Are We Properly Prepared for a New Order?

One can hardly pick up a paper, or listen-in to the wireless, these days without being made aware of the tremendous amount of thought being concentrated in all countries upon the new order, which will rise phoenix-like from the ashes of the old, when victory comes as the recompense for these years of anxiety and suffering. In all that has been said and written, there is a general agreement that many aspects of what, for want of a better name, is called the old order, must be eradicated and replaced by something that will give man a better chance to become the master of his destiny.

There is a general agreement on man's right to happiness and a decent standard of living, on his right to freedom from fear and freedom from want in a better organised society. Even where there is an absence of agreement, and even wrangling as regards the methods by which the ideal can best be attained, there is general agreement that most of the spade-work of post-war reconstruction can be done now.

In the matter of spade-work, our own League has played a prominent part. Tentative proposals on future land settlement and the equally important question of preference in employment have been submitted by all State Branches, and are being considered at this month's meeting of the Federal Executive. The new Repatriation Bill, which was introduced in the Federal Parliament this month, is the result of action by the League, which culminated in recommendations by a Joint Federal Parliamentary Committee on Repatriation. These are efforts which will fit into the general scheme for reabsorbing ex-service men and women into civil life when the war is over; but, so far, political and economic considerations have out-weighed the ethical and cultural in our considerations. One hopes that these considerations are merely being overlooked for the time being and not wilfully ignored. Their importance is not over-looked by the people whom we are fighting. It is very significant that the Axis gangsters should be striving might and main to inflict their distorted pattern of ethics on the subject nations, and to destroy the national culture of such places as Czechoslovakia and Poland.

In spite of their crass materialism and medieval brutality, in spite of their "guns before butter" slogans, the Nazis know full well that man, even man in the conquered territories, does not live by bread alone. Accordingly they fear the culture that will survive oppression and mass-murders.

That should convey something to those of us who are inclined to over-stress the economic side of life. When we promise ourselves the best of things after the war, we should pause for the moment and ask are we fit and proper persons to inhabit even the half-way house to that Utopia of our dreams. It was left to the Northam Sub-Branch to merit the congratulations of the League by suggesting that our organisation should do something to improve the manners of the community. One has only to look around to see how right the sub-branch is in asserting that the manners of the general public today are atrocious in comparison with those of fifty years ago. This matter was also mentioned by Bishop "Tom" Riley when he spoke to the State Executive while here on a recent visit. In fact, Bishop Riley mentioned three important manifestations of national decadence which have begun to show themselves in recent years. In the first place, he said, the young men of today have not the physical endurance of the men of 1914-18. Stating the repatriation problems after this war will be more mental than physical, he spoke of an intellectual barrenness which made people unable to make proper use of their leisure hours. Then, too, he referred to an increasing rudeness in all walks of life. This lack of politeness, he at-
ttribute to an over-acute sense of personal independence which mistakes common courtesy for the acceptance of an inferior status. He urged the League to give very serious consideration to national fitness after the war.

Those of us who have experienced the unconsciousness of people in street crowds and public conveyances, and the unnecessary rudeness of others behind counters in shops, will agree that there is ample room for improvement in manners. Those who, with amused tolerance, read the idiotic letters which appear with such sickening regularity in some of our newspapers, will agree reluctantly on the mental barrenness of at least a considerable section of the community. A symptom of both is the querulousness with which men, perhaps the world's severest critics, react to criticism of ourselves. These are defects in the educational make-up which are not the figments of moralisers; they are as self-evident as an ax of Eudoc. A Diogenes with a browned-out lantern might well be pardoned for asking if such a people deserve a new order. Without going that far, many will agree with both Bishop Riley and the Northam Sub-Branch that the time is over-ripe for an educational renaissance in Australia.

Perhaps the methods to be applied must wait, like other things, until after the war, when they can be considered calmly and constructively by educational experts. Nevertheless, here again much spade-work can be accomplished by those of us who do not profess to be experts. The soundest and most lasting reforms are those which come from within an organisation, whether that organisation be the body politic, or the individual body. It all harks back to the old advice, "Man, know thyself." Fit ourselves as individuals for a place in the new order, and then insist on a wider concept of education for those who will come after us. Juvenal's ideal of a sound mind in a sound body is just as valid today as it was when he wrote his epigrams. Modern education has given lip service to the physical part of that ideal, but the fact remains that men entering the services today are not nearly as tough as they should be. That is why they need a very specialised form of training to make them hard enough to withstand the rigours of modern warfare. In recent years schoolmasters have complained that the mature time devoted to bodily training in schools is too much, and yet, with all our alleged enlightenment we allow boys to leave school at the immature age of fourteen. That, perhaps, is why senior officers of technical units of the services have complained of what they call the technical illiteracy of the average recruit. These lads, they say, are all sufficiently gadget-minded to become drivers or mechanics, but their average schooling has not been carried far enough for them to qualify for even the lower non-commissioned ranks.

It is from this large reservoir of comparative illiteracy that the bad manners of the community flow. Anything in music or the other arts which transcends the primitive in sound or form is contemptuously dismissed as "high-brow." And what is even worse, the politeness which is so instinctive in the peasantry of other countries is stigmatised as effeminate. Such symptoms are more than irritating. They are truly alarming. That is why we should do our best to eradicate them before it is too late. A properly-balanced system of education should be the means, but it must be reinforced by personal endeavour. It is a compliment to the League that one of its sub-branches should suggest that it leads in this endeavour. In the meantime, we must practice what we preach by being extra polite to one another.

THE LEAGUE AND THE NEW DIGGER

In a recent address the State President, Tom Edmondson, made some interesting and sound comment about the League and the young men who in another decade will control it. In the course of his remarks he said:

"It is alleged that the League is composed of the old brigade-on the last lap. For a quarter of a century we have kept the show going. Already the men of the new army are joining our ranks as they return, and to them the future belongs. But we must make a determined effort during the next few years. If any of you have had experience in relay races you will know that the last stage, when you are about to hand the peg to the new man, is most important and calls for the utmost determination. The young men are spent, but you must not slack off. That is just where we are now. A few more years and the young men will be able to take over the responsibility, but in the meantime the League must be kept strong and healthy.

May I put the case for these young men as I see it from one aspect? I refer to the men in the battle areas of the present war.

At this moment they are placing their bodies and their courage between us and a very dangerous enemy. In the air, on the wide seas, among the desert sands and the tropical jungles they struggle to protect this homeland of ours. And some time in the future they will return—but not all of them. Thousands of them will come back to civilian life to commence a new battle, for with the majority it will be a struggle.

During the years spent in the army the skills and adjustments to civil life which they had, or were acquiring, before enlistment will be the last thing to come back to them. They will retain to a limited degree, their pre-war training, if they had any. In the meanwhile the social and industrial structure of the nation at home has been changing. More and more we are switching over to the production of machines, machine products, machine work and the use of machines.

The people who are on the home front are doing important and necessary work, but their skills are increasing. They are here, in the midst of changes and having time and experience helping them to make the necessary adjustments so that they will have everything in their favour in the post-war period. It is the duty of every Australian to see that the fighting forces when they return are given full opportunity to acquire the necessary skills and to make the adjustments, so that they can fit into our civilian structure without undue hardship.

They must be retained on the payroll of the country until they are trained to the level of those who stand empty-handed until they have the skills which will allow them equality at least in the post-war system. Preference to Returned Soldiers will not help them unless they are able to take a place in our structure and hold it by skill and efficiency.

It is our duty to see that they have the opportunity to get the skill and the efficiency, and that is where the duty of the R.S.S.&A.I.L.A. is clear and definite.

Young men whose studies were interrupted must be given the facilities for taking them.
PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT

At the last Federal Congress of the League, held in November, State branches were requested to submit suggestions for an Act to provide for preference in employment for discharged members of the fighting forces. At a recent meeting of the State Executive Mr. E. S. Watt, the chairman of the Pensions and Preference Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted. It was pointed out that the report was only in skeleton form, and dealt only with essential principles. At the Federal Executive meeting to be held in Melbourne this month the reports will be discussed and decisions made if thought advisable. But the subject bristles with difficulties. Boiled down, the League must insist on absolute preference for all who have experienced the dangers attendant on contact with the enemy.

The report reads:

In this Act "Employer" shall mean a person employing persons in any profession, business or industry and includes the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, State Governments, municipal councils, and all local governing authorities.

Definition of "Members of Fighting Forces".

It is premature to interpret who shall be Members of the Fighting Forces, and any attempt to do so now may lead to undesirable complications in the future. Ultimately it should include all discharged members of the Forces who in the course of their duty—

(a) Served in a theatre of war outside Australia provided that any member of the fighting forces shall be deemed to have been in a theatre of war if he embarked and left Australian waters.

(b) When serving inside Australia have actually been in contact with the forces of the enemy.

