender our best wishes to all ladies of the auxiliaries, and our best wishes for a Happy New Year to all.
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One of the outstanding features of Mr. Curtin’s fight to secure the adoption of the One Army Plan has been the virulent opposition shown by the “Maxie-can-take-it” gang. This is the same gang that flogged itself to fury when Aircraftman Falstein was court-martialled and given an absurdly light punishment for a breach of discipline which took the form of trying to intimidate a commissioned officer. Although Falstein was smart enough to secure good passes in examinations, he was too dumb to forget that he was a Member of Parliament, and his friends Ward, Calwell and Senators Cameron and Amour seemed to think that a Member of Parliament carries all his privileges with him when at long last he puts on the King’s uniform. The Air Board thought otherwise. It dismissed Maxie’s appeal, and the voluble Maxie had to take it. One does not mind Members of Parliament sticking to a pal, as that is done every day in the week; but what was particularly nauseating was the way Maxie’s barracksmen sheltered behind privilege of Parliament in their cowardly attacks on the officer who “crimed” Maxie. Parliamentary privilege will be strained to the breaking point if an officer has to look for the approval of the back benches of the House of Representatives before he dares to enforce discipline.

Some of the arguments put up against the proposal to extend the sphere of service for militia men are neither very sane nor particularly virile. Senator Cameron, the gentleman who fled from the wrath to come and took refuge in the very exclusive Weld Club during the last war, speaking at the special conference of the A.L.P., declared that the Militia were needed for the defence of Australia. This eminent home-front strategist evidently does not realise that the best way to defend Australia is to keep the enemy as far from Australia as possible; but perhaps he anticipates a shortage of meat-eaters in the event of an invasion.

No fewer than 35,000 members of the Army in Overalls were absent without leave on New Year’s Day. Another striking example of devotion to the war effort.

The following is an extract from an Army Broadcast Service, delivered by Education-Major Alexander on January 12.

“Travel book is as good as travel because it brings travel to you if you can’t afford it.” And we let civilians gate-crash into the Army and give them field rank so that real soldiers may be told such profound truths as this.

According to the old proverb, “Many a true word has been said in jest.” Many a jest has also been turned to truth in this most amazing of the last century, in naval circles, the padre was called the “Sky Pilot.” Padre now serving with Parachute Battalions and with the Air Force are “sky pilots” indeed. The Parachute Battalion Padre goes through the same course as the men, and have to learn how to come down to earth by parachute, just like the other ranks. One padre is reputed to have said, on the occasion of his first descent, that all through his life he had put his faith in God, but it wavered for a few seconds in favour of the W.A.A.F. parachute packer.

No one can accuse Mr. Herbert Morrison, the British Home Secretary, of being what certain silly people call an “Imperialist.” Therefore, his review of the British Empire as a model for the world is both welcome and timely. When a supine censorship allows an ass like Edward Beeby to describe an Empire (and presumably the British Empire) as a political aspect of capitalistic monopoly, and when other semi-educated curiosities at home and abroad openly advocate the partitioning of the Empire, it is high time some really responsible person stood up and told the world what the British Empire means. Ever since Mr. Wendell Willkie indulged in verbal pyrotechnics in Russia and China last year one has heard and read many false prophets predicting the cutting up of the Empire. At least two important newspapers in the United States have suggested that Australian and New Zealand will federate with the United States after
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the war. Why this should be supposed is something few can tell. Even more fantastic was the suggestion of an American professor of history, that the time to dot the stage dieci ve h is own count ry men. Thi s is ot definit ion of war aims. No doubt this may f or the assassin ted, R ooseve lt automat ically ag airn ing di s ensio n in Allied ranks. Then he drew Ja ckson, who defe ated the Briti sh at Washing ton was the first President. The seventh Pre side nt was 1812. The seventh Pre side nt was be come junior rank on the Federal side were achie ved p op u la rity by rais ing a least one more. The The nomination of Mr. Edward J. Flynn by President Roosevelt as his personal repre sentative, as United States Minister to Australia, has raised a political hurri cane in America. At this distance we cannot judge whether the criticisms of the appointment are justified or not, though it would seem that our ambassador in such a post should be above suspicion. However, there have been so many questionable appointments on the home front in Australia during this war that our American Allies may have some justification for believing that we can stand at least one more.

If General MacArthur ever does become President of the United States, our Allies will have given yet another instance of ad hirin g to the established practice. Washington was the first distinguished soldier to become President. Monroe, of the Monroe Doctrine, and fifth President, served in the War of Independence and was Secret ary for War during the War of 1812. The seventh President was Andrew Jackson, who defeated the British at New Orleans. Zachary Taylor, the twelfth President, served with distinction in the war against Mexico. There was a regular success of returned soldier Presidents after the American Civil War. Foremost among these were Grant and Garfield. Others who held junior rank on the Federal side were Hayes, Arthur and McKinley. William McKinley had been a major in the Union Army, and his Vice-President, Theodore Roosevelt, achieved popularity by raising a regiment of rough-riders for service in the American-Spanish War of 1898. When McKinley was assassinated, Roosevelt automatically succeed ed him as President.

