The annual commemoration of Anzac Day is a manifestation of a twofold purpose. In the first place, it is an expression of national gratitude to those who have given their lives for King and Country in the former war, and during the present conflict against the forces of evil. In the second, it reminds us of our obligations to survivors of both wars, and our determination, as an organisation of ex-service men, to look after their welfare. In the view of this League, there can be no better way of fostering the welfare of returned service men than by assuring them an economic security, and that preference in employment which will make up to them, in some measure, what they have lost through their war service. The principle of preference is one of the most important planks of the League's constitution. It is a principle for which the League has fought during the 20 years between the two wars, and for which the League is still fighting. As the result of past efforts, the Commonwealth Government long ago accepted the principle by inserting a preference clause in the Commonwealth Public Service Act, but the inclusion of a proviso, "all other things being equal," made the loop-hole through which the principle was so often shot in the back. Even then, the existing legislation referred only to returned service men of the last war. Repeated attempts were made by, and on behalf of the League, to wring from the Federal Government some statement of policy in regard to preference for the men of this war. The Government, however, maintained an oyster-like silence until the recent action of the Senate, made the preference question a major political issue.

The Government's counter-manœuvre, to amend the Commonwealth Public Service Act by extending preference in employment far beyond members of the fighting forces, would have destroyed the real value of preference altogether, had it been allowed to succeed. Although the Government's attempts to do this were frustrated, mainly through the action of the Senate in insisting on the inclusion of a preference clause in the Repatriation Act, the attempt to extend the scope of preference has clouded the issue for many people outside Parliament.

Within the past fortnight, there have been signs of an organised attempt to foment an agitation against the preference principle. The main arguments used—if such emanations from muddled thinking can be dignified by the name of arguments—are based on points that were raised by the opponents of preference during the recent debates in both Houses of the Federal Parliament. One was that in the new world order that will succeed this war, there will be jobs for everybody, and preference will not be needed. The other was that many others are doing good work, and even dangerous work, for the war effort and are, on that account, just as entitled to preference in employment as members of the fighting forces. Either argument is a sample of special pleading based on an imperfect understanding of the position.

Surely, the basis on which you give preference to a returned member of the fighting services is that something has been taken out of his life. . . . Preference is given to compensate him for that loss, to restore him by preference to the position he would have in if he had not abandoned it to become a member of the fighting services."—Mr. R. G. Menzies, in the House of Representatives March, 1943.

Every thinking man today is hoping for, and working for, a reconstruction on a sounder economic and social basis. This time, we are not contenting ourselves with a "land fit for heroes to live in"; we are aiming at the creation of a world that will ensure everyone—good, bad or indifferent; worthy or unworthy—the fullest possible life and the fullest possible leisure to enjoy it. That would seem to be the goal, and it is more than probable that we will go some distance towards attaining that goal; but only wishful thinking of the most fatuous sort will mislead anyone into believing that such a brave new world will come into being automatically, immediately the war ends. The student of history will readily realise that post-war reconstruction is more likely to be a long and painful process, extending through years of trial and error, of experiment and improvement, and further thinking and planning. The millennium of our hearts' desires will not flash into existence through the mere adoption of some magic formula. It would be both stupid and dangerous, therefore, to await on reconstruction before trying to secure the advantage of preference for returned service men. It is indeed significant that those who think we should be consistent enough to assert that preference to unionists should also be scrapped, pending the arrival of a new era in which the earth and the fullness thereof will be thrown open to everybody.

It is not on selfish grounds that we insist on preference for members of the fighting forces. The claim is based on fairness and common justice. As the former Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, said in the House of Representatives:
"Surely, the basis on which you give preference to a returned member of the fighting services is the fact that something has been taken out of his life." During his long and continuous war service he has been away from his job. He comes back to find others more advanced in skill. The war service of many of these young men will have covered the years during which young men in normal times prepare themselves for their life's work. The experience of the last war, and this experience is being repeated, is that even when young men are, to all outward appearances, physically unshattered by their war service, they come back to a mental unrest which hinders concentration on the learning of a civilian vocation. "Preference," as Mr. Menzies said, is "given to compensate him for what he has lost, to restore him to the position he would have been in, if he had not abandoned it to become a member of the fighting forces." It is idle then to argue that civilian war workers make equal sacrifices to those made by members of the fighting forces. The latter have gone out of civilian life altogether for the duration. The former undoubtedly does work of great value and he may, under unusual circumstances, such as a bombing attack, do his work in circumstances of danger; but the fundamental fact is that, by the very nature of his work, he is continuing his civilian employment, and, in point of skill and experience, he finished the war a better man than when he started. To quote Mr. Menzies again: "The man who has been in the fighting services, in point of civil employability, finishes the war a worse man, in that he is less competent and less experienced than he would have been had the war not occurred." This is the true principle on which preference should be based.

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ANZAC DAY

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS YEAR'S COMMEMORATION

1. Anzac Day, April 25, this year falls on a Sunday, on which day it should be observed. That of course is in accordance with the continued policy of the League.

2. Other than essential national services there is a complete cessation of business activity on Anzac Day, the exceptions being smallgoods shops where perishables are offered for sale.

3. A short silent ceremony will take place before the State Memorial in King's Park.Fall in at 9.30 a.m. A combined National Commemoration Service will be held on the Perth Esplanade, commencing at 3 p.m. Other services should be arranged at metropolitan and country centres.

4. The churches should be invited to hold special indoor services at times that will not clash with the local combined service. Ex-servicemen should attend the church services where convenient.

5. The outdoor service in Perth will be controlled by the State Executive of the League and sub-branches should exercise similar control in their own districts.

6. Sub-branch president or his representative should wherever possible deliver the address at services organised by the sub-branches.

7. The service should follow on similar lines to previous Anzac Day services, and topics for the address might include mention of:

   - The landing at Gallipoli, April 25, 1915.
   - Sacrifices made then and afterwards in France, Palestine, on the sea and in the air.
   - Sacrifices made in the present world war.
   - Sympathy with the relatives of those who have died in the service of Australia and the Empire.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

The question of eligibility for membership was one of the important matters discussed by the Federal Executive at its half-yearly meeting. During the last war, the question of eligibility was simple enough. Any member of the AIF who had not returned after having been on active service abroad was, of course, a returned soldier. Automatically he became eligible to join the League. That applied also to seagoing members of the Navy and, in those days, the Air Force had not been made a separate service. Even with that simple line of demarcation, there were, however, border-line cases, in which occasional hardship was inflicted. Imagine how much more intricate is the position in this war, in which Militia units enlisted solely for home defence have been fighting side by side with members of the AIF. They are likely to do so again and again, now that the measure popularly known as the Military Bill, has been passed by the Federal Parliament.

So far, the general feeling among members of the League is that the question of eligibility is one that might be allowed to stand over until an appreciable number of non returned for the present war. That, indeed, was the purport of resolutions passed by two annual congresses in this State. The underlying idea is that the new generation of Diggers must in the not so distant future, take over the League and run it. It will be their League, and it will be for them to say who shall be considered eligible to join it. However, definitions will not always wait on events. Men of the AIF and the Militia have fought side by side in at least one theatre of war, and instances are arising of their being discharged side by side. Consequently, sub-branch secretaries are being confronted with an increasing number of cases in which a decision under the existing constitution is difficult. Obviously further steps towards defining eligibility must be taken. At its meeting last week, the Federal Executive referred the matter to the several State congresses. The League defines service in theatre of war as entitling members of the AIF to membership of the League, but it was not competent to define the policy of the League in regard to Militiamen.

The various State Executives have put up their ideas on eligibility when drafting suggestions for a Preference Bill, but the ultimate decision must be given by congresses.
State and Federal. The decisions of the State Branches will come before the next annual Federal Congress, which will be held next November. Federal Congress is the ruling body of the League and, as such, it will make the final decision in accordance with the wishes expressed by State Congresses.

So far, no official statement of the proceedings of the Federal Executive meeting have been issued, but State Branches will be advised of decisions by the Executive on rates of soldier's pensions, which are now the subject of amending legislation to the Repatriation Act, and on the very vital questions of preference to ex-service men, and land settlement.

FEMALE RELATIVE'S WAR BADGES

W.A. L. of C. Area Records Office announce that they now have a large stock of female relative's badges and star bars.

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The Mother's and Widow's badge will be issued in respect of members who have been killed in action, or have died of wounds or other causes whilst on service, or as the result of such service, where the conditions of enlistment or service of such members rendered them liable for active service overseas or in certain prescribed operational areas. The degrees of relationship are the same as of the Female Relative's Badge. Where a Female Relative's badge has been issued and the member has later died, a Mother's and Widow's badge may be issued in addition to the Female Relative's badge already held.