(c) Members of the Mercantile Marine who have served at sea for a period of 6 months in the aggregate on Foreign Service or in any seas where they may have been subjected to enemy action. (Those now eligible for R.S.L. membership.)

(d) Residents of Australia who served in other Empire or Allied Forces, provided that their enlistment occurred within 12 months of leaving Australia.

(e) Any member of the Forces of the Empire (other than the Australian Forces) who has actually been in contact with the forces of the enemy and who has been domiciled in Australia for a period of 12 months.

Definition of "Preference".

(a) Re-employment.—A discharged member of the forces should have the right to be reinstated in his immediate pre-enlistment employment should he so desire at a remuneration and under conditions not less favourable to him than those which would have been applicable to him had he been continuously employed in the service of that employer and he should not lose in promotion through his services with the forces.

(b) New Appointment.—Absolute preference shall be given to discharged members of the forces in new appointments, the only proviso being that they should be capable of carrying out the desired duties.

(c) Promotion.—Provided the discharged member of the forces is capable of undertaking the duties required, he shall receive absolute preference in promotion to higher employment.

MEMORIAM

1. In any State Act preference shall be extended to all members of the forces as defined irrespective of their State of enlistment.

2. There may be no necessity for action by State Governments as the necessary constitutional powers to deal with preference may be passed to the Commonwealth Government.

3. A Board of Appeal will need to be created in each State and should consist of 5 persons, all of whom shall be members of the forces, two of whom should be appointed from names submitted by the R.S.L. & A.I.A.

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W.A. BRANCH RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That any future Repatriation Land Settlement Scheme be in all its phases a full Commonwealth responsibility.
2. Any interest chargeable thereon shall not exceed 2%.
3. All settlement shall in the first instance be based on leasehold, subject to reappraisal every 7 years; but the leaseholder shall possess the right at any time during the tenure of any lease to convert it into freehold on payment of all indebtedness due to the duly constituted Commonwealth authority at the time of such conversion, provided that in any action taken by the lessee to convert the property from leasehold to freehold, the terms under which such conversion is to be made shall be subject to review and veto by the prescribed authority. (This should serve to protect the lessee against onerous mortgages and other encumbrances.)
4. The original and subsequent appraised leasehold value shall be based upon such area and such a figure as when worked by an industrious lessee will, under average seasons, prices and circumstances, return him sufficient to meet his commitments and to maintain himself and family in reasonable comfort.
5. All permanent improvements erected or constructed by any lessee at his expense shall—
        (a) Be deemed to be the property of such lessee and shall not be included in any re-appraisal.
        (b) Due allowances shall be made for such improvements in the event of a transfer to any other person.
6. Such working capital as is necessary and commensurate with the effective development of any lease shall be made available to any leaseholder, provided that no total advance shall exceed £3,500.
7. If sufficient land is not surrendered by the States to the Commonwealth, then land requisite for the scheme shall be purchased by the Commonwealth from the States or from individuals. All land whether surrendered by the States or acquired by purchase shall be re-valued for leasehold purposes on terms and conditions as is set forth for the resumption of land under Commonwealth law, based on values—say, as at June 30, 1943.
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ADDENDUM

The foregoing recommendations are submitted on the understanding that the control of marketing and regulation of prices are matters for Government policy and administration, and further the full Land Committee is of the opinion that the implementing of the under-mentioned declarations are necessary essentials for the success of any scheme. That-

(a) Men who are not at once repatriated should be given the opportunity of taking an educational course in Land Culture and Husbandry in order to qualify as settlers.

(b) Training of suitable men as advisors and supervisors should be undertaken early, the C.S.I.R. and Agricultural Colleges to be utilised for this purpose.

(c) An early survey should be made in each State to ascertain where, and how much, suitable land is available.

(d) The Department of Commerce should be utilised to advise as to the primary products most required in the early post-war years. The Committee considered that the choice of suitable land is the principal factor conducive to successful Soldier Settlement.

FEDERAL CONGRESS

Replies to Resolutions

A large number of letters have been read at State Executive meetings containing official replies to the last Federal Congress resolutions. Some of this official information is summarised hereunder:

Hostels for Troops.—The Minister advised that this matter is constantly under consideration in conjunction with the Australian Comforts Fund to ensure that accommodation and amenities are available for troops. At the present time there is an extensive range of hostels for men and women of the services containing a total of 7,600 beds and 2,000 more are required in most cases meals, baths, etc. are obtainable.

Deferred Pay.—The Minister advised that a break in service does not cancel previous service. Instructions provide that once a member has completed 6 month F.T.D.—such service may be made up of two or more separate periods—be it, subject to certain provisions, entitled to deferred pay immediately his combined service equals 6 months.

Retention A.I.F. Rank on Transfer.—Department states that it is not practicable to give effect to this suggestion.

Unpaid Life Insurance Premiums.—Prime Minister's Department advises that as the result of consideration the rate of interest of 4 per cent. In lieu of the 6 per cent. previously charged was considered to be reasonable and that as a result the reduced rate of 4 per cent. was adopted in the regulations.

Merchant Navy and Pension Rights.—Department advises that the provisions of the Commonwealth Act applies to seamen employed on ships registered in Australia and engaged in trading between a port of a State or a territory of the Commonwealth. The British scheme applies to seamen in all British merchant ships excepting Dominion ships. Obviously the Commonwealth Act could not be applied to all British and Allied forces.

"A" Class in Clerical Positions.—The Department advises that the class "A" men in clerical positions are being replaced wherever practicable so as to make them available for service in the field. The matter is under constant review, and the principle represents Government policy.

Australian Nurses Transfer to C.M.F. Units.—The Minister advises that the nurses retain their A.I.F. badges and colour patches when returned from abroad and transferred to C.M.F. units.

Travelling Allowances V.D.C. Parades.—The Minister advised that the payment of fares for attendance at parades would be against the voluntary principle on which the V.D.C. is based.

Nurses and V.A.D.'s Uniforms.—The Department advised that from October 1, 1942, all personnel of the Army Women's Services who are performing F.T.D. received a free issue of clothing and equipment plus an initial and annual allowance for incidental requirements.

Free Issue Civilian Clothes on Discharge.—The Department advises that this question is at present under review.

Commonwealth Public Servants.—Department advises the League that Commonwealth officers desirous of joining the services are
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Customs Duty on Tobacco and Cigarettes. —Minister for Customs states that said duties cannot be removed.

Discharge Certificates and Reasons for Discharge.—Department advises that reasons are shown on certificate, and provision exists for such information to be disclosed.

Active Service Chevrons, R.A.A.F.—The Minister for the Air has informed the League that it has been decided to issue service chevrons to the R.A.A.F. The decision, however, has not yet been promulgated through Air Force orders, as it may be some time before the chevrons can be manufactured.

AGED EX-SERVICE MEN
Position of Amelioration Funds
At a recent meeting of the State Executive, progress was reported in regard to an instruction from last year's Congress that operation on the W.A. Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund should commence at once. The Trustees of the Fund, who are not League officials, having been appointed under the Act which authorised the establishment of the Fund, have intimated that they are prepared to act in accordance with this recommendation. Details of procedure and one or two legal aspects of the position are now receiving attention. It may even be necessary for Parliament to amend the original Act controlling the Fund before the letter and intention of the Congress instruction can be carried out. In the meantime, any needy case can be dealt with from the League's current amelioration funds.

The original intention of the founders of the W.A. Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund—the Air Force is not mentioned in the Act, because it was not a separate show when it was passed—was to establish a home for aged ex-service men. The financial objective was £40,000 by 1940. Various proposals were made, and one that gained many adherents was for the formation of a cottage colony for those who would benefit from the Fund. However, as time went on, it soon became apparent that the more ambitious plans would have to be shelved, for the time being at least. After extensive inquiries had been made by an executive sub-committee, the 1936 Congress approved of a recommendation that the League's activities and resources should be devoted to (a) outdoor relief for needy ex-service men, and (b) returned soldier residents of Sunset Home. Since that date, as the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson explained in a statement recently prepared for publication, £7,368 has been spent on outdoor relief by the League's trustees at head office. Considerable sums have also been expended by scores of sub-branches for the benefit of needy comrades. A big majority of those who benefited in this way were not members of the League.

It has also been explained that returned soldier residents at Sunset are housed together, and a general improvement in their circumstances and outlook has been achieved. Such improvements have cost the League £170. A small monthly grant is made for the provision of extra comforts. In addition, numerous sub-branches and women's auxiliaries have shown their practical sympathy. In 1936 the W.A. Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund stood at £4,800. Today it totals £20,398, a little over half the goal set for 1940. That amount includes £17,800 in Commonwealth securities.

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BURNING-OFF SEASON

The Minister for Lands has replied to a request embodied in a resolution successfully submitted by the Cranbrook sub-branch to the State Congress last October. The resolution urged legislation to give local government bodies the right to determine the opening and closing dates for the burning-off season in their own districts. The Minister for Lands (Mr. F. J. S. Wise) has made the following reply:

I regret to be advised that no reply had been sent to your letter of October 22 with references to burning-off dates, as I understood that copies of correspondence passing between myself and the Plantagenet Road Board on the same subject had been forwarded to you by way of reply.