It's time Mr. Wendel Willkie realised that the word is growing very sick of Mr. Wendel Willkie. When he went to Russia and China he blew out this bag very rapidly about the so-called "second front," thereby encouraging dissension in Allied ranks. When he had something to say about existing territorial set-ups, with the implication that the British Empire must be partitioned, though he did not say among whom. Now, at this late stage of the war he is demanding a clearer definition of war aims. No doubt this may be a good build-up for Willkie's next run for the Presidency, but it is hardly likely he will deceive his own countrymen. This is not the time to dot the "i's" and cross the "t's" of a declaration of war aims; but we can tell Mr. Willkie at least one thing: We Britons, among whom all good Australians are included, are fighting to keep the British Empire intact, even if that means retaining the former "Status Quo" which seems to be an anathema to the strategists of the arm-chair and the microphone, and those who are doing the fighting, or have fought the Empire's battles in the past, will have the biggest say in post-war reconstruction. As to the future of the British Empire, that is a matter to be decided by the people of that Empire, and not by people outside it. For instance, if India is to have self-government, that is something that will result from an agreement between Britain and India. It will certainly not be dictated either by friend or foe. Similarly, the future of Hong Kong, whether it is to be returned to China or retained as a British colony, will be decided by Britain and China, and certainly not by Mr. Willkie or anyone who may think like him. The Empire in making arrangements of this nature will be following the path of evolution, from Crown Colony to Dominion Status, or even independence, which has been followed through the 19th and 20th Centuries. In doing so the Empire will certainly not be blinded into committing territorial harakiri just because someone else covets Empire territories. To yield to any such propaganda through mistaken notions of altruism would be equivalent to giving our enemies everything they have been fighting for.

**PRISIONER OF WAR FUND**

The State Executive gratefully acknowledges the following donations which amount to a total of £306/2/6 received at Head Office up to the 12th of the month.

Recently a discussion took place with the Chief Secretary's Department following upon complaints of overlapping and duplication in some country districts where Red Cross Societies were actively functioning and where the local R.S.L. were partners in combined district patriotic efforts. The committee has decided that so there should be no undue conflict—

1. Where there is an existing Red Cross Branch or District Patriotic Fund the R.S.L. sub-Branch activities be carried out under authority of such bodies, and moneys raised be remitted through the Red Cross Society P.O.W. Fund. The copy of the Financial Return in respect to the function to be forwarded to the State Executive.

2. That any special sub-branch efforts where the money can be sent direct to Anzac House be limited to a period expiring on March 31 next.

3. That where no Red Cross Branch or District Fund exists the sub-branch carry on under a delegated authority from the State Executive, but such authority to expire on March 31 next.

The committee also strongly urged that sub-branches make donations to the State Executive from their own funds, based on a monthly membership payment of 6d.

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The State Branch of the League has received a communication from the Federal Office in regard to a special allowance at service pension rates for non-pensionable members of the forces, who have been discharged, but are still unable to work. In reply to a letter forwarded by the General Secretary of the League on November 13, 1942, the Director-General of Social Services has advised that the Government has approved of a special allowance for non-pensionable members, who have been discharged from the forces, and who are still unfit to work. This allowance will be paid at "service" pension rates for a period of up to 13 weeks, during which the man concerned remains unfit to earn a living. The payments are to be administered by the Department of Social Services, and will be made subject to verification, from time to time, that the applicant for assistance is unable to work. The State Branches of the League have been advised that negotiations are now proceeding with the Repatriation Commission and the Departments, with a view to arriving at a uniform procedure in all the States for facilitating the dealing with claims, and the payment of allowances. As soon as these negotiations are completed, full instructions will be sent to the Deputy Commissioners of Pensions in the States, who will be responsible for the administration of the scheme. Meanwhile, claims now coming to hand are being dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

The payment of the allowance is, of course, in accordance with the League's wishes, but the coming of the Department of Social Services into the picture is something new and quite unexpected. It is felt by the League in this State that the matter is a repatriation issue, which should be handled by the Repatriation Commission. That was the view expressed when the correspondence concerning the special allowance was discussed at the meeting of the State Executive on January 6. The State Executive was unanimous in carrying the following resolution: "That this Branch of the League strenuously resents the handling of the rehabilitation of discharged members of the forces, including that of pensions, by any other Department than the Department of Repatriation."

Recently the W.A. Branch of the League was in a position to advise the Wollongong sub-branch. New South Wales, of the whereabouts of a lady resident in this State and in whom the New South Wales sub-branch was interested.

In advising Wollongong the State Secretary of the W.A. Branch recalled a function held at the Wollongong sub-branch clubrooms when delegates to a Federal Congress were entertained. Mr. W. H. Southall, Welfare Officer at Wollongong, in acknowledgment advised that at that time the sub-branch had a liability of £6,000, but despite additions to the premises costing £2,000 the sub-branch was now free of debt. They had a trust fund of £250, £300 and £1,000 in war loans, and members had subscribed £1,000 to the Austerity Loan. Mr. Southall states that Wollongong is definitely on the active list, and hopes at some future time again to have the privilege of entertaining delegates from Western Australia.
The Minister for the Army recently announced the formation of a new unit, the Army Catering Corps, under the direction of Sir Stanton Hicks. No doubt the new unit will include Catering Captain Hack and Warrant Officer Huck, who have been well and truly on the job in these parts. This part of the nominal roll seems to give Army catering in this State quite a Latin flavour—Hick, Hack, Huck—but one doesn’t suppose the troops will decline it.

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**Sub-Branch Activities**

(We regret that owing to restricted paper supplies and shortage of space, we cannot devote the amount of space to sub-branch notes that we should like to make available. Sub-branch correspondents are asked to help us by making their reports as brief as possible. Please report only actual happenings and send in personalities separately from the sub-branch notes. Further, the circumstances of the times have sadly depleted the staff of the paper and lengthened the working day of those who are left. To facilitate publication at the usual time, please see that your reports reach us by the eighth of each month. —Editor, "Listening Post."

OSBORNE PARK

The meeting on December 16 was the last of the year, and seasonal greetings were exchanged in the traditional manner. As there were no Christmas parcels for military pensioners this year, the sub-branch donated Christmas Cheer to those who had received gifts in former years. One function that was missing this year was the customary New Year Party, which has been a popular function for members. The president (Mr. A. Dans) and the secretary (Mr. W. Ashdown), made the customary New Year visit to incapacitated members, taking them messages of sympathy and comfort. The sub-branch last inaugurated a drive for the Prisoners of War, with a gift of £1 from Mr. Ben Branch, a totally disabled Digger of the former war who was also a compulsory guest of the Kaiser.