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SIR JOHN MONASH
London Paper's Remarkable Tribute

In a recent leading article the London "Evening Standard" paid a remarkable tribute to the Australian Corps Commander in 1918, Sir John Monash. The paper recalls that he halted the German before Amiens in 1918, perfected the tank tactics which made August 8th of that year what Ludendorf called 'the black day of the German Army,' and planned an offensive that brought final victory. The newspaper advises the British High Command to study the methods of the man who led the Australians to undying glory on the battlefield. "Monash's one ambition when he went to war," the paper says, "was to win quickly. Monash saw the problems of war as a problem of business, with his own specialised technique. After mastering technique, he ran his army as he would a business, cutting out red tape, encouraging initiative, and, above all, making the best use of the individual abilities of every man under his command." The leading article recalls that Sir John Monash, when told: "The speed of your advance is determined by the speed of the enemy's retreat," replied: "The speed of the enemy's retreat is determined by the speed of my advance.

Monash always showed appreciation of technical skill, which is the essence of democracy in a modern army, and a source of pride to the gunner, trooper and infantryman. The paper then goes on to say that Monash's troops developed infiltration tactics. Monash was the first general to calculate guns before, instead of during a battle. His men devised many ingenious themes to effect surprise. His staff made subtle use of propaganda and gained great victories at small cost. This total confidence of commanders in men and men in commanders, is the secret of loyalty, and also the secret of leadership, which can win for our army the proudest battle honours in the fight for freedom.

It is often forgotten after this lapse of time that Sir John's right hand man in these brave employments was the present Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Military Forces, Sir Thomas Blamey. He was Brigadier-General Chief of Staff on Australian Corps Headquarters in 1918, and Blamey's operation for the "Eighth of August Show" was quoted by the Camberly Staff College, for years afterwards, as the model of what an operation should be.

ARMY INSIGNIA

Former soldiers who are now members of the Federal Parliament are keen upholders of the rights and traditions of fighting men. On March 16 Senator Brand asked the Minister representing the Minister for the Army:

1. Will the Minister consider the issue of some distinguishing insignia on a soldier's uniform, so that the general public may readily recognise a member of the Australian Forces (including the Army and Air Force Nursing Services)?

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Imperial Force who has taken part in battle operations in the Middle East and New Guinea, as the service chevrons worn on the right-hand cuff of the tunic do not necessarily mean that the soldier has been actively engaged in front-line operations.

Will the Minister issue the instruction that the wearing of Australian Imperial Force, colour patches, and the shoulder title “Australia” must be discontinued by men who, though enlisted for overseas service, are never likely to see service in a combat area during the course of the war?  

3. Does the Minister realise that the wearing of these colour patches by home service personnel is unfair to the real Australian Imperial Force?  

Senator Fraser, representing the Minister for the Army, replied—

1. Soldiers who volunteer for the Australian Imperial Force are allotted such duties as their superior officers direct. It would be both impracticable and unnecessary to make a permanent distinction between those who have, and those who have not, been allotted to front-line operations. The Hon. Senator will agree that, in modern warfare, battle operations are not carried out exclusively by troops in the front line.

2. It is considered undesirable and impracticable to make any further distinctions than those already provided by existing chevrons, colour patches and shoulder titles.

3. It is not considered unfair for all members of the Australian Imperial Force to wear the colour patches of the Australian Imperial Force and shoulder titles “Australia.”

Senator Fraser, in his replies, gave the official opinion of a civilian Army Minister. Most of us, however, will adhere to the views implied in Senator Brand’s questions.

WAR GRAVES

Early in March the State Executive submitted a question to Headquarters, W.A. Lines of Communication Area, in connection with the care of war graves. The question and the reply received from the Staff Officer, Graves Registration, are published for information.

Question:

Information is sought as to whether next of kin, relatives or other persons, would be permitted to erect a railing or other memorial on a grave of deceased service personnel.

Answer:

(a) If the grave is in a denominational section of a civil cemetery, a railing or other memorial may be erected, but such action is not encouraged. REASON: In due course Graves Registration Service erect a Grave Registration Cross, which is a temporary memorial till after the war. The grave is maintained regularly for six weeks by Grave Maintenance Detail, who move all over the State in areas allotted. No permanent memorial will be erected by Graves Service till after the war. There is a scheme being formulated, where all war dead, with the approval of next of kin, will be brought into a central war memorial park, where for all time the graves will be properly cared for and suitable memorials erected.

(b) If a railing was erected, Graves Service would still erect a Grave Registration Cross and maintain the grave. The only concern then would be, that were the deceased exhumed and brought in as suggested, the expense incurred in having the rail erected would be wasted, although it would serve its purpose so long as the deceased was buried there.
In the case of a grave being in a war cemetery, no railing memorial or other Brandon should be allowed. The grave will be maintained and ultimately be dealt with as set out in sub para. (a).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

War graves 1914-1918 have been taken over by Graves Registration Service and will be maintained as are graves of present war dead. Only those permanent head-stones that are at present in the course of manufacture, some thirty odd, will be erected till another time.

Where deceased personnel (now civilians) of 1914-1918 are entitled to a war grave, Graves Registration Service will erect a Graves Registration Cross which is a temporary memorial such as has been erected in the past will be erected. Graves Registration Service will maintain the grave.

Your interest in matters of Graves Registration Service and your assistance is appreciated.

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MERCHANT NAVY COMFORTS

The Perth Repertory Club Merchant Navy Comforts Fund is appealing for £1,000 in 1943, and aims at dispatching 1,000 Christmas parcels this year. The appeal is being divided into monthly portions, May and October. In May, the fund will make a special appeal for donations from all citizens who wish to show their appreciation of the many thousands of gallant Empire seamen who have made the supreme sacrifice so that the life-lines of Empires may be kept intact. The collection list is now open, and, if you feel a desire to help, act today. Leave a donation, or post it to the Repertory Club office, 104 St. George's Terrace, Perth, marking it "Empire Seamen's Appreciation Appeal." Their need is great, and you can help to relieve their wants. In October, it is intended to remember and honour Merchant Navy Day. The fund is arranging various functions in aid of the appeal. From August last to November this year the fund has sent £250 to the Merchant Seamen's Comfort Fund, Fremantle, and spent £172 in Christmas parcels and wool.

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A GENERAL'S FAREWELL

In this, as in past wars, no one has had a greater appreciation of Australian soldiers than the British generals who have commanded them in battle. We are happy to be able to give the text of an address made by General Sir Archibald W. G. Alexander, K.C.B., G.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Forces, at a parade of the A.I.F. held in Palestine last December in commemoration of fallen comrades:

Officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Empire and Imperial Force: these great days we are living in are a time for deeds rather than words, but when great deeds have been done there is no harm in speaking of them. And great deeds have been done.

The battle of Alamein has made history, and you are in the proud position of having taken a major part in that great victory. Your reputation as fighters has always been famous, but I do not believe you have ever fought with greater heart than you did during that battle, when you broke the German and Italian Armies in the Western Desert. Now you have added fresh lustre to your already illustrious name.

Your losses have been heavy indeed, and for that we are greatly distressed. But war is a hard and bloody affair, and great victories cannot be won without sacrifice. It is always a fine and moving spectacle to see, as I do today, worthy men who have done their duty on the battle field assembled in ranks under the flag they fought to defend. I commend them to the care of the young men who will be present tomorrow, and I am sure they will find them worthy of the Australian Division.

What of the future? There is no doubt that the fortunes of war have turned in our favour. We now have the initiative and can strike when and where we will. It is we who will choose the future battlegrounds, and we will choose them where we can hit the enemy hardest and hurt him most.

There is a hard and bitter struggle ahead before we come to final victory and much hard fighting to be done. In the flux and change of war individuals will change. Some will come; others will go. Formations will move from one theatre to another, and where you will be when the next battles are fought I do not know. But whatever may be my thoughts will always go with you and I shall follow your fortunes with interest and your successes with admiration. There is one thought I shall cherish above all others—under my command fought this AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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CHINESE NAVAL GUERRILLAS

While Japan and the United Nations are fighting for naval supremacy in the Pacific, it is not generally known that the Chinese Navy is playing an important role in this struggle. The Chinese Navy was not one of the world's largest to begin with, and it lost practically all its ships early in the war with Japan. But it still had thousands of naval officers and sailors ready to go on serving their country; and that is what they are doing today with typical Chinese modesty and thoroughness. The Chinese have turned to guerrilla fighting in the rivers and coastal waters, in which a major task in view: That task is to lay mines in Japanese shipping lanes. Allied warships, submarines and aircraft may make spectacular inroads on Japanese shipping, but the Chinese naval forces, in nothing more modern than sailing junks, keep up a steady nibbling, which is also having its effect. Officers and seamen of the Chinese Navy are doing routine service under the instruction of the naval command. They use ordinary junks, without auxiliaries, because it is important to them to move without noise. They have no central bases of operation. Instead, they move from one point on the coast to another in accordance with general developments. In fact, their naval guerrilla units can operate from any point, because Chinese fishermen are always eager to help them—in every way possible. Civilians provide the junks, and information regarding the movements of Japanese shipping but all the mines that are being laid along the coast are being handled by regular Navy men. It is difficult to estimate how many Japanese ships have been sunk by these mines, but the activity of the guerrillas continues to meet with good success. The volume of Japanese shipping in Chinese waters has decreased very much since the extension of the war to the Pacific, and it is falling all the time. Quite a num-

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It will be just too bad for Germany and Germany's Balkan satellites, Rumania and Bulgaria, when Russia has sufficient control of the Black Sea coastline to use her fleet more offensively. It will also be a bad day for Japan, if Russia should decide to take part in the Pacific fighting. Strangely enough, the Russian Fleet is seldom referred to in terms of tonnage. As a matter of fact, in spite of popular opinion, it is Russia and not Germany which has the largest submarine fleet in the world. Other details of Soviet naval power might prove just as surprising. According to the U.S. Navy League's magazine "Sea Power," the Red submarine crews are no mean seamen. Reports show that in the fifteen months ended November 30 last, they had sunk more than 80 Axis warships, and 270 enemy transports. A faint indication of how powerful the Red Navy may be today is given by the report that, back in 1940, well over 100 ships were added to it.