A number of road boards have made similar requests to yours and the matter has had thorough investigation.

Prior to the appointment of the Advisory Committee, road boards did, in fact, fix their own dates, though Executive Council approval was obtained in accordance with the provisions of the Bush Fires Act. Our records show that when these conditions applied, no notice was taken of the varying weather conditions, and the same dates were gazetted year after year. Any alterations that were made were usually intended to be permanent.

The decision to withdraw from the Boards the right they had exercised of fixing their own dates was actuated by two reasons—

1. Protection of State forests.
2. The fixation of uniform dates where similar conditions applied.

It would not be in the best interests of the State to give to the road boards this right in any district where it would affect the safety of the State forests. From the Forest Department's point of view, this covers more than the districts which actually contain a State forest; it also includes those districts bordering on the State forest from which fires might spread and which affect, by smoke haze, the forests fire precautions scheme. This covers most of the road districts where differences of opinion occur.

It also appears desirable, though of course not so essential, to retain uniformity of dates for similar conditions. This did not apply when the road boards, in practice, fixed their dates, and presumably would not apply in future if the right asked for were granted.

Uniformity of opinion does not always exist amongst local people as to what their dates should be; for instance, Mr. Sounness, the chairman of the Plantagenet Road Board, mentioned one of opinion in his own district. Mr. Stoate (Deputy Commissioner of Forests) also informed me of one case where a road board had recommended a certain date. When he discussed the matter with them, he found that most of the members of the board did not object to the date recommended by the Committee, but had suggested a different date on the urgent representations of one only of the members whose particular interests it suited.

I would draw your attention to Section 10 (2) (b) of the Bush Fires Act. This gives power up to December 15 to the local authority to authorise the burning of the bush on any road reserve and between the road formation and an established fire break, and also on any grass land of one chain in width between two fire breaks, each not less than 6ft. in width. This enables a considerable amount of precautionary burning to be carried out even though the prohibited burning period has commenced.

From the foregoing, I trust you will appreciate that the best interests of the State will be served by continuing the present method of control.

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the W.A. Branch of the Partially Blinded Soldiers' Association will be held in Room 33, Bon Marche Buildings, Barrack Street, on Monday, March 1, at 8 p.m. Many interesting subjects will be discussed, and much useful information will be made available. A full attendance, therefore, is requested. The aims and objects of the association are to promote the welfare, conserve the interests, and preserve the spirit of comradeship engendered by active service. Anyone interested can obtain further details from the secretary, Mr. J. M. Mackay, of 51 Hardy Street, Hollywood.

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Personalities

In previous paragraphs appreciation has been expressed by the League for some of its wonderful voluntary workers on Poppy Day. Another one has just been announced by Headquarters, and is certainly worthy of mention. Mr. J. H. Mann, D.C.M., M.M., who served with the 42nd Battalion, decided last Poppy Day that he was going to do something to help; but his only supply was one poppy from the previous year. This symbol of remembrance, however, he sold 40 times, and every member of the available population at a place about 160 miles north of Southern Cross put in a shilling. The sum of £2 was duly forwarded to Head Office, with another £4 from Mr. Mann for the Prisoners of War Fund, and 10/- for his subscription. And this great worker did not overlook 1/- for exchange. It is men of this calibre that make up the strength of the League.

At the monthly meeting of the Osborne Park sub-branch on January 13 the visitors included three members of the Royal Netherlands Navy—Messrs. J. Groos Johan, W. Van Dyke, and H. Lening. They were welcomed by the president, Mr. A. Dans, and after the meeting they enjoyed a good sample of the sub-branch's hospitality.

Mr. Dave Millar, a former secretary of the Osborne Park sub-branch, and for many years and ardent worker in that organisation, and who is once again in uniform, has recently undergone an operation for appendicitis. He is now on the convalescent list. Another Osborne Park Digger, Bob Croxford, has had a short spell in hospital. Host Joe Dav-
Harry, the A.I.F. after seeing the troops, he has been indefatigable in his duties as Digger president. The success of the sub-branch in all fields of the war effort during the past year has been largely due to his enthusiasm.

Harry Crouch, of the original 16th, is back in hospital, having to undergo an operation on the old leg after 21 years of suffering. He would like to renew old friendships, and will welcome any of the old 16th who can manage to see him in the Repat. Ward of the General Hospital. Harry hopes to see them all on Anzac Day. In the meantime, we wish him a speedy recovery.

Lieut.-Colonel Charles J. A. Moses has been released from military duties to resume his pre-war position as general manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission. The Minister for the Army (Mr. F. Forde) stated that this was not done at the request or by the wish of Lieut.-Colonel Moses. He would have preferred to go to command of his unit of the A.I.F., especially as he has served with distinction through two campaigns of the present war. The Government, however, considered that a man of his wide and varied experience, including that which he gained during this war, would be of national value in the directing of broadcasting. Col. Moses is a genial man of immense stature, and a very efficient athlete. He passed out of Sandhurst and was gazetted to the Border Regiment in time to see the final defeat of the Germans in France and to go with the Army of Occupation into the Rhineland. He left the Army when the axe fell in 1922 and came to Australia, eventually joining the staff of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

Cricket enthusiasts will remember his running commentaries on the last series of Test Matches that were played in Australia. His fairness as a commentator may be judged by the fact that fellow Englishmen in South Australia on one occasion found fault with him, because they said he was pro-Australian. In his younger days he was a crack rugby player and an Army heavyweight boxer. He became general manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission eight years ago. Colonel Moses is one of the many distinguished visitors to this State who has enjoyed the hospitality of the League at Anzac House.

There are more than enough soldiers of past wars and the present war in the service of the Australian Broadcasting Commission in Perth to start a sub-branch of the League. The Manager for Western Australia, Mr. C. Charlton, was a captain in the New Zealand Rifles during the last war. His second in command, Roy Glenister, enlisted in the 4th Battalion and afterwards transferred to the 1st Field Battery of the A.I.F. He had his first important experience as an entertainer with the 1st Division Concert Party. His only son, Geoffrey, is at present serving in the R.A.A.F. Saxophonist Dave Howied went through the last war in the ranks of the Royal West Kent Regiment. Tom North fought the good fight in the Indian Army and saw service against the Afghans on the North-West Frontier before he came to Australia. Maurice Jaffey served under Smuts in East Africa with the King's African Rifles. Story-teller T. R. Lewis served with the Light Horse in Sinai and Palestine. Rupert Harvey was with the Royal Army Service Corps. Dick Collins started his soldiering during the Boer War and had over 20 years commissioned service before he resigned from the permanent forces to try his luck at writing and broadcasting. Commissioner L. B. Turner was a captain in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Harry Taitan was a machine-gunner. Tom Hewitt, who like Turner, belongs to the Mount Hawthorn sub-branch, was away with the 8th Field Battery, A.I.F. Producer Harry Graham served in the Merchant Navy. Orchestra-conductor E. J. Roberts served with the Royal Flying Corps, as it was called then. Members of the orchestra include Trumpeter George Mellor, who was bandmaster of the 1st A.I.F. in France; and bass player Flint, another A.I.F. man. Incidentally, many years ago, George Mellor's father was bandmaster of Dick Collins' regiment. Former announcer, Capt. John Allen, is the first member of the Commission's staff to be discharged from the A.I.F. after seeing service abroad in this war. Members of the staff who are serving now with the fighting forces are Jack Gobings (R.A.A.F.), Jack Grevelle (R.A.A.F.), Peter Lockie (A.I.F.), Geoff Carter (R.A.A.F.), John Thompson (A.I.F.) and H. G. Clements (A.I.F.). The immortal John Juan, famed for his morning "limber-up" session, is now doing full-time duty as a P.T. instructor with the V.D.C.

The following letter has been received from Mrs. F. A. C. Radland: "On behalf of the women of the Woorooloo Sanatorium," she writes, "we wish to thank all the ladies of the R.S.I.L. auxiliaries for the kindness they extended to us during Christmas. I should also like to thank Mrs. Samwell, of the Victoria Park auxiliary, for the shopping she so kindly did for me."

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At the time of his death, he was chairman of that period he was chairman of the 32nd Battalion of the A.I.F., and was a keen member of the 32nd Battalion of the A.I.F.

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The late Major Abjornson always took a keen interest in ex-service men's affairs. Apart from his ordinary League activities, he was a keen member of the 32nd Battalion of the A.I.F., and was a keen member of the 32nd Battalion of the A.I.F.

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A GHOULISH RACKET

At the meeting of the State Executive on February 3 a letter was read from a Melbourne publishing firm described as the Liverpool Press. The letter sought information regarding West Australian casualties in the war for insertion in a memorial publication.