CARLISLE

Thirty-one members attended the half-yearly meeting on January 7. The president (Les Gilsenan) was in the chair, ably supported by the secretary, treasurer, and Charlie Finch as minutes secretary. The auditor’s report and statement of receipts and expenditure showed the funds to be in a very healthy state. It was decided to donate £5 to the Prisoner of War Fund. A gracious letter from the secretary of the women’s auxiliary (Mrs. Lilian G. Grofe) expressed appreciation for the complimentary social and presentation of a trophy by the sub-branch recently. It was agreed to hold the annual picnic at Como on Sunday, January 24. The committee will finalise arrangements and inform members accordingly. Arising from a report concerning the delayed pension granted to a soldier returned from this war, Mr. McLean Roberts emphasised the absolute necessity for ALL returned men to join the Returned Soldiers’ League as soon as possible in order to strengthen the endeavours of the League’s officials to improve upon the Repatriation Act. In supporting an appeal to increase membership, president Gilsenan pointed out the vast amount of experience gained over the past 25 years by the old Digger. This will serve immediately to assist new Diggers in their rehabilitation problems. “Indeed,” observed Les, “I am inclined to the belief that the new Digger will need our help.” The next monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, February 4, at the Hall. New members will be welcomed.

MAYLANDS

After business was disposed of, the fortnightly meeting on December 17 resolved itself into the Christmas and New Year social. During the evening presentations were made to Mr. Farnham for his outstanding interest and support of the sub-branch over a number of years; and to Messrs. Fuller, Buttenshaw, Hall, Byrnes and Len Grose. As the result of their consistent good work and the support they have given the president, treasurer and secretary (Messrs. Horton, Tobin and Cooke), the sub-branch was able to donate £350, between April and December, to various patriotic funds. In addition, another £350 was handed over to the Perth Road Board from the Poppy War Fund collection, for the Prisoner of War Fund. On December 19 the committee and members entertained the children of the district on the Memorial Park, where sports, amusements and refreshments were provided. On the following day a number of members topped off a busy week by accompanying the ladies of the auxiliary on a visit of entertainment and cheer to Leemos Hospital. Members are reminded that dances will be held in the Maylands Town Hall every Friday throughout the year. Good attendances are requested, as the proceeds go to the various patriotic funds.

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The teamwork will continue throughout 1943. The election of office-bearers will take place on January 28, so a good attendance is desired for that night. The Children's Christmas Party was a very successful function. This reflected great credit on the organizing work of the women's auxiliary, and Bill Kay proved a most efficient M.C. The final night of the year took the form of a members' smoko. It was one of the largest gatherings known in the history of the sub-branch. The arrangements were carried out under the direction of Barney Keely and George Black. The musical side of the show was looked after by Jack Holman and his black hand gang. It was pleasing to see young Charlie Buckenara with his three pips up, and Jim Baker, one of the sub-branch's S.S.L., back from overseas. The next meetings will be on January 28, February 11 and 25.

MOSMAN PARK

Our Christmas meeting was conducted in the usual convivial atmosphere, and apart from bare necessities business was relegated to the background. The hall improvements are proceeding apace under the capable guidance of our non-stop secretary, Dick Thomas. The response for volunteers to give a hand was very satisfactory, and contrary to first appearances, Dick will not have to "plough a lonely furrow" on the bricklaying, due to the unearthing of another skilled in that art from our ranks. Suggestions are sought from members regarding methods of raising cash with which to augment the League Prisoner of War Fund. The worthiness of this object is bound to make a strong appeal to all members. Our proposed sports night with Claremont sub-branch was postponed owing to the close proximity of the festive season, and should take place early in February. We are hoping to see some of the younger members of both sub-branches in action on this occasion. It is with regret that we report that Jack Nelson and Geo Joynes have each recently lost a son on active service in New Guinea. Our sympathy goes out to both of them and theirs, and also to Lou Vaughan, who recently had the sad misfortune to lose his wife. We were all pleased to see one of our new members in the person of Syd Ashworth (son of our president) home on leave from R.A.N. duties over Christmas. Syd looked well, and we all hope that it will not be very long before the termination of the war will enable him to follow the footsteps of his dad in active R.S.L. matters.

WEST LEEDEVELLE-WEMBLEY

The initial meeting for 1943 was held on Monday, January 11. The main business of the evening was the election of various office-bearers for the New Year. Mr. W. McCulloch remains in the presidential chair for a further 12 months, and Mr. V. E. Troode carries on as senior vice-president, with Mr. J. Everett as junior vice-president with a new vice-president in Mr. F. Stephens. Our genial secretary-treasurer, Mr. Geo H. Newton, was unanimously re-elected. Sports director, F. Stephens; auditor, F. Cornish; warden of the local Memorial, F. P. Gulley; sub-warden, Messrs. W. Haines and E. Tonkinson; publicity officer, V. E. Troode; committee, Messrs. C. Bolton, G. Daniels, S. Gordon, W. Haines, G. Harper, H. Harris, J. Harvey, A. Hood, A. Hughes, H. Ingle, V. Kinsman, W. Lehman, G. Tummell, E. Tonkinson, G. Warden and W. Kirton. Responding to an appeal just received from the Central Executive for regular subscriptions for a Prisoner of War Fund, this sub-branch...
Meeting was held on January 5, and everybody seemed quite satisfied at the change. In the past this meeting has always been postponed to allow members to get over the Christmas holidays, but this year it was not considered that there would be sufficient holiday to get over. The agenda was not heavy, the main item being the R.S.L. fund in aid of the Red Cross appeal for Prisoners of War. After some discussion a very useful committee was formed to go into ways and means of raising money, and they will report at the next monthly meeting. Bill Newick is rapidly getting into his stride as president, and if he keeps on as he is going he should enjoy a long spell in charge of the gavel—don't forget to use it either, Bill. Next meeting in the “Dug-out” at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2.