Survivors of a United States ship, which was torpedoed towards the end of last year, have told a remarkable story of the extinguishing of the flames on their burning vessel, when a third torpedo struck it. Two torpedoes struck the ship in quick succession and flames spurted as high as the masts. The ship was brought to a stop, but it seemed as if the whole crew would be caught in the flames before they could abandon ship. Then, suddenly, a third torpedo struck, and the blast snuffed out the flames, just as a man hails out a match. The crew, all except one, crowded into one lifeboat, and were rescued two hours later.

We talk about difficulties in obtaining house-room or flats in Perth, but typical of the conditions in France today is a sign posted in a Paris street, and an advertisement sent to a Paris paper from a radio-set owner in Normandie. The sign read: "A rabbit to the person who can show me a heated room to rent for one person." The newspaper advertisement offered to exchange three kilos of butter for one radio tube. The number of Germans now in France, civilians as well as soldiers, had added to the difficulty. The Germans take priority in buying supplies offered in the markets and stores, and they freely patronise the black market. The Italians, on the other hand show more politeness and tact, even in their dealings with the French people. Even Italian Army officers often stand patiently in queues with local residents waiting for the chance to buy food. They do not follow the ill-mannered example of the Germans in insisting upon being served first.

Country sub-branches are asked to notify League Headquarters, when members have been admitted to hospitals in the city, and, if at the General Hospital to give the number of the ward. Country sub-branches might also remind their members who come to the city that more use might be made of the Anzac Club especially in these days of short drinks and long thirsts. The Club committee would like to see members availing themselves of the Club facilities.

Recently the League asked the Commonwealth Government favourably to consider the issue of a Female Relative's Badge to the wives and mothers of Merchant Navy personnel.

The Prime Minister's Department has notified the League that this Female Relative's Badge should not be issued. A mothers' and widows' badge, however, is issued to the mother or widow of a merchant seaman who has been killed or died of wounds, or who has died from other causes while serving in the Mercantile Marine, or who has died as a result of such service. The principal reason why the Female Relative's Badge is not issued in the case of merchant seamen is that these men are not bound to continue serving. They may leave the merchant service at the end of six months' agreement or before, and if the badges were issued, in a short time many would be worn by persons who had no relatives at sea. The badge would then lose its significance and cease to be of value to any person to whom it had been issued.

"Bond Buyer" writes from Nedlands: I must compliment Mr. E. S. Watt on his summing up of the prayer position in regard to the War Loan. The Episcopal claim that there are 365 days in the year, and that every day is a day of prayer, is true enough as far as it goes, but why should we preclude special prayers for special occasions? In these troubled times, how one misses that grand old man, the late Archbishop Riley. He was never one to give a national effort a Levite's blessing from the other side of the road. He was a leader.

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PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION

The aims and objects of the Association were fully explained at the meeting held on April 5 in Room 33, Bon Marche Chambers, Barrack Street, Perth. When further activities were also described, many items were dealt with, and useful information was obtained. Several members spoke on interesting subjects. Stan Wrick, of the 2/16th Bn., wound up by giving a good description of his activities abroad, and allowed members to inspect an interesting memento. The next meeting will be held on May 3, when a good attendance is requested. Further information regarding the Association and its activities can be obtained from the hon. secretary, Mr. Mackay, of 51 Hardy, Street, Nedlands.

A favourite joke in circulation in the United States today is the story of a Japanese airman who was reprimanded by his superior officers because he did not attempt to bomb the Federal Capital of the United States. The story goes that the senior Jap told his subordinate that he should have been able to spot all the white buildings in Washington without any trouble. “Yes,” replied the bomb-wallah, “but what’s the use? In Tokio we have one building with a group of men doing one job. Over there you have one, two, three, four buildings, each with a honourable group of men all doing the same job. No good to bomb one office when there’s so many others all doing same job.” Apparently Australia is not the only Allied country where Departments are multiplied for one increasing purpose.

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George Coultas, a good old member of the Maylands Sub-Branch, has been having a bad time physically, and is now confined to a wheelchair. We join with his Maylands comrades in hoping his condition will improve, and that he will soon be able to attend sub-branch functions again. At the first April meeting, members of the Maylands Sub-Branch stood in silence, as a mark of respect to another member, Mr. Buck, who recently passed on to higher duty. He was a splendid type of Digger, and sub-branch members have experienced a feeling of deep sadness at the loss of one more good pal.

The famous meeting between Wellington and Blucher had nothing on a meeting earlier this year between Bert Sykes and Les Matthews, both of the 16th Bn. It took place on a Saturday morning in the Anzac Club, and they had not seen each other since January 1916. At that time, Les was on orderly room duty at Ismailia. Les was accidentally shot through the shoulder about this time. It was a flesh wound, and this good Spartan remained on duty, because he knew that the somewhat careless person responsible was due for promotion to commissioned rank. Had Les reported the injury that promotion might have been hung up, so in true Digger style he did the Brer Rabbit trick—lay low and said nothing.

The State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) took a short period of leave at the beginning of the month, which he spent on another type of duty. He took Mrs. Benson down to Safety Bay, where she is now convalescing after an operation. It was the second operation that energetic little lady has had within the past few months, and her many friends hope that the doctors’ hopes that this will correct an ailment of long duration will be fulfilled. While Dave has been carrying on with his big and important job, his good wife threw herself heart and soul into auxiliary work, and the running of various shows to raise money for patriotic purposes. All who have been associated with her in these voluntary but none the less strenuous activities with her a speedy recovery, and an enjoyable and well-earned holiday.

Once again our dear old friend Mary Meares has charge of the transport to and from the Anzac Day celebration at Perth of sick and wounded men of this and the last war, and any returned men unable to march are requested to communicate with Mary at 3 Ventnor Avenue, West Perth, before April 21 if possible.

The War Office has announced the death of Lieut.-Colonel A. R. F. Clarke, M.C., who is believed to have passed away in Singapore in February of last year. This advice is based on an unconfirmed report from the International Red Cross Society, Geneva. Lieut.-Colonel Clarke served with the R.A.M.C. in the last war. He rejoined the British Army in 1940 and commanded a field ambulance during the Malayan campaign. He was a medical officer of the Repatriation Department in Perth from 1936, and previously had been in medical practice at Tambellup and Mt. Barker.

One of the guests at the first April luncheon of the Press Sub-Branch was the well-known Australian violinist, Lionel Lawson, who is spending a few months in Perth as conductor of the A.B.C. Wireless Orchestra. Lionel Lawson is a Sydney man who completed his musical studies abroad. During the last war he served on the Western Front with the Royal Flying Corps, as did E. J. Roberts, whom he is relieving for a spell.

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At the Gloucester Park smoke social this month the toast of the Air Force was responded to by Squadron-Leader Rushworth, R.A.A.F., who is described as an "old timer with a youthful appearance." Squadron Leader Rushworth has also had long service in the League. He is a past president of the Waratah-Mayfield (N.S.W.) Sub-Branch, and was also on the State Executive in New South Wales. He is a powerful and humorous speaker, and his comparisons of the men of the past and present wars were very interesting, and were greatly appreciated by the Gloucester Park boys.

Jack Fuller, who has been for 19 years in the service of the League, has resigned from his job of Chief Steward at the Anzac Club. In the old days, when League Headquarters was in the building now occupied by the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Jack was billiard-marker. The billiard room is now the territory of the A.B.C. Wireless Orchestra, and George Mellor, who is a member of the orchestra, must often think of the old days when billiard balls clicked and cards were shuffled in that room. Jack Fuller took over the Club stewardship at its inception, when the League used to run art unions for members of the Gloucester Park Sub-Branch, of which he has been an active and enthusiastic member for a number of years. He will now devote his working hours to his poultry farm, which is just hatching out of the embryo stage. Good luck, Jack. May the hens never contemplate suicide, and may all the eggs have double yolks.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Harry Talbot, who was killed in a traffic accident on April 5. The late Mr. Talbot, who is described as an Anzac, was a well-known and respected member of the North Perth Sub-Branch. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

North Perth reports that two members of the present A.I.F. have joined the League. They are Cpl. G. A. Turnbull of the 2/28th and Ordinary Seaman W. Storrie, R.A.N. They were formally welcomed into the ranks of the League at the March meeting of the North Perth Sub-Branch. Each expressed keen interest in the proceedings of the meeting, and each was agreeably surprised to learn that the League generally is so concerned about younger members. Cpl. Turnbull, by the way, was one of the "Rats of Tobruk," an appellation that bids fair to rank honourably with that of "Old Contemptible" and "Original Anzac."