Notwithstanding the firewood shortage, the letter brought with it the scent of a nigger in some far-distant wood pile, and the State Executive adopted a commendably wary attitude. One speaker pointed out that when the appropriate time came, a history of the war would no doubt be compiled from official sources, as was the case after the last war. He contended that a commercial firm could not publish an authentic history for the simple reason that it would not have access to official documents. Another speaker recalled the many publishing rants that were worked on relatives of deceased soldiers after the last war, and suggested that no action be taken without making proper inquiries as to the bonfides of the Liverpool Press. The Executive unanimously resolved that no action be taken, and that the matter be referred to the Federal Office for inquiry.

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Press, Collins Street, Melbourne, prompt action was taken by the Federal Attorney-General (Dr. Evatt). The question had evidently been more successful in obtaining lists in the other States, as it had been sending circulars to relatives of deceased service men, asking them to pay £1 10s. towards the cost of the publication. Dr. Evatt announced that steps had been taken to prevent the business of the Liverpool Press and to return subscriptions to relatives. What is more, the immediate detention of Cyril Walter Thornton, who is said to be responsible for the venture, has been ordered; and a Special National Security Regulations were issued on February 11 to prevent similar cases from arising in the future.

Dr. Evatt explained how the racket was being run on the sorrows of relatives. The circular informed them that when the deceased serviceman was worthy of inclusion in an historical work that was in preparation, and asked for a fee of £1 10s. to "the enormous cost of producing a work of this sort." Dr. Evatt added a few kind words about the amazing career of the enterprising publisher. This man is Cyril Walter Thornton, alias Jack Russell, alias James Russell, alias John Russell, alias John Maxwell. He is well known to the police in all States, Dr. Evatt pointed out, as he has frequently been convicted for false representations, false pretences, obtaining money by fraud and similar offences. Since the outbreak of the war he first came under notice when, as an interpreter for the Army in an internment camp, he was convicted of forgery and has been from gaol, and was next convicted for falsely representing himself as a military intelligence officer. In February, 1941, he was responsible for the delaying of a ship from Newcastle by willful misbehaviour. Later he obtained use of a permit under false name and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. He was recently released and started the Liverpool Press.

The National Security Regulations gazetted on February 11 forbid the obtaining of money for historical records without permission. Provision is also made for reimbursement, as far as possible, people who have already paid money for such records. The Federal Attorney-General is to be congratulated on the promptness with which it nipped this racket in the bud, and the steps it has taken to prevent a recurrence. The corollary to be drawn from the incident is that the Official Historian of the War should be commissioned without delay. The publication of an official history would remove once and for all the temptation for ghoulish go-getters to cash-in on the sorrowful pride of bereaved relatives.

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In a little English town, two Americans were so rowdy about settling a fight of their own that they landed in the village lock-up. The police found a broad new Act of Parliament preventing them from handling the case in a British Court, so the local magistrate had to telephone to a nearby Army camp. He said to the sergeant who answered the telephone: "I've a couple of your men picked up for fighting." Back came the answer: "Well, that's what they're over here for ain't it?" * * *

Letters are being received every day from the District Finance Officer at Swan Barracks from wives and relatives of soldiers, without giving any indication of the soldier's name or number. As there are many men with similar names and initials, it is frequently impossible to identify the one concerned merely by his name. Allotments are often delayed because the pay staff must first make sure of the man before they can take action. If a soldier is not properly identified, it will be possible for the wrong person to be involved. The soldier's Army number is a guarantee against that. Members of the public are asked, therefore, when writing to any branch of the Army, to give the soldier's Christian name, surname, Army number and, where possible, the name of the unit to which he belongs. * * *

How's this for an austerity Christmas cake? In one household the cooking ingenuity offset the sugar shortage. Enough of the right sort of sugar could not be obtained for the ornamental icing of the cake, so a top ham per of snow-white cardboard was devised. When the appropriate moment arrived, the "icing" was lifted, off and the cake was cut.

The reaction of the Dutch people to RAF raids on Holland is illustrated by the following incident. The president of a Hague tennis club announced that the tournament had been successful, even though the balls had been bad. "But," he added, "we hope we shall soon receive some new balls—perhaps they may even come out of an aeroplane." Loud and prolonged applause greeted that remark. * * *

A Spanish journalist, when visiting an Italian aerodrome, noticed a troop-carrier into which a parachutist climbed, and after him 20 infantrymen. On inquiry, the Spaniard was told that this was a paratroop unit.

"But," he exclaimed, "only one parachutist and 20 without parachutes!" "Oh yes," was the answer, "the 20 infantrymen go to push the parachutist out." * * *

The State Secretary has received the following letter from Matron J. McDonald, of Lemnos Hospital: Will you please express to your Executive our thanks for the luxurious Christmas dinner provided for the patients at Lemnos. There were turkeys as big as a Statesman but tender as chickens, with ham, salads, fruit, nuts and raisins. With the ale provided by the Swan Brewery it was a perfect dinner which all enjoyed. I must mention the soft drinks which were preferred by some. The women's auxiliary sent fruit, cakes, salads and sweets, so that tea was also a very nice meal.

The year is still young, so may I wish you all as happy a 1943 as is possible these unhappy days. Thank you also for expediting the payment of patients' pocket and comforts money.

It will be good news to many members to know that patients in hospital were not forgotten by the State Executive and Trustees. * * *

The State President (Mr. T. S. Edmondson) recently visited Kojonup, Katanning, Mt. Barker, Albany, Narrogin and Collie. On his return he stated that everywhere he found that the old Digger was more than pulling his weight in patriotic efforts, and particularly as member of the Volunteer Defence Corps. He found the old spirit of comradeship wherever he went, but membership in some centres is a matter for renewed energy. Speaking of the V.D.C., Mr. Edmondson said: "At two country centres I made contact with the V.D.C., and though this movement is now under other control it still has a strong R.S.I. flavour. Originally, of course, it was sponsored directly by the League. A school was in progress at Albany, and the Commander, Major John Chappell, who is a past president of the Sub-branch, kindly made arrangements for the 'old Diggers' to attend our meetings at the Soldiers' Institute—in fact he came along himself. At Collie Roy Howe has charge. I spent the day (Sunday) with him and his command. It was worth the time spent to note the good fellowship that exists in the unit, and to hear the Scotch accent of Jim Gillespie as he tickled up his fellow V.D.C.'s with his unfailing wit and warlike way of speaking. Tom Saar got most of the issue, finally taking the count as Jim Gillespie sat on his prostrate frame. No light matter, if you know Jim."

Our Osborne Park correspondent asks why the local mail service is like the town of Parenys, which gave the Russians so much trouble in the last war. He supplies the answer: Because the letters are so hopelessly mixed up. * * *

Here is another one from the same source. Army butchers do their blocks every morning before they start work. * * *

Occasional references in the cable pages to the Aleutian Islands have made Australians wonder why the Americans do not make more determined efforts to dislodge the Japanese. An American paper says that it now appears that careful plans for action are being worked out there. Uncle Sam's Army and Navy have made decisive assaults on foetbolls gained by the enemy on distant islands in this chain which stretches westward from Alaska. They have gone so far as to prepare advance airfields in the hilly
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and rocky Andreanov Group. The U.S. forces in the Andreanov Group are nearer main supply bases than are the Japanese on Attu and Kiska. Furthermore, the American supply routes are considerably safer than those of the Japanese. It was the occupation of the Andreanovs, too, that has put American bombers within easy flying distance of Kiska. At the beginning of last October an American estimate gave the number of Japanese troops on Kiska as 10,000. This indicates that the enemy are in considerable defensive strength there, but it also means that these establishments provide a larger target for Uncle Sam's bombers.

When Mr. Forde visited New Guinea recently, he yawned to a Digger along the jungle track. As he was about to move on, he saw that the Digger did not know him, so he introduced himself. "I suppose you know I'm the Army Minister," said Mr. Forde. To which the Digger replied, "Put it here. You padres are doing a darn good job in this war." The confusion between a Minister of the Crown and a Minister of Religion is not altogether new. When Alex Panton became Minister for Mines and Health, a Digger constituent said to his wife, "What do you think?" Alex Panton's a Digger constituent said to his wife, "Well I never. We must go along next Sunday and hear him preach."

SERVICE CHEVRONS

Representations were made by the League that the Army provide an issue of Service Chevrons to troops who have served in the Northern Territory, Papua and the Mandated Territories. The Department of the Army has advised that this matter has been under consideration for some time, and revised instructions have now been issued. Service in Papua or Mandated New Guinea since June 1, 1942, now confers eligibility for the chevrons. The scope of the order covering this matter may be further extended to such other theatres of operations as the Commander-in-Chief declares, but no declaration has yet been made in respect to the Northern Territory.

The Department states that the factors affecting the Northern Territory are appreciated, and if necessary its inclusion be reconsidered in the light of future operations.