Fremantle City

The general December meeting was held a week earlier (December 17) on account of the proximity of Christmas. New members were welcomed in true Digger fashion. A letter was received from Captain Scott-Miller, commanding a unit of Imperial Royal Artillerymen, asking the sub-branch if Christmas Day hospitality could be extended to his men on the basis of two men to one home. A ready response was forthcoming, our worthy secretary himself providing for a round half-dozen—an Empire gesture from the R.S.L. The president reported on his reception by the state executive in bringing Mr. Johnson’s case before them. Members showed their appreciation, suggesting that personal contact was far better than wasting paper in letter-writing, with its consequent delay. The sub-branch thinks it was a case of vitiation, and awaits the state secretary’s report. The secretary reported on the case of the enquiry into the death of Mr. Spence’s son (one of our members) while serving with the military forces. Neither Mr. Spence or the sub-branch were satisfied with the circumstances governing his death as reported by the doctor in charge of the meeting.

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case, and as nothing could be done locally Mr. Hobbs interviewed Senator Fraser, with the result that an enquiry was held, when some satisfaction was given to the bereaved parents. The secretary was commended for his indefatigable efforts in getting the enquiry.

A letter was sent heartily congratulating the women's auxiliary on their fine effort on Poppy Day. All poppies were practically sold long before midday, and many hundreds more would have found a ready sale. The letter did not provide for the great response from the Allied armed forces. It was proposed to give the ladies a social in the near future. Just a reminder to our members that subscriptions are now due, and it would greatly facilitate the work of the committee if members could attend our next meeting, when that official will be at Wesley Hall early on Thursday, January 28. The State President (Tom Edmondson) will definitely be present, to welcome the new quarter and to be the guests of the Executive. The boys were regaled after the meeting with teas and coffee by the ladies of the canteen.

GLOUCESTER PARK

There was "standing room only" for late arrivals at the monthly meeting held on January 10. The Treasurer (Mr. O. C. Lothrop) tendered a hearty welcome to a number of new members and to several old members who have, owing to their absence from the city, been unable to attend meetings for some time. The letter did not provide for the ladies of Gloucester Park, who had been on service overseas with the second A.I.F. Charlie is the first member to have the opportunity to thank the sub-branch in person for parcels received while overseas. The ever-increasing attendance at meetings has made it necessary for us to seek new quarters. It is pleasing to learn, therefore, that future meetings will be held in the Wembley Hall, Hay Street (east), where the accommodation will be ample to meet all requirements. The Digger of our sick members are making satisfactory progress; but we regret to hear that Bill Trewern is again very ill. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery. The first meeting of the new quarter will be held on February 4, when it is expected that the attendance will be a record one.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The December meeting was held in the new quarters, the Stanley Hall, Canning Road, East Fremantle, on the 23rd. It took the form of a social evening. Approximately 200 members were present. The meeting opened at 7.40 p.m. continued until 8.45, and from then on until midnight, a real Digger spirit prevailed. Musical numbers by the band were interspersed with items from talented members of the sub-branch. The evening was voted one of the most enjoyable on record. Alex Maru, Chitter Brown, L. Brickhill, Bob Mustard, Jock Edwards and J. Hazlett contributed largely to the night's entertainment. The New Year began with over a 300 financial membership—an increase of over 100 during the past three months. And they're still rolling in. The local unit of the V.D.C. has reopened the books, and new recruits will be welcomed on Sunday mornings at the Bowling Club, East Fremantle, at 9.30.

Women's Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

Mrs. J. McKinlay writes: December was a busy month for both Executive and branch auxiliaries. The bridge party held in aid of the Eastern Suburbs War Memorial Fund raised £24 despite a very hot afternoon. Donations were received from branches unable to attend. The R.S.L. and their Girls' Social Circle were the hostesses on Christmas Day at the Phyllis Dean Hostel. Hundreds of troops were entertained to dinner, tea and dancing. The auxiliaries now staff the new Friendly Union Hotel every eighth day. Mrs. Stockman reports that the Blanket Fund has reached £89.

All our invalid, aged and sick ex-service men were well catered for during the Christmas season. Lenmos started the month with an afternoon, organised by the State Executive motor outting committee on behalf of Merredin auxiliary. The function took place at the R.S.L. Hall, Subiaco. This was followed, the same week, by an outing to Mosman Bay with the Subiaco auxiliary. Matron reported seven other parties to take place, and also the arrival of eggs, tinned fruit and cakes. Patrons were the recipients of individual gifts as well from several branches.

Sunset had outings to Mt. Hawthorn and Spearwood, with several high teas at the R.S.L. ward, in which all could participate. Country branches remembered them with the usual boxes of good cheer. Three members of the State Executive visited Heathcote, where they had afternoon tea with some of the patients. Cigarettes and sweets were distributed. The Home of Peace and Eventide were not forgotten. Gifts most suitable for the patients' needs were taken to them. Mrs. Kirby volunteered to make up and dispatch New Year parcels to the Naval Convalescent Home, some distance out of Fremantle. To visit our Edith Millen friends and all soldiers patients at Woorooloo, five members of the Executive motored there. They carried Christmas Cheer from several auxiliaries unable to make the journey, and also a gift to each soldier patient of this and the last war, not forgetting the relatives of R.S.L. members who were killed in service. Matron Lochhead explained the purpose of the Colony Scheme, and we were able to watch the toy-making. For the latter, discarded tinware is urgently needed, and may be left at the Medical Department, Murray Street, Subiaco. Letters have reached us from the patients, thanking us for our visit.

During the concluding weeks of the War Loan Appeal auxiliaries staffed a second exhibition of war photographs, this time in Forrest Place.

Mrs. Hopper has forwarded all group leaders of the camouflage net-makers a letter of appreciation from the army liaison officer. In it he states: It would be appreciated if members of your group be informed of the great service they have so splendidly done in the past in fabricating the camouflage nets...The same enthusiasm is shown now as was evidenced when the movement was first started. It is therefore hoped that all members of your group will shall know that, not only great value is placed on their effort, but that the Defence Department is conscious of the fact that an immense amount of work is done, much of it at personal inconvenience.