English papers report the passing of Bishop Neville S. Talbot, who died suddenly in London on April 3. He served in the South African War of 1899-1902 as an officer in the Rifle Brigade. He served as a chaplain in the War of 1914-1918. He won the M.C., was wounded in action, and served for a time as Assistant Chaplain-General. He was the last member of the original Club staff to remain in the service of the League. He will continue to do his bit, however, with the Gloucester Park Sub-Branch, of which he has been an active participant. When the League did a diagonal march across the road to Anzac House, he did an outside job when the League used to run art unions for members of the Gloucester Park Sub-Branch, of which he has been an active and enthusiastic member for a number of years. He will now devote his working hours to his poultry farm, which is just hatching out of the embryo stage. Good luck, Jack. May the hens never contemplate suicide, and may all the eggs have double yolks.

The movement which became known as the Western Sub-Branch lost a good member, and the State a valued servant, when Mr. H. G. (“Bert”) Jarman collapsed and died in his office on the morning of March 24. The late Mr. Jarman was 50 years of age. He joined the public service in 1908, and, at the time of his death, was secretary of the Workers Homes Board, the War Service Homes Commission, and the McNess Housing Trust. During the War of 1914-1918, he saw active service with the 3rd Divisional Signalling Coy. His only son returned to Australia recently, after being wounded at the Battle of Alamein. The late Mr. Jarman was a very active member of the Perth Legacy Club. He was present at a Legacy luncheon the day before his death. We join with members of the Legacy Club and the Cottesloe Sub-Branch in tendering sympathy to Mrs. Jarman and her son.

Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Boyes, who was stationed at Swan Barracks for several years after he graduated from Dunstoo, and who has been missing since February 1942, is now reported missing, believed killed in action. Mrs. Boyes is a sister of the late Squadron Leader Hugo Throssell Armstrong, D.F.C. and Bar. Readers will deeply sympathise with Mrs. Boyes in her double bereavement.

Warrant Officer Roy Inwood, V.C., of Adelaide, and his wife, formerly Miss Louise Gates, have been in Perth on a visit.

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SOLDIERS AND POLITICS

Speaking in the Senate last month on the Repatriation Bill, Col. Collett, as was expected, made a most valuable contribution. Commenting on the proposal to form an ex-servicemen's political party with national objectives, and aiming also at the installation of a national government to control during the period of the war. The platform published is praiseworthy, but not new. In giving expression to certain ideals, the promoters have overlooked two facts. First, the party system is inherent in a democracy, the alternative to democracy being autocracy; and, secondly, the members of the services are drawn from all classes in society and hold varying political beliefs. Therefore, if this movement is pressed we may be sure only of two results, namely, the appearance in Parliament of yet another party, and the splitting of the general body of ex-servicemen into innumerable groups, none of which will be fully effective, because every other group will be against it. The instinct and role of every man who has served in these great wars is to ensure that this country is governed and developed on truly national lines. He will certainly give his individual support to policies holding such genuine promise. His personal effort will be exhibited in various directions and in sundry quarters. Over the last 25 years, I have seen this course followed in Western Australia, where returned soldiers have been prominent in every walk of life and with lasting benefit to the State. What I hope to see after the next general elections is an increase of their numbers in this Parliament.

As one who once served and for the past 25 years has been in close and active contact with ex-servicemen, I set down some of my convictions in the following terms:

1. After peace comes, the officers who commanded, led, and directed our volunteers of the Navy, Army and Air Force will still owe a duty to the men and women who served under them in war.

2. That duty will be, inter alia, to join actively with former comrades and share in the arduous task of re-establishing in the community desirable social conditions, including a stable and progressive system of government.

3. Where leadership is needed, they will be in honour bound to offer it, regardless of the effort involved, in order to stir and direct immobilsed thought and energy into appropriate channels. There is always the danger of the intrusion of plausible self-seeking persons who batten upon and retard the development of the potential strength of inarticulate majorities. Through no fault of their own, Australian leaders of the last war have not fully used their opportunities for further public service. The example set by Field-Marshal Earl Haig might well be emulated. There were others before him who did not forget their duty to the men who served with them.

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The provisions of the new Act will be enacted on May 6. The following is a short summary of the most important amendments to the old Act:

1. There is an increase in war pensions of 20 per cent. and other increases in some of the allowances.

Women in the Forces are eligible to compensation and benefits on the same scale as men.


4. Increased consideration for men suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.

5. Free medical and hospital treatment to totally and permanently incapacitated men in respect to ordinary ailments not considered war-caused.

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7. Eligibility is extended to apply to both members of the Forces who serve overseas and those whose service is confined to Australia and the Territory under its control.

8. The responsibility for treatment of sufferers from venereal disease acquired while on service, including eligibility for sustenance for himself, his wife and children.

In the Entitlement Appeal Tribunal the onus of proof will now rest upon the Commission.

10. There is no time limit within which an ex-soldier may apply for benefits (as in the old Act). On the other hand, the time limit in respect of eligibility of wives and children of members engaged in the present war is to be limited to 15 years after the termination of the soldier’s discharge; but in such a case a widow and children would become entitled to the prescribed pension and allowance should he die from an accepted disability.

There are other amendments, but we have not been able to get a copy of the Act. We hope to give a more complete review in our May issue.

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LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

At the recent meeting of presidents and secretaries of metropolitan sub-branches, the suggestion was made that it is the practice of the State Secretary to go through correspondence from sub-branches and himself decide what should go before the State Executive and what should not. That suggestion is not altogether in accordance with facts. For the information of all concerned, it is stated that all correspondence that comes in to League Headquarters is of a personal nature, which sometimes calls for immediate attention. Sometimes as many as 40 or 60 letters are received in a day. Obviously it is immediate action on many of these is called for, such letters do not reach the State Executive if the requests contained can be finalised by members of the staff taking up these matters with the departments concerned. Where matters cannot satisfactorily be solved by the State Secretary, and where these affect League policy, they are referred to the State Executive. The Executive then directs him as to what further course is to be pursued. That system has grown up with the League and hitherto, as far as records show, it has given general satisfaction. Any sub-branch resolution affecting the League or its charges is always referred to the State Executive.

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Scabbards Off

By Pip-Tok

Since the enormously costly failure of the Germans at Stalingrad, we hear very little of Hitler as a strategist. Until it became evident that he was not going to win the war at the gallop, loose thinkers who accept analogy as proof, and civilian know-alls who would have the world believe that the brains of officers cease to function after they have attained field rank, were never tired of stressing the fact that the victorious Hitler, like Napoleon and Marlborough, was a corporal. The inclusion of course, that corporals and other persons without very advanced military knowledge, are far more fitted to direct campaigns than generals. Actually, neither Napoleon nor Marlborough was ever a corporal.

The designations, “Little Corporal” in Napoleon’s case, and that of “Corporal John,” in the case of Marlborough, were merely nicknames bestowed in affection by the men they led to victory after victory.

Early in the war, the German Propaganda Ministry, unable to picture Hitler as an almost mythical figure, poring over text-books of strategy and, with the aid of inspiration, working out brilliant campaigns leading to inevitable victory. That pleasing picture has been badly blurred by the stalling war, its campaigns, its reverses, its defeats, its hiccups, its resuscitations, its stubborn determination to go on to the end. Hitler, to use an old cavalryman’s saying, “bitch up the show” when he attacked Russia.

One wonders what North African Moslems think of Mussolini, the self-styled “Protector of Islam”? now that the last square inch of Italy’s African Empire has been overrun by the Allies. In his efforts to woo Mussolini, Hitler met with Kaiser Wilhelm and the absurd pretensions of each War Lord were equally blasphemous in Mohammedan eyes. When France brought her Moroccon regiments to Europe during the last war, German agents spread tales among the Moroccans to massacre their French officers, and declare a holy war on France. The appeals were printed in Arabic in the name of “The Mohammedan Emperor, Hadji Wilhelm.” The absurdity of the title may be realised when it is remembered that among Moslems the term “Hadji” is a title of reverence given only to men who have made a pilgrimage to Mecca.