According to an American novelist, Gentlemen prefer Blondes, but taxi-drivers assure me that local flappers don't draw the colour line.

One of the mysterious aspects of the great meeting at Casablanca was the statement that Mr. Stalin and General Chiang Kai-shek were kept posted as to what was happening. However, neither of those eminent stay-at-home strategists, Mr. Edward Beesby and Mr. John Digby, were invited to the conference. Surely there was an oversight.

How long are these "second front" producers to be allowed exercise their low cunning over the air in fomenting discontent with the Allied war effort? Since "The Listening Post" denounced the broadcasting Mr. Beesby, November that mountebank of the microphone has certainly been more careful in the wording of his broadcasts, but the fell intent is there just the same. In a recent diatribe he said: "It is utterly ridiculous, at a time like this, when nearly 30 nations are supposed to be united fighting the Axis, to suggest that these nations separately should decide where their troops shall be sent, and in what part of this global war they will participate." So it would be if anyone ever had suggested it, and this is a fair sample of the cock-shies Beesby erects for the sole purpose of knocking them down, and so impressing the dupes who weigh in with their ten bob's to keep him on the air. What is utterly ridiculous, however, is the suggestion that Beesby, a man who couldn't tell a parachute, should pose as an authority on strategy. It would be interesting to know also why he should be allowed blandly to assert that there is a lack of real unity among the Allied peoples. When that sort of drivel is allowed to go over the air it becomes more helpful to the enemy than to our own cause. In the same broadcast Beesby asked why should our Ally, Russia, have to
appeal to America and England (we suppose he means Britain) for the opening of a second front. In the name of common-sense, how many more fronts are we expected to open? Has our blatant Beeby ever heard of Casablanca? Has he ever heard of the help given by Britain and America to Russia—help which is gratefully acknowledged by the Russian leaders, and by all except a few stay-at-home strategists whom wild horses could not drag to any front. All this so-called second front drivel is mischief-making nonsense which should be suppressed before it bores thinking people to death. Incidentally, some of Beeby's elephantine attempts at humour are curiously irrelevant. In a recent attack on a Mr. Anderson, the gentleman who is advocating one parliament for the whole of Australia, Beeby was at pains to mention that Mr. Anderson did not say anything about his private secretary. What on earth are we expected to infer from that? Stupid asides like that are boomerangs, because it can be said with equal truth that Beeby, in his broadcasts, does not mention his own private secretary.

The newspapers are doing a good job of work in keeping up public morale. A neighbour who does not always look on the bright side says he reads the papers from beginning to end, even the multitude of short letters that people write in the opinion columns. These letters especially cheer him. "When I've read them," he said, "I realise that I'm a B.F. in many ways, but I am able to thank God I'm not that — stupid."

Some time ago the Government announced its intention of calling up strike agitators for military service. While there is general agreement that these five columnists should be forced to serve in some capacity, some newspapers suggested that there was no place for such people in the Army. With that view we disagree. What about the place King David found for Uriah the Hittite?

The establishment of an officers' club in Perth aroused the ire of local democrats who saw in it a manifestation of Army snobishness. Strangely enough, those who were loudest in their criticisms were people who know nothing about the Army, except by hearsay, and who successfully dodged military service in the last war. That being so, the other side of the question escaped their myopic notice. One of the things sacrificed by officers and other ranks, when they enter the Army, is privacy. Men on leave have their hostels and are catered for in other ways. Officers, on the other hand, are expected to make their own arrangements and provide their own entertainment. What is more, the other ranks do not want to have officers on their heels every time they go in somewhere for a drink. The establishment of the club is the logical sequence of the regulation which forbids officers to drink in public bars when in uniform—and there are very good reasons for that regulation, which are appreciated by all ranks. Incidentally, it would be a good thing for some of those who rave about Army snobishness to hear what the other ranks think of them. The tingling of their ears would be the nearest thing to perpetual motion yet achieved.

One of the more diverting aspects of Parliamentary life was seen in the House of Representatives this month when two members of the "Maxie-can-take-it" team, Messrs. Brennan and Calwell, waxed exceeding wrath over the detention of the promoter of a
scheme for extracting stray thirty-bobs from the bereaved relatives of men who have died on active service. Brennan wanted to know if this man was to be charged with an offence and tried. The Attorney-General's reply that the fellow was being detained to prevent him from interfering with the war effort seemed to satisfy Brennan. Calwell however, declared that the Government's action was very bad in principle - Gestapo methods, he added. The wildly exaggerated language used by people like Calwell on such occasions hardly adds to the dignity of Parliament, but the tragic feature of the affair is that the detained was attempting an impudent racket at the expense of bereaved relatives of fighting men. Both Brennan and Calwell knew this, just as well as they knew that the detained man had a long list of convictions, including one for impeding the war effort by holding up a ship.

In these days of mechanical warfare, higher standards of education are demanded of soldiers, or perhaps it would be more correct to say a different type of education is needed. The older type of what is loosely called a literary education seems now to be as obsolete in the Army as it had become in civil life. History provides much evidence for and against the value of a literary education in the sphere of generalship. One has only to read the despatches of Wellington, Napoleon, Lord Roberts and Lord Wolseley to realise that, had they not been great soldiers they might have been great writers. On the other hand, some of Wellington's brigadiers and many of Napoleon's marshals would have hardly passed through the sixth standard in a modern State school. So it was in the United States. Washington, Grant, Sherman, Lee and Stonewall Jackson were all what we would call highly educated men today. On the other hand, Andrew Jackson, the backwoodsman who defeated the British at New Orleans, and who afterwards became President of the United States, and Nathan Bedford Forrest, one of the most capable of the Confederate generals in the latter period of the American Civil War, were almost illiterate, judged by present-day standards. There is a theory that the expression "OK" was originated by Andrew Jackson, who is reputed to have written those letters on official minutes under the belief that they stood for "Oklahoma." It is more likely, however, that "OK" derives from the Gaelic "Och Ay," which Highlandmen use in the same way. There is no doubt about some of Nathan Bedford Forrest's grammatical slips. When asked by a lady how he managed to win all his battles, he replied, "It's just this thing with the most men." It was damned bad English, but it was a brief and striking statement of the rules of strategy. On one occasion, Forrest received an agonised message from one of his brigadiers, during the crisis of an engagement. It read: "Both my flanks are under heavy attack. My centre is being rolled back. What shall I do?"

Forrest replied in a message of five letters: "F--I-T-U-M." Translated, it meant "Fight 'em."

Some of the finest things done in this war are being done by men who escape mention in the news. Among these are the Russian divers in the Volga, whose performances give a clear light on the Soviet's grim determination and disregard of personal danger more than most of the reports of the actual fighting. These Russian divers have succeeded in recovering from the bed of the Volga a number of guns and other much-needed equipment. They worked in the river, right behind Stalingrad. Their boats rocked as if a gale raged, because of waves thrown up by falling shells. The river is deep there, and the current is strong, which makes the recovery of heavy metal difficult enough for divers anyway; but these men have been going down with the knowledge that any moment the pumps they depend on for air, working on the boats above them, may be knocked out of action. That is the type of courage which is the vital element in the Russian resistance to Hitler.

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During the month of January five new members have joined us, and have been made welcome. No doubt they will enjoy the social activities. Bill Buck is still in No. XI ward, and is having a fairly bad time. Ted Fox, G. F. Cook, Jack Hoddel and Harry Howson are all on the sick list at their own homes. We wish them the best, and hope to see them all at the rooms before long. During the month we were entertained at afternoon teas by the May and Women's Auxiliary. We must thank the North Perth Bus Co. for their goodness in issuing passes in their busses to any of our members who reside in the North Perth district. We also wish to thank Messrs. A. McTavish and Cliff Dickenson for the rent of the rooms. The donations were made on the basis of one shilling per week for 12 months. Donations like this are a great help. Social activities are extending. The darts competition each Friday for a side of lamb has been going on for some time. It is now proposed to have a bridge competition each Tuesday, and members are asked to bear this in mind. The secretary states there are a few subs. outstanding for the current year. Will those concerned please note?

### Sub-Branch Activities

**MELVILLE**

The annual meeting elected the following office-bearers: President, Col. J. E. Dunkley; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. A. B. Phillip and G. Morrison; hon. secretary, H. Moore; hon. treasurer, Lieut. "Jock" Findlay (V.D.C.); committee, Messrs. R. Giles, V. Hooper, J. G. Paterson; auditor, J. Plummer. A record of the sterling services of Mr. Phillip as retiring president was placed on the minutes, for he has had a hard time of three years in office. Mr. H. Moore's services as secretary was also commended. After general business had been dealt with the meeting took the form of a social gathering. The attendance was the best since the last annual meeting.