Mr. T. Edmondson, State President, was welcomed at one of our meetings recently, where he was introduced to each member. He assured him of our solid support in all R.S.L. projects. In reply, Mr. Edmondson informed our Auxiliary President, Mrs. Pope, that all must work is done. Our duty was clearly to see to his welfare, not only now, but in the days to come when his task is completed and he is ready to return to civil life.

Following upon this, comes the R.S.L. appeal for the Purchase of War. Our auxiliaries are asked to co-operate with their sub-branches so that the League's contribution may be a substantial one. All donations sent to Anzac House will be forwarded each month to the State P.O.W. Red Cross Fund. A sub-committee of the R.S.L. State Executive has been formed to further the appeal, and I have been asked to represent the auxiliaries on it, so that all efforts may be co-ordinated.

Gifts are sent to all auxiliaries from the members of the State Executive, and all feel that our activities in the New Year may be blessed with harmony and success.

SUBIACO

About 27 members attended the monthly meeting on December 16. At the commencement of the meeting condolences were tendered to Mrs. McCallum, whose husband, an R.A.A.F. officer, has been killed in action in the Middle East. The War on auxiliary donated 25/- for cigarettes and other Christmas cheer for patients at Lenmos. Sister Mary Williams thanked the committee for donations of stockings, hot water bag covers and uplifters which were most acceptable. Mrs. Strut (vice-president) presented the president (Mrs. Pope) with a bouquet of flowers and the good wishes of the auxiliary for Christmas. During the month of December members visited and took gifts to the Old War Fric Home, Forrest Place, Guildford, and to Sunset. Patients at Lenmos were entertained to lunch and afternoon tea. Workers from Davies Road were the auxiliary's guests at a Christmas dinner and entertainment at the State Park. The month's activities ended with the auxiliary social on December 18, when a very successful and enjoyable time was spent.
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12th and 52nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION
The annual reunion was held on December 19, with the president (H. Hopperston) in the chair. Over 60 were present. Messages were read from country members who were unable to attend, through petrol restrictions, but who forwarded donations as usual. Jack Harvey and Jack Hopkins were thanked for their handsome assistance to the association funds. The secretary's report showed that interest in the association is being maintained. Other unit associations represented were the 11th, the 28th, the 44th, and other kindred units. The election of officers will take place at the next meeting, which will be held on or about January 29.

TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION
Reports read at the annual meeting on December 17 reflected the great progress made throughout 1942. Membership has increased substantially, and finances are on a sound basis. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. W. P. Griffiths, J.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Munyard and W. H. Carr-Boyd; secretary, H. W. Rigg; assistant secretary, C. C. Walker; treasurer, G. W. McPhee; auditors, Colin Walker, Esq.; and solicitors, Messrs. Dwyer, Durack and Dunphy; committee, Messrs. T. P. Nankervis, F. Hallett, J. Moorman, L. S. Averly, J. E. Johnson, G. M. Louden, W. E. Shearer and A. Wallace. Among the visitors were Mrs. Wyne, president of the Maylands auxiliary. Members of the Maylands auxiliary have been very good to the association during the year, providing afternoon tea, and having friendly games of darts. Mrs. Rankin, president of the North-East Fremantle auxiliary, was also a welcome visitor. After making a very happy speech, she presented the association with a Treasury note for £10, as a gift from her auxiliary. This interest displayed by the auxiliaries is greatly appreciated by members.

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION
The monthly meeting on January 4 was well attended. Many subjects were discussed and much useful information was obtained. The main objects of this organisation are to promote the welfare and conserve the interests of partially blinded soldiers; and to make all possible efforts to secure suitable employment for them. The next meeting will be held in Room 33, Bon Marche Chambers, Barrack Street, at 8 p.m. on February 1. A full attendance is desired. Further particulars regarding the association and its activities can be obtained from the secretary, Mr. Mackay, of 51 Hardy Street, Hollywood.

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State Executive

DECEMBER 12
At the meeting of the State Executive on December 12 there were present Messrs. Edmondson, Yeates, Williams, Anderson, Margolin, Cornell, Watt, Mansbridge, Smith, Wood, Collins, Harvey, Baker and Bateson.

Finance Committee—The report of the Finance Committee was adopted after the following alteration had been made: Basic Wage Adjustment—that the principle of the basic wage adjustment should apply to the Income from the Emergency Fund, and that this be made retrospective for a period of two years from the date Congress passed the resolution. Salaries and wages will be subject to any future rise or fall in the basic wage.

Anzac Club—The report of the Anzac Club Committee was received and adopted. The report recommended that an occasional license be obtained for December 24, until 9 p.m.

A.W. Fund—The report of the first meeting of the committee appointed to consider ways and means of raising funds for prisoners of war was submitted and adopted. Included in the recommendations was one that the Executive head the list of donations with £100 from the Emergency Fund, and that monthly payments should be made to the Red Cross Society.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund—It was recommended that the trustees of the W.A. Aged Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Relief Fund should be advised that the time had arrived when disbursement from accumulated monies in their care should be made. It was decided to arrange for a meeting between the trustees and the League committee to decide upon the method of operating upon the fund.

Visits—The following visits were reported: The State President (Sunset, Army Education Service, West Perth), Kalgoorlie, Boulder.
Executive Meetings.—A motion was carried that, in future, State Executive meetings be held on Wednesday evenings. It was resolved that the next meeting would therefore take place on January 6. It was also resolved that those Executive delegates who were not present be advised of the change and that they be asked if such change is suitable; if not, would they indicate suitable nights in order of preference.

Federal Congress.—The State President submitted the delegates’ report on the Federal Congress. Questions arising from the report such as preference to returned soldiers, suitable land schemes, etc., were referred to the committees concerned. A vote of thanks was tendered to the delegates, Messrs. Edmondson and Yeates.