German scientists, under the stimulus of the Allied blockade, have given a new practical demonstration to the old impertinence, “Go and eat cork.” Reports from neutral sources say they have devised a method of making ersatz butter from charcoal. By carbonising foods and stuffs from conquered countries, the Nazi gangsters have had to develop ersatz goods in great quantities and in great variety. One of the latest developments is the transforming of wood into artificial meat. This is made in the form of flakes and can be eaten either in sauce or in soup. At research laboratories near Hamburg, according to Nazi claims, it has been proved possible to produce something like 70 pounds of sugar, fit for human consumption, from every 200 pounds of wood shavings.

A singular aspect of controversial methods in this State is the way admirers of the Rev. Canon John Bell trot out the fact that he gained a Military Medal in the last war, every time that reverend gentleman lays himself open to the matter of criticism. Hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of other men won Military Medals in the last war, but they do not, on that account, claim the right to make ex cathedra statements on such subjects as preference for returned soldiers. Canon Bell was one of those whose pacifist antics, before the war aided disarmament, forced appeasement on the decent countries, and helped to make the present war inevitable. He was also one of those who were clearly warned during the early days and the present war. Now we find him rushing into print in condemnation of the preference policy. Canon Bell’s main objection to preference is that it will be unnecessary and unfair in this wonderful new order that will burst into being the minute the war is over.

If we could be sure of this new order, there would be much in his argument; but we cannot be sure, and some of those who are loudest today in their cry for a new order are those who stand by to lead them to an earthly paradise. We prefer not to take chances and to insist on preference for at least the duration of the reconstruction period, especially as we do not hear the opponents of preference to soldiers asking for a new order, but in the case of returned soldiers, persisting the dawn of the new order.

From time to time reports from neutral countries suggest that Finland is becoming very tired of the war her German friends forced upon her. When Finland recovered the territory taken from her by Russia in the previous year peace feelers were put out which suggested that the time had come for an honourable peace between Finland and the Soviet. According to an authoritative Finnish source, the boundaries wanted by Finland were treated by Russia in 1940. It is now claimed that Finns predominate in the whole area sought, and the area, therefore, should be part of Finland. However, it is hard for Finland’s sympathisers to overlook the report that Finnish troops are now fighting beside the Huns on the Don River. The majority of the Finnish people may be democratic in character, but it is obvious they will be unable to shake off the grip of the Soviet. Finland’s present exhaustion is indicated in a radio broadcast by President Ryti. He said that the prolongation of the war, and the difficulties and suffering arising therefrom, had created a spiritual void in the lives of the people. He mentioned an abuse of alcohol, an increase in crime, and a weakening of morals. “Selfishness has raised its head in the form of greed and neglect of obligations,” he said. “Old conflicts are trying to cause a split.”

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THE LANDING
A Twenty-eight-years-old Epic
(By C. R. COLLINS)

Before the commencement of the naval attempts to force a way through the Dardanelles, it was recognized by the British Cabinet that the success of such a venture could be exploited fully, only by a military occupation of the Gallipoli Peninsula. The lack of success, however, soon made it apparent that something more than a mere landing force would be required were the way to Constantinople to be opened and the free passage of military supplies into Russia to be assured. Actually, the Gallipoli Front was the Second Front we opened in 1915 to aid Russia, and events followed the course inevitable on any Second Front that is opened prematurely, or without adequate preparation and support.

On February 16, while preparations for the naval bombardment on February 19 were being made, Cabinet decided to "mass a considerable force in the Mediterranean to be used as occasion might require." Accordingly, instructions were given to the Admiralty "to build special transports and lighters, suitable for the conveyance of a force of 50,000 men" to any point that might be designated. Early in March, Sir Ian Hamilton, a general who had served with distinction in the South African and preceding wars, was selected to command what soon came to be known as the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

Ian Hamilton had the opportunity of witnessing the naval attack on March 18, 1915, and of conferring with the naval commanders on the scene of hostilities. The result was an alteration of policy, and the decision in favour of a combined naval and military attack on a scale larger than had hitherto been attempted. In effect, the decision marked a return to the traditional amphibious strategy which had operated in so many of Britain's previous wars. The time seemed opportune, for, apart from the failure of the naval operations, a position of stalemate had set in on the Western Front; but differences of opinion as to whether the Allies should continue to strive after superiority in France and Flanders, or strike in another and more vulnerable quarter, delayed the project and denied it sufficient support, once it had been launched. General Joffre, for instance, was naturally a devotee of what was called the Western School of strategy. He refused to spare a single French soldier beyond General d'Amade's force of French colonial troops and the Foreign Legion, who were already stationed in Egypt. Eventually, Hamilton had at his disposal, in addition to the French, 120,000 men. These included the incomparable 29th Division of British Regulars, under Major-General Hunter-Weston, the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, under Lieut.-General Sir William Birdwood, the Royal Naval Division, the East Lancashire (Territorial) Division, and a body of Indian troops. The success of the venture would depend very largely on the element of surprise, but in this instance absolute secrecy was impossible. The huge concentration of warships and transports in Mudros Bay could not be concealed from the enemy, or from civilians in enemy pay. The naval operations had, in boxing parame, telegraphed the hit. It would be unreasonable to suppose that the long and tedious negotiations between Greece and Russia has escaped the notice of enemy agents. What was more serious still, the Turks and their German admirals knew full well that the only practicable landing places on or near the Gallipoli Peninsula were those around its southern extremity.

THE THREE LANDINGS

Thus, Hamilton's task was to get his men, guns and necessary supplies ashore in the teeth of well-prepared opposition. Actually, there were three landings on the morning of April 15, 1915, or three series of landings—the landing of the French at Kum Kale on the Asiatic side of the Straits, of the British on the beaches around Cape Helles, and of the Australians and New Zealanders at Anzac. The landings on V, W and X beaches at Cape Helles were to have been the main operations, and those at S and Y beaches in the same sector were designed to protect the flanks and harass the Turks. It was to add to the harassing effect that the Anzac Corps was landed at Gaba Tepe, to the north of the main Turkish position. The need for secrecy and the prevention of casualties demanded an approach under cover of darkness, and with the co-operation of the fleet. The thrilling story of that silent approach, to a land bristling with cliffs, where lurked unknown numbers of concealed marksmen, is well enough known. It was the simultaneous attacks at various points which threw the Turks off their guard, and mystified them as to where the real thrust would come, scattered their forces, and made the miracles of the landings possible.

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historic plain of Troy, the French accomplished the task assigned to them. After this, they were gradually transferred to the Peninsula. The landing of the 29th Division at Cape Helles met with varied and indifferent success. At X and Y beaches, the covering fire of the warships enabled the troops to land and occupy the cliffs before them, with very little opposition from the Turks.

Had it been possible to use a particular landing force, and drive home the attack in this quarter, the Dardanelles would have been ours. A natural defensive position, the strength of which had been augmented by German engineers, made the ground confronting the troops at W beach a veritable death trap.

Beach X was also exposed to enemy fire which prevented the landing force from penetrating inland. But beach V was commanded by the ruins of the old castle of Sedd el Bahr and the firs at the entrance to the Dardanelles which, though in ruins, still gave excellent cover, and had been cunningly worked into the Turkish defensive position, was the worst landing place possible. Only the ingenuity of Admiral Sir John de Robeck made a landing on this beach possible. The old collier River Clyde had been converted into a modern Trojan horse, provided with openings in the side, from which troops could emerge and charge ashore over pontoon bridges.

Unfortunately, the River Clyde grounded at the wrong spot. Small parties of the landing force allotted to this beach did get ashore, but withering fire from the Turkish positions confined the survivors to a sun-baked strip of beach for the remainder of the day. The River Clyde's human freight, or the greater portion of it, was similarly confined to the hot amidships of the vessel.

The attack there was abortive and came up as far as the first day's proceedings were concerned. Thus, the operations at the southern extremity resolved themselves into a series of pitched battles, during which little progress was made, and little or no co-operation could be given by one force to another.

**AT ANZAC**

To the 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade fell the honour of forming the covering force for the landing at Anzac. Here, a lucky accident occurred which, if it did not make for ultimate success, at least minimised casualties. In his despatches, Sir Ian Hamilton relates how the divisional commander had failed to maintain their exact direction, the actual point of embarkation was more than a mile north of that which he had selected, and was more deeply overhung by steeper cliffs. Although this accident increased the initial difficulty of driving the enemy off the heights inland, it ultimately provided a base of operations which was sheltered from shell fire. The Battalions of the 3rd Brigade were the 9th (Queensland), 10th (South Australia), 11th (Western Australia) and the 12th (Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.) Landing under heavy fire, which killed and disabled men in the boats before their comrades could struggle ashore, the 3rd Brigade followed promptly, and by 2 p.m. approximately 12,000 troops, including an Indian Mounted Battery, had landed. Unfortunately, at this juncture, the enemy's heavy artillery came into action and forced the transports and the tow boats further out to sea. This was almost fatal for the enterprise. No further artillery could be landed for the present, so that counter-battery work, except by the long-range guns of the Navy, was out of the question.