**MERRIN**

About 30 members attended the annual general meeting on January 11, when the president was able to report on an active and successful year. The considerable activities of the sub-branch were enhanced by the helpful efforts of the women's auxiliary, which, in spite of small financial balance for emergencies. The former secretary, Mr. Wilkes, who did not seek re-election, and the former treasurer, Mr. Cahill, who is leaving the district, were recipients of many compliments, as well as expressions of regret at their retirement from office. The sub-branch is continuing to take a keen interest in post-war problems, and seeks a 100 per cent membership so that all may stand shoulder to shoulder when reconstruction plans pass beyond the discussion stage. The following officials were elected: President, V. Cooper; vice-presidents, Messrs. Couchman, Kendall and F. A. Law; country vice-presidents, Messrs. Ross, C. G. Leach; secretary, Mr. W. J. Leach; treasurer, Mr. Kendall; auditor, Mr. Austin; committee, Mr. Wilkes, Forsyth, Carter, A. G. H. Gait; publicity officer, Mr. M. A. Kelly.

**OSBORNE PARK**

The Osborne Park sub-branch has led the way in constructing a memorial tablet in the Memorial Hall for members who have journeyed to the Great Beyond in this war. The sub-branch was formed in 1919. The tablet has been placed beside the Honour Board for men of the district who have enlisted, and has 14 names inscribed on the death roll. There have been good attendances at the January meetings, but the diffi-
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The election of officers took place at the last meeting in January. The excellent work done by the retiring team resulted in them all being nominated, along with three extra committee members. The president (Seph Horton) has started his fifth year in the chair. The sub-branch is to be congratulated on retaining the services of one whose great leadership is, in a great degree, responsible for the very sound position of the sub-branch, both as regards finance and membership. Dick Cornish, who held the position of junior vice-president, preferred to revert to the position of an ordinary committeeman, on account of his Parliamentary and other duties. Syd Burns, the new junior vice-president, may be relied on to give good service in that office. For health and other reasons, the publicity officer, Syd Kinnear, has had to close up the fountain pen. His successor is Arthur Hullett, an energetic little chap who can also wield a facile pen. Syd Kinnear’s services were suitably acknowledged and recorded in the minutes. The annual smoke was held on February 11. The president of the women’s auxiliary (Mrs. Tom Wyne) is the sick visitor for the sub-branch. Members who have benefited by her services are loud in their praises. The sub-branch dances are held every Friday at the Maylands Town Hall. They have been very successful from the social angle, and have been the means of augmenting funds and allowing many donations to be made to war causes. The sub-branch contributed £300 to the Road Board’s appeal for the Prisoner of War Fund.

VICTORIA PARK

The attendance at the January meeting was fair, and two new members were enrolled. Guy Wilkinson has improved in health, and it was pleasing to see him at meetings once again. The sub-branch has taken up the Prisoner of War Fund effort sponsored by the League. A committee is functioning to get funds to help this worthy cause. Charlie McIntosh was granted leave of absence to attend to urgent business in the Eastern States. Charlie is a stalwart of the sub-branch. Joe Barnett’s Austerity Haircut is a trimmer. Joe is the “goods” in this sub-branch. “The man who sees to the barrel.” Fred Matthews, the hard-working secretary, returned after a holiday at Rockingham, looking fit for another year’s work. Members are reminded that their current year’s subscriptions are due, and the sub-branch would appreciate you seeing the secretary as soon as it is convenient. The Victoria Park sub-branch has opened a fund called the “Stan Gurney V.C. Fund.” It will enable returned soldiers and citizens of Victoria Park to subscribe and place on record the gallant deeds of so worthy a son of this district. The secretary will be pleased to receive subscriptions, his address being 3 Manchester Street, Victoria Park.

CARLISLE

The February meeting was well attended. Secretary Huckstep reported a successful picnic for the kiddies at Como on Sunday, January 24. Appreciation of the services of Mrs. Gileassen (president, Carlisle auxiliary) and her band of workers on picnic day was expressed; also to our member Bill Evans for taking around the eatables, drinkables, empties, etc. Financial and other reports were dealt with, and general business initiated a long but interesting discussion on pension and repatriation matters, particularly as affecting the new Digger. President Les Gileassen
closed the meeting at 10 p.m., and members settled down for a social hour. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 4, 1943, when new members will be welcomed.

**WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY**

Indicative of the great interest that is being taken in the affairs of this sub-branch, at the monthly meeting held on February 8 there was an attendance of over 70 members. The treasurer reports a satisfactory position, and most of the sub-branch funds are invested in War Bonds and Certificates. Attendances are mounting at the bridge evenings held each Friday, but sub-branch members are further requested to support this movement by their personal attendance whenever possible. Mr. Stan Watt gave some interesting information concerning the big drive that the R.S.L. is making in connection with the Prisoner of War fund. Our sub-branch has already committed itself to 30/- per month for the next 12 months, and every effort will be made to subsidise this. Six new members were introduced and welcomed by the president, including four from the present war. They were: Mr. Myers, of 7th Div. Transport; Mr. McRae, 52nd Battalion; Mr. Dawson, 5th Pioneers; Mr. Carville, R.A.A.F.; Mr. Hornsey, 10th Light Horse; Mr. Bleakley, 7th Div. Signallers.

A large number of members from the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch were entertained after the meeting, and a series of games were contested. This proved to be a most enjoyable evening. The visitors won on a basis of 3 to 2. We congratulated Mr. C. Richardson on the success of his team. He is the sports director and newly-elected secretary of Mt. Hawthorn and the holder of the individual tennis championship of the R.S.L. We can see some strenuous games between our friend and our own bean in due course. We must also mention Fred Barratt, one of our visitors who is Quite champion of the R.S.L. To see him make a break of 91 on Monday certainly made some of us feel very small when we have been trying to get four quotas on the peg in a row. Members were delighted to welcome back our old friend Charlie Taylor. We have not seen him for a long while. He has been away in the Middle East carrying out important duties, and it is nice to see him back with us once more. On Wednesday, February 17, we are conducting a social evening for the local women’s auxiliary, and it is hoped that there will be a full roll up. An important resolution carried at this meeting was that the State Executive be asked to enquire into the position of Ward XI with a view to pressing for the transfer of all ex-service men to that Ward, irrespective of repatriation cases or otherwise. Members are again reminded that the financial year ended on December 31, 1942, and an appeal is made to those who have not yet renewed their subscriptions for 1943. Please see the secretary at the next meeting. Also, those of our friends who are attached to some local unit of the forces are asked to keep their subscriptions paid up.

**MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD**

The February meeting, which was held as usual in the “Dugout,” was the best attended meeting for many months. It is fully realised that in these times there are large numbers of members who are unable to attend as they used to owing to other calls on their time, such as munition work and A.R.F., not to mention that everlasting leave question—but we know that there are numerous members who seem to forget the date. Try and remember it this time. The Red Cross Appeal Committee has been busy, but owing to one or two points in connection with the appeal not being quite clear, the committee was unable to make a report on ways and means. As these queries have now been cleared up, a report of ideas is promised at the next meeting. And the ideas will be instructions, too, which means that there will be a job for YOU. When you roll up on March 2 you will get a surprise. The “Dugout” as you knew it has ceased to exist, as a working party has already got to work—repeat, “work”—and has made a good start in improving the place. By the time these notes appear in print the improvements will have been completed and everything will be ready for the meeting. So don’t forget the date—Tuesday, March 2.

**DWELLINGUP AND DISTRICTS**

Our usual monthly meeting was held on January 16. President A. Hills was in charge of a fair attendance. That worthy cause, the Prisoner of War Fund, was discussed, and...
the meeting unanimously agreed to donate £25 to the fund. Our Secretary, Charlie Joyson, appeared after an absence through sickness, and the meeting elected him president on behalf of the branch. He also took the opportunity of thanking the acting-secretary (Arthur Saville) for so ably filling the breach. It is hoped a bigger attendance will be seen at the monthly meetings, and if so, we will be able to continue carrying on the good work done for the district.

FREMANTLE

The president (H. G. Wilson) presided over a well-attended meeting in January. The guest of honour at the meeting was the State President (Mr. T. Edmondson), who received a rousing welcome from the members. Bourne and Brennan reported progress on the arrangements for the social and dance in honour of the women's auxiliary. Inquiries were made as to what action is being taken by League Headquarters in relation to men wounded in the war and of aid to the wounded. Mr. Edmondson said that the sub-branch has considered this matter and decided to forward the names of E. Congdon and E. M. Winfield to the State. The State President addressed the meeting on matters of general League interest. The meeting was the sub-branch considers, was wrongfully made. He had seen the case.