Senior Officer, V.D.C.—The Melville sub-branch raised the question of the abolition of the position of No. 1 Group Commander, V.D.C., as a full-time duty position. They urged on behalf of the officer concerned that the matter be referred to Headquarters for further consideration. It was agreed to acquiesce.

Employment Tramway Department.—The Gloucester Park sub-branch protested against the alleged engaging of men of military age and physical fitness by the Tramway Department while eligible returned soldiers were available. It was agreed to ask for further particulars. Further particulars were also required concerning the question of semi-military clothing.

Returned Naval Men.—Gloucester Park sub-branch pointed out that returned naval men were not issued with a badge which would indicate that they had seen active service. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Federal Office.

Medical Examination.—A communication from the Mr. Lawley-Ingleswood branch in regard to medical examinations was received.

Article “Daily News.”—A communication from the Mosman Park sub-branch relative to an article which appeared in the “Daily News” on November 26 referring to aerodromes was received and referred to the publicity censor.

Club Premises.—The Mr. Hawe sub-branch again wrote concerning the opening of Club premises after 6 p.m. The State President undertook to communicate with the sub-branch, substantiating the action already taken by the State Secretary in interviewing members of the Licensing Board. It was resolved that the Club committee again investigate the possibility of opening the Club premises after the present closing hour.

Manpower.—The Northam sub-branch took a serious view of the great number of men who are not called up for any service. They quoted instances. Their complaint has been referred to the Deputy Director General of Manpower, from whom a reply was awaited.

Aliens.—The Ooty sub-branch urged that all people of British, and alien nationality in Australia be forced to take the oath of allegiance and that no one should be allowed to hold any public office whatever unless such oath had been taken. The letter was received and the reply left to the State Secretary.

Discharge Certificates.—Correspondence was received from Collie sub-branch referring to the endorsement of discharge certificates. The reply was left to the State Secretary.

Canteen Services.—A complaint from the Dwellingup sub-branch concerning the lack of canteen services was received. It was agreed that enquiries be made on their behalf.

League Subscription, Service Pensions.—The South Perth sub-branch suggested that service pensioners be granted full League membership, the sub-branch to pay capitation fees from general funds. It was resolved that the constitutional position be explained to the sub-branch, and that if they so desire such action on their part would be quite in order.

Uniform Prices Primary Products.—Communication from the Darling Range sub-branch on this subject was referred to the Land Committee.

Edward Beely.—Northam sub-branch protested against an article which appeared in a recent issue of the “Listening Post” concerning this man. It was resolved to advise the sub-branch of the terms of the resolution carried at the Executive meeting held on November 14 concerning subversive propaganda, and that it was not the policy of the Executive to interfere with the publication of the “Listening Post” unless such articles infringe the policy of the League. During the discussion it was pointed out that this was the only instance of any disagreement with the article.

Tramway Service to Hollywood Hospital.—The West Leederville-Wembley sub-branch requested that a better service be provided to the Hollywood Hospital on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. It was decided to refer this to the Tramway Department.

Sympathy.—It was agreed to extend sympathy to General Bessell-Browne in his recent illness, and hopes for a speedy recovery.

Condolence.—Delegates were advised that Captain Jose, of West Leederville, had recently passed away. It was agreed that condolences be forwarded to relatives.
Delegates were advised that Major J. O'Neill had lost a son in this war. The League's sympathy was extended.

Broadcast Roster.—The following was arranged for R.S.L. broadcasts: December 24, Mr. C. E. Baker; December 31, Mr. H. E. Smith; January 7, Mr. E. S. Watt; January 14, Mr. O. J. Williams.

JANUARY 6

At the meeting of the State Executive on January 6 there were present Messrs. Edmondson, Williams, Anderson, Margolin, Cornell, Watt, James, Thor, Zeffert, Olden, Mansbridge, Smith, Wood, Collins and Bateman.

Sympathy.—Sympathy was extended to the State Secretary on his illness, and hopes were expressed for his early recovery.

Pensions Committee.—A report dealing with special allowances for non-pensionable members who are discharged from the forces is covered in another part of this issue.

Membership Committee.—The report of a meeting of the Membership Committee held on December 15 was received and adopted. It was resolved that the reception of troops by League officials at the Claremont Camp should be handled by the Membership Committee.

Sub-Branch Presidents and Secretaries.—A report of the meeting of sub-branch presidents and secretaries, held on December 17, was received. A suggestion arising therefrom that Certificates of Service should be brought up to date was adopted.

Land Committee.—It was reported that the Land Committee had met on two occasions recently, and that the full Land Committee would meet on January 15, after which a report would be submitted to the Executive.

P.O.W. Fund Committee.—The report of a meeting of the Prisoner of War Fund Committee on December 21 was received. Several suggestions were made and noted for consideration by the committee at its next meeting.

Visiting Committees.—The Visiting Committee reported having visited Heathcote, Lennox and Claremont Hospitals before Christmas. Christmas Cheer was distributed to patients in each institution. At Lennox a matter concerning requisitions for finance by patients from their own private resources was satisfactorily adjusted. The circumstances surrounding the delay in satisfying the wishes of patients in this regard has been reported to the Minister.

Visits.—Visits to sub-branches, etc., were reported as follows: The State President (Old Men's Home, Citizens' Reception Council Buffets and Hostels, West Leederville, Nedlands sub-branch Choral Society, the first meeting of the Perth Road Board Prisoners of War Fund, annual Boy Scouts' meeting, North Perth sub-branch, and Ward XI); Mr. Bateson (Perth Hospital); Colonel Mansbridge (Bunbury sub-branch).

Authority was granted for the State President to visit Albany and intermediate sub-branches, and Geraldton and intermediate sub-branches.

Executive Meeting Night.—As the result of replies received from Executive delegates on the question of the most suitable night for Executive meetings, it was resolved that the meeting place on alternate Wednesdays from this date.

Broadcasts.—The following roster was arranged for R.S.L. broadcasts from Station 6PM: January 14, Mr. Smith; January 21, Mr. Zeffert; January 28, Mr. Wood; February 4, Mr. Edmondson.