The infantry advanced inland, over rugged country, intersected by deep ravines, and clothed with bushwood and boulders which gave excellent cover to enemy marksmen. The dash and gallantry of the troops may be gauged by the fact that, at one point, they advanced to about one hundred yards from Maida, an elevated point which commanded the Narrows. Again, had there been a heavy artillery battery ashore, and more supporting troops available, the way to Constantinople would have been open. As it was, the furthest advanced troops had to be withdrawn, and the thinly-held line shortened. It was in this retreat from Maida that the heaviest casualties were suffered, but no further ground was lost. Throughout the day, and throughout the desperate days that followed, difficult positions were retained, and repeated counter-attacks were repulsed.

The men of the young southern nations had received their baptism of fire. They were welded in a blood brotherhood in the fiery crucible of war. Such was the stirring prologue to the great drama. The question of the advisability of the undertaking may well be left for the strategists and the historians to wrangle over. The fact remains that the plan was boldly conceived and, as far as the first day went, boldly executed.

It was the preceding and subsequent wavering between two plans of the Western and the Eastern schools of strategy which was responsible for the half-hearted preparation, and the inadequate support, which made the Gallipoli campaign a glorious failure. It was the valour of the troops engaged, and the miracles of individual courage, gleaming through the fog of war, which rendered even that failure not altogether barren of important results.

**ANZAC DAY MESSAGE**

**From Sir Thomas Blamey**

Through the Federal Office we have received the following Anzac Day message from General Sir Thomas Blamey, extending his good wishes to all members of the R.S.S.I.L.

"For the seventh time in two wars, the Australian nation—fighting for its existence and for individual liberties of every one of us—pays today to pay tribute to the men of the First A.I.F. For the 28th time, the men who were the A.I.F. re-assemble to demonstrate the magnificence of the comradeship in arms symbolised in Anzac Day, comradeship which originated when men first wore the uniform of the Australian Army, and which were proved and tested in the stress of battle. In both the tributes and the comradeship, there is something grand, for they show that many will never forget, that the conditions conceived on that first Anzac Day still live.

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Discharge of Universal Service Personnel

In answer to questions raised by League Headquarters regarding the allowance to be made to soldiers transferred to area as medically unfit between December 7, 1941 and July 1, 1942, a reply has been received from Lines of Communication Area Headquarters. It is summarised hereunder:

1. Any soldier discharged as permanently medically unfit after July 1, 1942, and who claims a pension, is entitled to leave before discharge. Such leave will include any accrued recreational leave, or, in the case of a member of the A.I.F. returned from service overseas, returned from service abroad leave, of a minimum of one month. 

2. Any soldier who has six days' accrued recreational leave due to him will have from 24 to 25 days added, and a soldier who has 24 days' leave due to him will have six to seven days added.

3. Any soldier who was transferred to Area as permanently medically unfit between December 7, 1941 and July 1, 1942, will be allowed pay and dependants' allowances for a month after ceasing F.T.D., provided he produces satisfactory evidence that he has not resumed civil employment during that as a nation, not on one day of each year, but which will inspire us in realisation of our duties every day of every year. We are fighting enemies, relentless enemies, false though they be. Even the barbarian Japanese is driven to his death at the hands of our fighting men by what he believes to be an ideal. We need nothing of the same sense of national duty, even if all of us do not have to face death because of it. Not the men who have faced death in the deserts of Africa, the hills of Greece, the jungles of Malaya, or the heart-breaking mountains and the swamps of Papua and New Guinea. They do not need it. They have it. They have their ideals, although they do not call the spirit that drives them an ideal. They probably have no name for it, but it is there.

The people who need an infusion of national tradition and idealism are to be found among those who by the grace of God and the courage of our sailors, soldiers and airmen, have escaped so far the horrors of intimate war, the men and women upon whom these fighting men depend—for the sinews of war, for the guns, ammunition, equipment and food, without which we cannot win victory. None has yet been able to define the spirit of Anzac; but it is something that means self-sacrificing service to the nation, to die if necessary that the nation may live, to stand by one's comrades, to carry at all times one's share—more if need be—of the nation's burden. The Second A.I.F. is doing that, and the A.M.F., too. It is the duty of you men who created the only true national ideal that Australia possesses—the spirit of Anzac—to impress that ideal upon those who should be standing solidly behind the fighting forces, for many of them seem to have little realisation of how narrowly they have escaped, and how great is the danger that persists.

"This, then, is my Anzac Day message to veterans of the 1914-1918 War. Drive your spirit of service into the nation; kill with it that attitude of ready complacency which has followed our initial successes; make our nation realise that this is a fight to a finish, that every moment wasted may mean a life lost, that too much wasted may mean the loss of our country."

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period, and that the incapacity for military service was not brought about by his default, misconduct or wilful act.

3. A soldier in a Garrison Battalion who was discharged before July 1, 1942, and who claimed a pension, should, if his claim is accepted, obtain a pension as from date of discharge. He is therefore not entitled to the special pension referred to above.

It is hoped that this summary will clarify the position for all concerned.

Transport is always an important matter in time of war. In this war it is more important than ever. Here is the story of an American sergeant who is crew chief of a transport plane at a South Pacific base. The other day the plane was about to take off. The sergeant checked the weight and the number of passengers. It seemed that everyone was aboard all right, but, just as he closed the door, up dashed a jeep. A man jumped out and pounded on the door for admittance to the plane. The sergeant stuck his head out and called: "Sorry, there's no more room. We've got a full load now." But the new arrival grinned and remarked: "Guess I have to go along, sergeant. I'm the pilot." Even more striking is a story told of Joseph B. Eastman, director on the United States Office for Defence Transportation. He took a train from Washington for St. Louis, where he was to speak on "Wartime Transportation Problems." Without giving a word of his address, he proved the existence of those problems. His train was four hours late, and he missed the meeting at which he was to speak on that subject.

Sub-Branch Activities

MOSMAN PARK

A record attendance was present at our March meeting, and the following new members were enrolled: Mrs. Statvey, Coleman, Anderson, Seaman and Joyes, the last mentioned being a son of our old stalwart, George Joyes. At the invitation of the sub-branch three ladies from the auxiliary were present to present their first instalment towards the P.O.W. Fund. This contribution added to the effort of the sub-branch enabled a cheque for £100 to be written as an indication that we were on the job and doing something towards this very deserving appeal. Disappointment was expressed that a representative from Headquarters did not put in an appearance to receive this first contribution of ours, and, as correspondence read at the meeting indicated, our State Secretary was unaware of the place and date of meeting it was suggested that the editor of "The Listening Post" be approached with a view to having that official placed on the "Free List" so that he would be in possession of the necessary information for future occasions. The meeting wound up at 9.15, and House-House and darts were indulged in for the rest of the evening. Further benefit accrued to the P.O.W. Fund as the result of these. We were pleased to see young Bill Bythell (son of Joe of Cottesloe) and Jim Dow along on Sunday morning. Both these lads, although still on the right side of their majority, are old campaigners. Both erstwhile of the "Sydney," and they have had a wealth of experience since leaving that ill-fated ship. They are now members of this sub-branch. The Sunday morning dart club is proving popular, and is another factor towards our P.O.W. effort. Competition is keen, and it is necessary to be right at the top of form to be a winner. Wilf Barlett conducts the session, and it is run on lines that would suit the most fastidious. All members will be sorry to learn that Bob Scott is seriously ill and is now at home again after a session at Perth Public. The main part of the additions to the Hall are now completed, and the whole job should be finished very shortly. Disguise was expressed at the meeting at the action of the person or persons who stole earthenware pipes and bricks to the value of approximately £7 from our material dump at the Hall.

There is apparently no depths to which some folk can sink, and apparently we were wrong in thinking that no one would be mean enough to lift anything that was purchased as the result of much hard work, and that was intended to be of benefit to the lads that are fighting this war as well as those who took part in the last.

MOUNT LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

This month's meeting was held as usual in the "Dug-out", and there was again a capacity attendance, with President Bill Newick in the chair. The completion of the alterations brought forth many favourable comments about those who did the work and the way it was done. There is certainly a great improvement in the accommodation. Members are warned that at the next (May) meeting nominations will be called for the election of officers which takes place in June. So if you want a change on the committee or in any of the other offices, come along and nominate your choice—but be sure to secure your nominee's consent in writing beforehand. This may avoid refusal to accept nomination at the meeting. Don't forget—next meeting in the "Dug-out" on Tuesday, May 4, at 8 p.m.