WARRAGONA-HAMEL

The annual meeting was held on February 5, with a good attendance. The election of officers for the current year resulted as follows: President, Bert Chambers (re-elected); vice-president, C. G. Craydon (re-elected); hon. secretary, S. A. Hardy (re-elected); lands committee, Messrs. W. F. Mullins and R. Cockburn; amelioration committee, president, hon. secretary and G. Walmley; secretaries to No. 1 D.C., president, hon. secretary and E. Moffat; auditors, Messrs. G. Walmley and R. Cockburn; publicity officer, S. A. Hardy. In his annual report the president referred to the strong stand taken by the sub-branch with regard to the lax treatment of enemy aliens in W.A. He also gave details of the work done on Christmas eve for the R.S.L. fund, as a result of which £80 odd was raised for the fund—another effort to none in the State. On the suggestion of Stan Weller it was resolved to ask each member to contribute a £1 subscription to the fund. The sum will go towards the purchase of War Savings Certificates or Bonds, with the object of creating a fund for use after the war, when a large influx of new members will necessitate increased expenditure.

SUBIACO

The February meeting proved very successful, and so did the sports. The Darts were won by the good-looking team, and the first team took the prize. Members, Messrs. O'Halloran and George Ashley, were welcomed and both look the part. Members were pleased to see Erin Congdon and his pal, R.S.M. Dornin; and Jack Barlow, a young member, but keen. That alien question has gone into the back-bone, and what progress is being made in the case of a member who, the sub-branch considers, was wrongfully dismissed from his employment. His Worship the Mayor (Mr. F. E. Gibson, M.L.C.) came in to open the meeting. The State President addressed the meeting on matters of general League interest.

MOSMAN PARK

Our January meeting was well attended and was notable particularly for the number of new enrolements that took place. We were all very pleased to see Jimmy Woods and Harry Prince numbered amongst those present. Satisfactory progress was made with our effort in connection with the Prisoner of War Fund. Numerous members have put their names to the list of contributors, and more will do so as the news that there is such an effort being made is broadcast. Collections are made on meeting nights, and for the convenience of members who are attending meetings, contributions may be left at the Hall on Sunday mornings between 10.30 and 11.30. An invitation has been extended to State President Tom Edmondson to give us the once-over at our next meeting. We have been assured that every effort will be made by the gentleman in question to be with us on that occasion. It will be the first time a State president of the League has attended at our Hall. A full meeting is assured, and Mr. Edmondson will probably be bombarded with questions of interest to members. A good time was had by all. We hope to see you all as soon as you possibly can.

Women's Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

Mrs. McKinsay writes: During the month a circular is being sent to all auxiliaries for information, and also a letter from myself, appealing to every individual member to apply herself to at least one of our R.S.L. activities. Our voluntary work plays an important part in the work of the P.O.W. and R.S.M. Fund committee makes an urgent appeal to all members to "push the fund along." We hope to hear soon that every auxiliary is doing its bit in this direction. Mr. C. Taylor, at a recent meeting, reported that in addition to the regular food parcels sent out, the members have been transferred from Malaya.

Our R.S.L. auxiliaries are affiliated to the W.A. Service League of Service. Many suggestions for post-war reconstruction have been received by this organisation, and very soon a list of these will be compiled and sent to groups for discussion. These deal with education, delinquency, town planning, and public health. Would any auxiliary desirous of having this list please inform Mrs. Hopcroft, secretary of the Ex-service Women's Group?

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH

The meetings lately have been fairly well attended. The auxiliary wishes all members the Compliments of the Season, and to all members, the best of health, with the hope that they will all be with us again soon. Soldiers from Sunnside were entertained at an outing and Christmas tea at the hall, and the returned men at Woorooloo and Leederville were given a Christmas present each, not forgetting the Old Women's Home at Guildford. The members all journeyed to the Home and took little presents for Christmas for each patient. Afternoon tea was provided, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent, despite the heat. The auxiliary catering for the bade-sellers on Friday street collections, supplied the supper at the Council Chambers during the continuous broadcast in connection with the Allied Queens' Fund. There were over 100 guests.

The canteen report by Mrs. Stockman is always a lengthy one. In January Bayswater and Bassendean staffed the Town Hall on separate days. Cottesloe the Phyllis Dean Home on December 25th, and a number of buffets were given on December 1st. There are usually plenty of beds to make at the Friendly Union Hostel, and a willing staff to do it. Auxiliaries are rostered for the 18th and 26th of this month, and every eighth day thereafter, should any country member wish to visit the Hostel in King Street.

Matron McDonald writes: "Will you express to the members of your executive our thanks for their continued interest in the patients at Lenoms throughout the past year. Outils have been impossible owing to petrol restrictions, but in spite of this a few have been arranged by the women's auxiliaries, who have always been our best friends."

Representing the R.S.L. auxiliaries, I attended the annual meeting of the Infant Health Correspondence Nursing Scheme. Country branches will realise the valuable work done by Sister Nicholson, and those mothers having no Infant Health Centre in their district. In the past 10 years there have been 14,274 mothers on the roll, and 36,422 letters have been written to them by Sister Nicholson.

The Health Department reports a good response by the public to the appeal for empty tins, but the supply must be continued. Country auxiliaries may call on Wellington Station, marking the correspondence for the Sub-branch onward.

In a circular to sub-branches the Executive P.O.W. Fund committee makes an urgent appeal to all members to "push the fund along." We hope to hear soon that every auxiliary is doing its bit in this direction. Mr. C. Taylor, at a recent meeting, reported that in addition to the regular food parcels sent out, the members have been transferred from Malaya. Our R.S.L. auxiliaries are affiliated to the W.A. League of Service. Many suggestions for post-war reconstruction have been received by this organisation, and very soon a list of these will be compiled and sent to groups for discussion. These deal with education, delinquency, town planning, and public health. Would any auxiliary desirous of having this list please inform Mrs. Hopcroft, secretary of the Ex-service Women's Group?
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also helped the sub-branch with the Children's Christmas Party, which was a great success. One of our very energetic workers, Mrs. Bevan, was presented with a Certificate of Service. The raffle of a parcel of linen was a great success, the winner being Mrs. Dixon, of 18 Slade Street, Bayswater. The auxiliary will hold an evening in the Leederville Town Hall, Cambridge Street, on Monday, February 22, at 8 p.m. A 3-set play, by the Independent Players, called "Worse Things Happen at Sea," will be presented. Admission will be 1/6; children half price.

**SUBIACO**

There was only a moderate attendance at the meeting on January 20. The president (Mrs. Pope) extended condolences to Madame Lay and Anderson, who had suffered bereavements during the week. Mrs. Anderson is a past secretary of the auxiliary. A letter of appreciation was read from the matron in charge of Lemnos, thanking the auxiliary for hospitality given to patients. There were other letters of appreciation from boys and girls who received Christmas parcels from the auxiliary through the Camp Comforts. Forty-three of these parcels were distributed before Christmas. The Camp Comforts Committee has donated sums of £2.1/2 each to the merchant seamen, the entertaining of troops, and the Soldiers' Children Scholarship Trust. Mrs. Congdon, who is chairman of the committee, has appealed for more knitters. The monthly tea at Sunset House was provided on January 6. A visit to Lemnos also proved an enjoyable afternoon for both patients and visitors. The president and secretary visited Ivan Williams, who is a patient in Hollywood Hospital. This young man has recently returned from service abroad. Leave of absence was granted to Mrs. Horne, who has taken up light nursing for the duration of the war. Mrs. Horne has been publicity officer for the past 18 months. Her duties will be taken over by the secretary (Mrs. B. Brown). Visits were also made to the Home of Peace, the Children's Hospital, and St. John of God Hospital. The auxiliary's New Year dance was an outstanding success. The fancy caps were made by Mrs. Quinn, and members provided the decorations for the hall. Adverse weather spoiled the attendance at the January social. Soldiers convalescent were entertained on January 22.

**VICTORIA PARK**

Mrs. Barnett (president) welcomed approximately 32 members at the January-meeting. Members were thanked for their work during the past year, and urged to make still greater efforts in the New Year. This was the first general meeting since November. However, the committee functioned as usual, and some members assisted at the Allies Day Queen street appeal. On December 16 the auxiliary held a social, and the Christmas goody bags were sold, and all prizes have been claimed. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Mrs. Back of the League's Certificate of Service. Mrs. Back has been a great worker in many ways, especially in the canteen, giving up nearly every Friday for this work. The sub-branch has asked members to support a card evening on February 11. This is of a series in aid of the Prisoner of War Fund. The next general meeting will be held on Friday evening, February 26, when a good roll-up is desired.

**MAYLANDS**

The auxiliary commenced the year's duties with a visit to Sunset. The ladies engaged in a game of bowls with the Diggers, and no disappointed to their surprise they were well and truly beaten. During afternoon tea Mr. Brick thanked auxiliary members for their kindness, saying that these visits were greatly appreciated. Mrs. Wynne suitably replied. The secretary (Mr. Gerrard) congratulated the auxiliary on present conditions with older days after war. Then all soldiers were more or less left to fend for themselves. Happily, that was all changed today, and the League and its auxiliaries spared no effort to improve the conditions of old soldiers. At the combined social evening given by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hoffman, the auxiliary treasurer (Mrs. Cook) was presented with a Certificate of Service. The presentation was made by the sub-branch president, Mr. S. Perry.