Returning Men from the Middle East.—The Victorian State Branch suggested that if practical the men served 1,000 days or more without returning to Australia should now be brought back. The Executive concurred in this suggestion.

Working Dress, V.D.C.—The Government advised that sufficient material was not available for this purpose. A copy is to be sent to the V.D.C. Commander.

Fitting Gas Producers.—A communication was received from Manjimup sub-branch pointing out difficulties confronting farmers who are asked to fit gas producers to their vehicles, and urging modification of the regulations. It was agreed that the matter be taken up with the Liquid Fuel Control Board.

War Nurses' Hostel Fund.—A request was received from the War Nurses' Hostel Fund for a donation from the Emergency Fund. The matter was left in the hands of the State President.

Old Contemporaries' Association.—A circular issued by the secretary of this association to its members containing derogatory references to the R.S.L. had come under the notice of the office, and a communication had been addressed to the association requesting an explanation. No reply had been received. The action was endorsed.

Post-War Reconstruction.—A communication from Merredin sub-branch on this subject was received and referred to the Problems Committee.

Reduced Tram Fares.—The Press sub-branch urged representations to the Tramway Department for the extension to Francis Street of the penny section now terminating at Roe Street. This matter had previously been represented to the Tramway Department. The Press sub-branch pointed out that in view of concessions recently granted to members of the forces, further representations should now be made. It was resolved to accede to the request.

Burials Ex-Imperial Men.—Correspondence from Kalgoorlie sub-branch regarding funeral expenses for Imperial ex-servicemen was received, together with the reply forwarded by the Secretary.

Allies' Day Fund.—This organisation requested the help of the League in staffing certain stands in Perth on their appeal day on January 15, as well as assisting in Fremantle. The matter was referred to the Women's Auxiliary, who had undertaken to assist.
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