VICTORIA PARK

The March monthly meeting was well attended. The president had the pleasure of welcoming several new members to the sub-branch. The Stan Gurney V.C. Fund is still in progress. The secretary, Mr. F. Matthews, 3 Manchester Street, Victoria Park, would like any further subscriptions to be sent along. The unveiling will take place shortly. Members are advised that the annual anniversary of the opening of the Hall will take place on Tuesday, May 25. At this function we hope to have the State Presi-
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COTTESLOE

The April meeting was well attended, 40 being present, with Mr. Dunne in the chair. Visitors included members of the R.A.N., and also some maimed returned men of the new A.I.F. to whom the president gave a hearty welcome. The usual official business was dealt with, and more money was collected for the P.O.W. Fund. The sub-branch is holding its annual church parade at St. Luke's Church on Sunday, May 2, at 7.30 p.m. An invitation was received from the Cottesloe Bowling Club to participate in a friendly game of bowls on May 8. This is almost an annual affair, and is much appreciated by our members. During the games of the evening treasurer Hyde had a go at calling the House numbers. The first, a full card, went to his son; the second, a single line, also to the son. What a Hyde! Fred Yeomans' luck is off at Housie, but he won a half share in a Charities ticket which was raffled during the evening. We regret to announce the passing of two of our members during the past month—Mr. Bartrum Rose and Bert Jarman. Our ranks are slowly but surely thinning.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The general meeting was held in the new quarters at Wembley Hall, Hay Street (East) on the first Thursday of the month. Membership shows an increase. Six new members were welcomed at the recent meeting, and they bring the total from 231 to 237. The meeting was well attended, and discussion on various subjects was, at times, decidedly animated. A special sub-committee was appointed to go into positions connected with the rehabilitation of men returned from the present war, as these positions arise. The State Executive will be requested to appoint a special office to handle officially, from the health and well-being point of view, the position of every man returned from active service. The new sub-committee has a man's-size job ahead of it, but there is no doubt that such a pair of active workers as Alex Cunningham and Bill Lynas will keep matters well and truly alive. The Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund came in for criticism by Mr. W. Eddy, but when Mr. George Owen explained the position things showed up in a different light. There is a feeling, however, that applications in connection with this fund could be dealt with more expeditiously. The sub-branch is now well settled in its new home, which is ideal for its requirements. The committee is now setting about decoration, as a lease of the premises has been secured.

Among the visitors to the annual smoke social were the State President (Mr. T. S. Edmondson), the Senior Vice-President (Mr. O. J. Williams), the Assistant State Secretary (Mr. C. Ferguson), Mr. C. R. Cornish, M.L.C., Major Herbert and Squadron-Leader Rushworth (R.A.A.F.). The proceedings were livened by intervals of community singing. The toast of the Services was proposed by Mr. Alex Cunningham. Major Herbert responded on behalf of the Navy and Army, and Squadron-Leader Rushworth, R.A.A.F., replied for the Air Force. The toast of the League was ably handled by the popular Dick Cornish, and replied to by the State President. Mr. W. Lynas proposed the health of the visitors, and Mr. T. Campbell, of Mt. Hawthorn, made a pleasing res-
ponies. Refreshments were again indulged in while Mr. Fisher took the audience "On the Road to Mandurah." When encored, he tunefully told the audience something about "Trees." Mr. A. Pollard proposed the toast of kindred sub-branches. The replies were made by Messrs. J. Jefferson (Nedlands) and W. A. Thomas (Subiaco). The final toast, The Gloucester Park Sub-Branch, was proposed by Mr. O. J. Williams, and replied to by the secretary, Mr. W. W. Reed. The social was highly successful. The pleasing decorations were the work of the ladies' committee, and the well-organised service reflected great credit on that willing worker Frank Raston.

SUBIACO

Although the monthly meeting was held on April 1, the date was not appropriate, because it was one of the best meetings held for a long time. Discussions were keen and interesting. Bill Lamborn was chairman, while the forces will be pleased to learn that the sub-branch is carrying on so ably during their absence. The building debt fund is being considerably reduced, and the P.O.W. Fund considerably increased. The thanks of the sub-branch go to Cliff Sellick, W. C.O., whose ideas and soul are in the business, and to Ted Lane, who makes a big noise at the meetings, but is a silent worker outside for the fund. Four old members were at the meeting—Bill Grattan, Nedlands, Ern Congdon and Bill Power. Members were delighted to see them. Their presence at meetings provides a stimulant and their activities on behalf of the sub-branch are a great asset. Visitors present were Messrs. McKenzie (Big Bell), Dodd (Maylands), and Blackmore. Two new members, Messrs. Ledger and Runciman, were welcomed. The sub-branch intends to revive sport, and members are asked to co-operate. Challenges will be welcomed from other sub-branches. Members of the following sub-branches are to call on the sub-branch when on leave in town.

FREMANTLE

As the P.O.W. Fund dance was held on the usual meeting night, the monthly meeting was advanced to March 18. There was a good attendance. The first part of the meeting was taken up by a conference with the president and chairman of the auxiliary, finalising plans for the dance. After the ladies left, the social committee reported progress. Arrangements for Anzac Day were discussed. It was decided to follow, as far as possible, the arrangements of previous years. It was decided that the residents of one of the weekly dances in King's Hall, each month, be given to the P.O.W. Fund, in addition to those of other functions that may be arranged by the sub-branch for this purpose.

The following motion was carried during the discussion of the general business: "In connection with preference and the future welfare of returned men, and its relation to the Four Freedoms and other proposed items of security to the public generally, and so as to avoid sectional friction in the community during the rehabilitation period, the Fremantle City Sub-Branch urges the State Executive to form a committee, either of the State Executive, or selected members outside that body, or from both, to go into these important matters and to formulate and present recommendations to the State Executive, so that delegates can go to the Federal Congress with considered and well-informed proposals on this and other matters, ventilating a general League opinion in this State; or, alternatively, these be collated for presentation at our next State Congress for presentation to the appropriate authorities, if agreed upon." The president (Mr. H. G. Wilson), who has been a very sick man for some time, is now back again in harness. The senior vice-president (Mr. A. Bracks) has also been on the sick list, but has since reported for duty. The sub-branch is in a healthy position financially, and in every other way. It is hoped that all returned men in the Fremantle district will march on Anzac Day in Perth and in Fremantle. Mr. T. Brassen will be chief marshal at Fremantle.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The March meeting was well attended, the notable feature being the absence of the treasurer (Jack Walker). Jack has been a treasurer now for over 20 years and it's questionable whether he has missed a half-dozen meetings during that period (probably a State record). During the evening the following new members were welcomed by the president: Messrs. J. Wilson, A. Shirley, S. Smith, R. Rowe, J. O'Nean, A. Outram, F. Margaret, E. Martin, J. Martin, G. Madden, C. Leeds, W. Krosh, J. Kerr, E. Johnson, D. Howse, A. L. Errington, T. Delaney, D. Clegg, J. Bristow, W. K. Moore, A. Summers, J. Holland, P. O'Donnell, and D. K. Aberdeem. The secretary reported that up to date £921/6d. had been forwarded for the Prisoner of War Fund. The next dance in aid of the fund will take place at the Fremantle Town Hall on Tuesday, May 11. It was decided to make an application to the P. & T. Dept. to have a telephone installed at the secretary's private residence. The sub-branch and the auxiliary will conduct services on Anzac Day. At 10 a.m. service will be conducted at the Fremantle Cemetery, the Salvation Army Band cooperating, after which flowers will be placed on the graves of all ex-service men. At 11 a.m. F.O.W. members will march through the Memorial Avenue. North Fremantle. On Saturday, May 1, the auxiliary and members of the sub-branch will visit Lemnos. An entertaining programme has been arranged and refreshments will be provided for all.

MOUNT HAWTHORN—NORTH LEEDERVILLE

Meetings continue to attract audiences above the average, and business items are keenly discussed. For the benefit of members who have been absent from recent meetings, here are the rules of the championship games: The competitor with the highest aggregate of points in all games will be champion. In the bowls games, three heads are to be played. The first round will be finalised by May 8. Table tennis, B grade, with 48 players, is to be played best two out of three. The round will be finished by May 8. As 1st grade semi-finalists will meet the A grade semi-finalists on September 23. Bridge will be played by 51 players, all being the highest scoring. The highest scores will determine the winners. A game will score 125 points. Double, re-doubles and major honours will be allowed. The first round is to be finished by May 20. Tom Campbell has been appointed umpire. The 48 entrants for the shoot will fire six shots each. This competition will finish on September 25, and the highest scoring will march on with Bill Bowles to umpire. Darts, with 64 players and 301 up, will be won by the player with the lowest number of throws to obtain that number. Whiz Sinclair will umpire. Len Vivian will umpire the bowls, and G. Blaib the table tennis. The semi-finals will be played on a special sports night, which is yet to be fixed. The date of the finals and presentation night will be announced later, so watch the notice.
board. The sub-branch thanks Messrs. G. Stewart and R. Collier for their donations of trophies. The games have now started in earnest. Messrs. W. Russell and R. Gildern, two new members, hold the main of 18 for darts. They will take some beating. Players are urged to get in touch with the umpires, who may need assistance from them. This will make it easier to get the games played off. The notice board will give all the information required, and the results will be shown thereon. Next meetings are on April 22, May 2, May 20, May 27.