**NEDLANDS**

With the closing of the Christmas recess the ladies of the auxiliary met on February 2. Mrs. G. Randall was in the chair, and the attendance was good. Letters were received from various institutions thanking the auxiliary for Christmas cheer. Amongst these was one from the Seamen's Mission, acknowledging a gift of £5. Several very interesting letters were also received from boys overseas, thanking the ladies for Christmas parcels. One of these was from Gordon Maddreford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Maddreford, conveying his greetings and thanks. Mr. Perry and Mr. Jeffery, president and secretary respectively of the sub-branch, waited on the meeting with a request that support be given for the fund to build a hall. A very encouraging report was given, and a subscription of £1 each was distributed, with a hope that these would be completed at an early date. The State President (Mrs. McKinlay) sent greetings for the coming year, and spurred the auxiliary on to greater efforts, especially in making camouflage nets. Mrs. Randall reported that a faithful band of women worked quietly but consistently on the work all the year. Mrs. Perry delighted members when she reported that the high mark of £1,000 had been reached in the sale of War Savings Certificates to the date of the second anniversary of the launching of the scheme. Another successful year is an-
The following visits were extended a hearty welcome to Mr. H. J. Sykes. Several apologies were received. Col. Collett was granted leave of absence for the time he would be out of the State.

Prisoner of War Fund.—The report of the Prisoner of War Fund Committee referred to difficulties arising in connection with the War Funds Regulation Act. These difficulties have been dealt with, and sub-branches have been circularised accordingly.

Land Committee.—The Land Committee submitted detailed proposals concerning future land settlement for submission to the Federal Executive. These were adopted, and it was decided that the Federal Executive be advised that the report could be taken as this State's reply to the scheme submitted by Mr. Todd of New South Wales.

W.A. Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund.—The committee of the W.A. Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund advised that it had conferred with the Trustees of the Fund. The Trustees have agreed to the Executive's recommendation that the Fund should now come into operation. It was suggested that an amendment to the Act authorising the establishment of the Fund may be necessary. The committee was given power to act in this regard.

Broadcasts.—A report of two meetings held by the Broadcasting Committee was submitted. The Executive agreed to a recommendation that the State Publicity Censor be asked why he had deleted certain matter from a broadcast script.

Visits.—The following visits were reported: The State President, Col. Margolin and Mr. Watt (Perth sub-branch); the State President (Kojonup, Katanning, Mt. Barker, Albany and Narrogin); Messrs. Bateson and Watts (Perth Hospital); Mr. Williams (Military Gymkhana); Messrs. Williams and Zeffert (North Perth).

Clothing Issue.—The Federal Office forwarded a recommendation by the New South Wales Branch, that in addition to the clothing issued to discharged soldiers, shirts should also be issued. The Executive agreed with this recommendation.

Merit Badges.—The Federal Executive advised that approval could not be obtained for the manufacture of Merit Badges at present.

Hollywood Tram Service.—Correspondence in reference to the Hollywood Hospital tram service was submitted for information, and was received.

Employment Grant.—A communication had been received from the Deputy Director-General of Manpower concerning the employment grant now being paid to the League by the Commonwealth Government. The matter was referred to the Federal Executive, and a reply is awaited.

Bottled Beer.—A communication from the North Perth sub-branch regarding the sale of bottled beer was received.

Australia-China Association.—The Australia-China Association asked the League for a donation. It was resolved to convey regrets and point out that the funds of the League are reserved for members of the fighting services.

Membership.—The Albany sub-branch urged that deceased soldiers be made posthumous members of sub-branches. It was resolved that the sub-branch be requested to submit the matter to the next Congress.

Conscientious Objectors.—The Premier (Mr. Willcock) advised that consideration had been given to representations made by the League concerning conscientious objectors. Mr. Willcock said that the Government had laid down a policy whereby any member of the Public Service, who is required to take the Oath of Allegiance, and who refused to do so, would be dismissed from the service.

Wooroloo Sanatorium.—Delegates were advised that the State Government had ap-
proved the issue of a second-class return railway fare once a month to the near relatives of Repatriation patients in the Wooroloo Sanatorium.

Visitors.—At the conclusion of the meeting the State President welcomed Bishop C. L. Riley, Chaplain-General of the Forces, and former Vice-President of this Branch. Mr. H. W. Wilkins, president of the Bruce Rock sub-branch, was also welcomed.

FEBRUARY 3

At the meeting of the State Executive on February 3 there were present Messrs. Edmondson, Williams, Anderson, Panton, Philp, Margolín, Cornell, Watt, James, Thorn, Zeffert, Olden, Mansbridge, Paton, Logie, Smith, Collins, Harvey, Baker, Bateson and Warner.

Prisoner of War Fund.—The report of a meeting of the Prisoner of War Fund Committee on January 29 was adopted. It contained suggestions for a proposed Bill to provide for preference in employment for discharged members of the Forces. These suggestions were submitted for consideration at the forthcoming meeting of the Federal Executive, in anticipation of the State Executive's approval.

Visitors.—The following visits were reported: The State President (Collie and Fremantle sub-branches); the State President, Messrs. Watt and Williams (Wooroloo Sanatorium); Mr. Bateson (Perth Hospital).

Employment Grant.—Correspondence which had passed between the Commonwealth Treasurer and the Federal President of the League, concerning the continuance of the Federal Government's employment subsidy to the League, was received, together with the employment returns for the month of December 1942.

Land Committee and Federal Executive Meetings.—Advice was received that the meeting of representatives of Land Committees would be held in Melbourne at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, and that the Federal Executive meeting would be held at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 25. It was resolved that one representative be sent from this State to both meetings, and Mr. Cornell was elected. It was further resolved that Mr. Cornell should be accompanied by the State Secretary.

Anzac Day.—The Prime Minister had written to the Federal President in connection with the observance of Anzac Day, which coincides with Easter Sunday this year. A lettergram has been sent to the Federal Executive concerning the possibility of successive congresses having definitely committed the League to the observance of Anzac Day on April 25, and no other day. It further stated that this Branch would adhere to that policy, and organise this year's ceremony on Sunday, April 25, in a similar manner to Anzac Day 1937, when it fell on a Sunday, and on which occasion the parade and combined outdoor service was held in the afternoon. The action was endorsed.

Officials.—The appointment of officials as advised by the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leeder and Kununoppin sub-branches was confirmed.

Manpower and Service.—Manjimup sub-branch stated that in the opinion of its members personally fit for military service should be released by the manpower authorities.

It was resolved that the sub-branch be asked to submit particulars of any cases it had under notice.

War History.—A communications was received from the League in another State, seeking information relating to West Australian casualties in this war. The letter was received and referred to the Federal President for information and advice.

State Publicity Censor.—A complaint was received from a member of the League concerning a breach of the principles of preference to returned soldiers in the recent appointment of the State Publicity Censor. The writer pointed out that no applications had been called for, and claimed that he had been acting in that capacity and was available for the appointment. It was decided to ask the Federal Executive to enter a strong protest.

Repatriation Patients, Wooroloo.—Advice was received from the Repatriation Department that the State Government had agreed to issue one free railway pass each month, in respect of each Repatriation patient at the Wooroloo Sanatorium, to enable a relative to visit him. It was agreed to convey the League's appreciation for this concession.

Use of Hut, Claremont Camp.—The W.A. L. of G. Area regretted that, in view of the general position in respect to accommodation at Claremont Camp, it was not possible to make it available for the purpose of establishing an information bureau for the League. The Y.M.C.A. advised that it had been arranged to transfer Mr. Paton from Rottnest to Claremont, and he would be their representative at Claremont. Mr. Paton was available to assist the League in any manner desired.

Travelling Facilities.—In connection with travelling facilities for members of the Forces it was resolved: "That where members of the Armed Forces, whilst on leave, have to avail themselves of transport other than rail or boat, in order to reach their destinations, some monetary consideration should be given to mail contractors who, in a number of cases, provide the necessary transport.

Welcome Hut.—The reception Committee was asked to investigate the possibility of establishing a Welcome Hut near the Perth Railway Station, to be conducted under the auspices of the League.
# Associations of Ex-Service Men

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<td>Last Friday each month</td>
<td>W. Beadle, 450 Newcastle Street, Perth</td>
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<td>Friday before Anzac Day and 2nd Friday in October</td>
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<td>10th Light Horse Association</td>
<td>Room 33, Bon Marche Buildings, Barrack Street, Perth</td>
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<td>S. P. Davidon, 69 Florence Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>H. W. Ring Association Office, Phone B5457; private</td>
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<td>Partially Blinded Soldiers Association of Australia, W.A. Branch</td>
<td>At Office, Room 33, 2nd Floor, Bon Marche Building, Barrack Street</td>
<td>1st Pension day of the month at 2.30 p.m.</td>
<td>W. P. Griffiths, 47 South Street, Beaconsfield</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours: 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
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