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<td>1st Sunday, 9 a.m.</td>
<td>E. W. Getty</td>
<td>A. C. Thomas, Gutha</td>
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<td>HARVEY</td>
<td>R.S.L. Memorial Hall</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>T. W. D. Smith, Herbert Rd.</td>
<td>H. D. Johnstone, Box 28, Harvey</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute</td>
<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 a.m.</td>
<td>J. R. Hylton, Great Boulder</td>
<td>D. J. Edwards, Kalgoorlie</td>
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<td>KIMBERLEY</td>
<td>Derby</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>Jack Sherriff</td>
<td>H. Ulrich</td>
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<td>KATANNING</td>
<td>Clubrooms, Corey Street</td>
<td>On 1st and 3rd Sundays, 2 p.m.</td>
<td>W. McCallum</td>
<td>W. Bailey, Katanning</td>
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<td>KELLERBERRIN</td>
<td>Tammin, most quarterly</td>
<td>3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m.</td>
<td>T. O. Chambers, Kellerberrin</td>
<td>T. G. Griffin, Kellerberrin</td>
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<td>KOORLA</td>
<td>Koorda</td>
<td>Quarterly (committee 1st Monday)</td>
<td>E. W. Robinson, Koorda</td>
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<td>KULIN</td>
<td>R.S.L. Institute</td>
<td>Last Saturday, quarterly (Jan, April, July, Oct.)</td>
<td>R. A. Cameron, Kulina</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>H. D. Palme, Lake Grace</td>
<td>W. A. Turner, Lake Grace</td>
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<td>LADY KING</td>
<td>Lake King Hall</td>
<td>2nd Sunday in month</td>
<td>R. D. Allen, Lake King</td>
<td>E. C. Smith, Lake Grace</td>
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<td>MANNING</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, Mannum</td>
<td>2nd Thursday each month</td>
<td>Lou Thompson</td>
<td>Geo. A. E. Major, Mannum</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper-room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday, 7.30</td>
<td>S. Horton, Alma Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>A. Cook, 189 Railway Terrace, East Fremantle</td>
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<td>MECKERING-CUNDERIN</td>
<td>Meckering and Cunderin Hotels, alternatively</td>
<td>First Wednesday in month, at 6 p.m.</td>
<td>Mr. F. Kessel, Meckering</td>
<td>T. G. Griffith, Meckering</td>
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<td>MENDEDIN</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>1st Sunday in month</td>
<td>Eric Henderson, Mendelin</td>
<td>C. H. Jacobson, Mendolin</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>R.S.L. Branch Rooms, Railway Parade</td>
<td>1st Monday in month</td>
<td>V. Cooper</td>
<td>H. H. Wilkes, Mendelin</td>
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<td>MORGAN PARK</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, Johnstone Street</td>
<td>1st Thursday in each month</td>
<td>I. H. Cole, 38 Harper Street</td>
<td>Len Wilkins, 32 Breakfast Road, Midland Junction</td>
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<td>MOORA</td>
<td>Road Board Room, Moora</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>G. A. Ashworth, Bond Street, Moorabool</td>
<td>R. G. Thomas, 7 Lillian St., Collie</td>
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<td>MT. BAKER</td>
<td>Committee Room, Mt. Barker</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>Col. Nicholson, Moorabool</td>
<td>C. Ryan, Moorabool</td>
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<td>MT. MAGNET</td>
<td>Lecture Hall, Mt. Magnet</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in month</td>
<td>K. S. Atkinson, Mt. Magnet</td>
<td>H. A. Morphet, Mt. Magnet</td>
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<td>MT. TALBOT</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Memorial Hall, Oxford Street, Talbot</td>
<td>1st Thursday in month (Pension Monday)</td>
<td>G. Blay, 14 London Street, Talbot</td>
<td>J. Morton, 344 Oxford Street, Mt. Hawthorn</td>
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<td>MT. MARSHAL</td>
<td>Rd. Board Hall, Benkabin</td>
<td>1st Friday, monthly</td>
<td>F. Polinori, Benkabin</td>
<td>V. I. Hammond, Talbot</td>
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<td>MT. WAYLANDS</td>
<td>Walthall Rd, Wayland, Mt. Wayland</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>W. Nevin, 39 Hunt Street, Talbot</td>
<td>D. Pullar, Swan Barn, Perth</td>
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<td>MUKINBUDIN</td>
<td>V.D.C. Headqu</td>
<td>Quarterly, 1st Friday in the month</td>
<td>T. Connor</td>
<td>S. Goodchild</td>
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<td>MUNDARING &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Alternately, Mundaring, near Avoca</td>
<td>4th Friday of the month</td>
<td>J. Wilsén, Mundaring</td>
<td>R. H. Rutherford, Mundaring</td>
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<td>NARROGIN</td>
<td>R.S.L. Institute</td>
<td>2nd Thursday in each month</td>
<td>J. Cranbrook, Narrogin</td>
<td>T. Hogg, R.S.L. Institute, Narrogin</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
<td>Picture 7 Building, Broadwater Lands</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>R. W. Perry, 22 Cooper St., Nedlands</td>
<td>I. E. Jeffery, 8 Thomas Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>NEWCASTLE</td>
<td>Newcaste</td>
<td>Quarterly, 1st Friday in March</td>
<td>G. Coldwell, Newcaste</td>
<td>Nedlands Phone WM1211</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway N. Hampton</td>
<td>June, September, Dec., 1st Friday in each month</td>
<td>E. J. Tomlin, 38 Winsor Rd., N. Hampton</td>
<td>H. W. M. Carter, Wellington House, 23 King Street, Perth</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>L. C. Smith, Gordon Street</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.</td>
<td>C. F. Franz, Northampton</td>
<td>E. C. Smith, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>S. Blewitt, S. of Wallaroo Rd., Wallaroo Road, Mt.</td>
<td>3rd Monday at 8 a.m.</td>
<td>H. T. Kington, Grant’s Patch</td>
<td>C. G. Curdine, 154 Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>3rd Thursday in each month</td>
<td>3rd Monday at 8 a.m.</td>
<td>E. O. Davies, 77 Mabel St., North Perth</td>
<td>E. F. Fitzgerald, Grant’s Patch</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, Main Street, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Friday in month</td>
<td>A. Dams, 149 Carr Street, East Perth</td>
<td>W. Ashdown, 75 The Boulevarde, East Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, Main Street, Perth</td>
<td>Every 4th Friday</td>
<td>W. G. Hood, 28 Thompson Road, Claremont</td>
<td>D. Ford, Pinningly</td>
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<td>PIDNELL</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in month</td>
<td>J. T. Kingdon, Grant’s Patch</td>
<td>C. Ford, Pinningly</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>77 McArthur St.</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in month</td>
<td>H. T. Kington, Grant’s Patch</td>
<td>J. T. Kingdon, Grant’s Patch</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 9 a.m.</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in month</td>
<td>T. F. Thomson, Pithara</td>
<td>H. G. Ord, Pinningly</td>
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<td>QUARRING-DINGAN</td>
<td>3rd Sunday in month</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>H. M. Woode, Quarrington</td>
<td>L. G. Browning, East Pithara</td>
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<td>REEY</td>
<td>T. F. Thomson’s Buildings</td>
<td>1st Sunday in month</td>
<td>E. Lowe, Reevey</td>
<td>T. W. Piddington</td>
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<td>SHENTON PARK</td>
<td>Progress Mill, Onslow Road</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday</td>
<td>R. Ogg, 266 Nicholson Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>J. F. Evans, Compound, Reedy</td>
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<td>SHACKLETON-KWOLIN</td>
<td>Woolyin Hotel</td>
<td>2nd Sunday in each month at 8 a.m.</td>
<td>D. F. Barr, Shackleton</td>
<td>E. F. Bishop, 55 Anderdon Road, Sheen Park</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>3rd Thursday</td>
<td>1st Saturday in every 3rd month from June, 1st-10, at 8.15 p.m.</td>
<td>W. A. Thomas, 24 Francis Street, Subiaco</td>
<td>I. H. Lester, 112 Hay St, Subiaco</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELIN</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>H. Riley, Trayning</td>
<td>I. A. Paterson, Trayning</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Mar Hall, Sallard Street</td>
<td>Every 4th Sunday</td>
<td>T. J. Fitzsimmons, 37 Rathay St, Victoria Park</td>
<td>P. Matthew, 3 Manchester Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY</td>
<td>Tow Il, Cambridge St, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>William McCallum, 75 Kimberley St, West Leederville</td>
<td>Geo. H. Newton, 4 Rutland Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>WESBURN</td>
<td>W. A. Thomas, 24 Francis Street, Subiaco</td>
<td>2nd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. Schultze</td>
<td>B. R. Mitchell</td>
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<td>WYALLETCHEN</td>
<td>W. W. Wall</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>G. H. Riches, Tel. No. 41</td>
<td>B. S. Moore, Tel. 10, Box 7, P.O. Wyalkatchen</td>
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<td>WAROONA HAMEL</td>
<td>Leaser Hall</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>C. C. Crayden, Waroona</td>
<td>S. J. White, Wyalkatchen</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>L. W. A. Carter, c/o. Lands Department, Perth</td>
<td>L. W. Boyd, c/o Agricultural Bank, Perth</td>
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<td>WICKEPIN</td>
<td>Wickers Hotel</td>
<td>2nd Saturday in each month</td>
<td>E. R. Biddle, Wickership</td>
<td>H. D. Hadow, Wickership</td>
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<td>YEALINGHER</td>
<td>Commercial Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>A. Kelly, Yealering</td>
<td>W. Dawes, Yealering</td>
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<td>YOUAMI</td>
<td>Yealering Hotel</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>A. I. Burtwell, Palhol, Yar</td>
<td>M. G. Malley, c/o Y.G.M. Ltd. Youami</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
<td>Wooloon Hotel</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>D. C. Johnaton, Youami</td>
<td>L. A. Ingles, Staff Writers, Wiluna Gold Mines Limited</td>
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