MAYLANDS

The president (Sep Horton) was in the chair at the fortnightly meeting on April 1 when, in addition to ordinary business, Anzac Day and the P.O.W. Fund were discussed. It was decided that the State Executive in their efforts to raise money for this worthy object by running various functions. A carnival dance was held in the Maylands Town Hall on April 9. Judging from the success of previous efforts it was anticipated that the fund would benefit by at least £25. The sub-branch's Anzac Day parade will be held in the morning, to enable members to attend the general function in the afternoon. Finance and membership are both improving. No meeting is being held this week. Members are expected to extend a welcome to old and new Diggers. To further the popularity of the League, the sub-branch has organised various functions for the entertainment of troops stationed within visiting distance. A cricket match, held on the Maylands Oval, was keenly contested. It resulted in a draw, which shows there is still a punch left in some of the old Diggers. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies of the auxiliary, and this, with the glasses that cheered, showed a pleasant afternoon. A number of the young Diggers expressed appreciation and declared their intention to join the League. A sports night is being arranged in the near future, and it behoves all the Diggers to pull up their socks and give the young Diggers a good go. The amelioration fund trustees reported on claims. Happily these are on the decrease. Sick members are being regularly visited by the sick steward, and comforts are provided. Major Barnard's concert party recently entertained a unit of young Diggers, under the auspices of the sub-branch. A very happy evening concluded with supper provided by ladies of the auxiliary. The C.O. of the unit thanked the concert party. Major Barnard, in responding, said the pleasure was as much theirs. He thanked the sub-branch for an excellent supper.

OSBORNE PARK

During the past month the sub-branch has been engaged in raising funds for the Prisoner of War Fund. A picture night was held recently at the Kookaburra Picture Gardens. which were given free for the occasion by the proprietor, Mr. R. McClaire. The staff also gave the services, and the evening realised £26/10/7. A tea and dance was held in the month in the Yugoslav Hall. The music was provided by Mrs. A. Glass's orchestra, and the M.C. was Mr. Doug Foreman. There was a large attendance and a sum of £16/13/0 was raised. A tea and dance was held on May 6, a total of £21/10/6 was contributed to the fund. The president (Mr. A. Duns) thanks the donors and those who worked so hard to ensure the success of these two functions.

MERRIN

There was an attendance above the average at the March meeting, when the president welcomed several new members and a few visitors. Information that the Rural Re-
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There was a good attendance at the meeting on March 24, when two new members were enrolled. Members were entertained by the sub-branch to a social evening on February 17, to celebrate the silver wedding of the president (Mrs. Haines). During the evening a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Haines as a mark of esteem for their long and faithful service to sub-branch and auxiliary. Another very pleasant evening was spent in the Town Hall on March 3, when a welcome was given to Mr. and Mrs. Barnett presiding over the meeting. A presentation was made to Mrs. Barnett in appreciation of her work for the Auxiliary and the entertainment of wounded and sick service men. The monthly visit was made to Sunset on March 5. This time the ladies were victorious in a game of bowls, and a pleasant afternoon was spent. Visits have also been made to the Home of Peace, St. John of God and Lemnos Hospitals. The monthly social and dance was well attended, in spite of unfavourable weather. Hollywood patients were entertained during the meeting.

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Two new members were enrolled at a well attended meeting on March 17. A letter of thanks was read from the secretary of the sub-branch for the amount raised by the auxiliary at card evenings under the supervision of Mesdames Cribb and Burgess. The president (Mrs. Pope) reported that she and Mrs. Brown were the guests of the Red Cross at the opening of the Old Malt House, which is now used for the entertainment of wounded and sick service men. The monthly visit was made to Sunset on March 5. This time the ladies were victorious in a game of bowls, and a pleasant afternoon was spent. Visits have also been made to the Home of Peace, St. John of God and Lemnos Hospitals. The monthly social and dance was well attended, in spite of unfavourable weather. Hollywood patients were entertained during the meeting. The musical programme was again in the capable hands of Mesdames W. Thomas and McMahon. Special thanks are due to the Red Cross, who transported the boys to and from the hall. The Camp Comforts Committee has despatched one big parcel, during the month, to the Merchant Seamen. Arrangements are now well in hand for the variety afternoon. This will be held in the Memorial Hall on April 29. Mr. Strue has donated a prize for the sponge cake competition. It is hoped there will be many entries for both competitions. The card afternoon on April 6 was very successful. The auxiliary thanks the Camp Comforts Committee for foregoing their regular card afternoon on this occasion.

E.U.S.W.

The monthly social was held at the Burt Memorial Hall. Mrs. Harold Dean, M.B.E., presided over a large gathering. Mrs. A. J. McNeill, of the Prisoner of War Red Cross, was the speaker. Her interesting address was much appreciated by the members. She expressed thanks to all the boys who have relations prisoners of war, and it helped a lot to learn that all that was being done for them by the Red Cross. Mrs. T. C. Wilson thanked Mrs. McNeill. Mrs. E. Lynch arranged the musical programme, which was given by Capt. Billy Edwards and his W. A. L. of C. Concert Party. This was indeed a wonderful programme of music, and Mrs. Collins thanked the artists, expressing the appreciation of all members for such a delightful afternoon of music. During the afternoon Mrs. Dean presented Mrs. E. Clear with a beautiful bag, a birthday gift, from all members and a little appreciation of her sterling work for the Union. Members please remember the street appeal for our patriotic fund on June 11.

STATE EXECUTIVE

MARCH 17

At the meeting of the State Executive on March 17 there were present Messrs. Edmondson, Yeates, Williams, Anderson, Panewick, Mcllhinny, Winton, James, Thorn, Olden, Mansbridge, Paton, Logic, Smith, Wood, Collins, Harvey and Baterson.

Condolence.—Delegates stood in silence in memory of the late Arthur Watkins of Cardiff Sub-Branch, and Roy McKeeigan of Ardath-Babkin Sub-Branch.

Anzac Day.—The recent Federal Executive
meeting had resolved that the holding of parades on Anzac Day be resumed. It was recommended that the Anzac Day Committee should meet, and Col. Robinson, of the V.D.C., and Captain Smith, "A" Branch should be invited to join the Committee.

Homes for Soldier Pensioners.—A letter from Col. Lamb on the subject of homes for soldier pensioners was considered by the Management Committee. Further action is being taken, and a report will be submitted at a later date.

Club Committee.—Arising out of the report of the Anzac Club Committee, matters concerning service in the bar, and the liquor ration, were referred to the Club Committee for further consideration.

Visits.—The following visits were reported: State President (Red Cross, Claremont and Bassendean Sub-Branches, T.G.P.I. Association, North Perth concert, and Army Education Service Council); Mr. Yeates (War Nurses' Hostel); Col. Mansbridge (Geraldton Sub-Branch); Mr. Paton (Claremont Sub-Branch); Mr. Bateson (Perth Hospital); Mr. Watt (Victorian Branch).

Federal Executive Meeting.—Mr. Cornell submitted his report on the Federal Executive meeting, under three headings as follows:

1. LAND CONFERENCE: The report of the Land Conference was referred to the Full Land Committee for its consideration. A report of a Land Committee meeting held on March 15 was received and adopted.

2. PREFERENCE: The matter of preference was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

3. GENERAL: This report was received and adopted. It was agreed that it should be published in "The Listening Post." Mr. Cornell was supported in his remarks by the State Secretary.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Cornell and the State Secretary for the services they rendered at the conference.

Resignation.—Consideration of Mr. F. L. Warner's resignation was again deferred.

Mental Patients.—In connection with correspondence received from the Kalgoorlie and Subiaco Women's Auxiliaries in regard to mental patients, a confidential report was submitted and received.

Matron Nursing Service.—A question of the appointment of the Matron in Charge of Nursing Service was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

Fremantle Sub-Branch.—Matters arising from a communication received from the Fremantle Sub-Branch dealing with badges, P.O.W. Fund, Anzac Day and school books was left to the State President and the State Secretary for attention.

Appointment Secretary.—The appointment of the Secretary as advised by Osborne Park Sub-Branch was confirmed.

Housing Problems.—A communication from the Midland Junction Sub-Branch dealing with this subject was received, and a reply left to the State Secretary.

T.B. Sanatorium.—Correspondence was received from the Wooroloo Sub-Branch concerning the transfer of Repatriation patients to a Repatriation Sanatorium.

Mr. Williams undertook to make further inquiries when he next visits Wooroloo.

Eligibility League Membership.—The Collie Sub-Branch again urged that a State congress be called to deal with this question. It was resolved to send copies of the resolutions which were lost and carried at the last Federal Executive meeting in regard to eligibility and to point out that the matter can only be dealt with at the next State congress of the League.

Post-War Reconstruction.—The suggestion from the Collie Sub-Branch that the League should be represented on all committees dealing with Post-War Reconstruction was endorsed. It was resolved to send the suggestion to the Federal Executive.

Promotions District Records Office.—It was stated that ex-service men over 40 years of age were debarred from promotion to commissioned rank. Representations had been made to Army Headquarters. Senator Collett had also been communicated with. This action was endorsed.

War Nurses' Hostel Fund.—An application for a grant from the Emergency Fund of the League was received from this Fund. After discussion a motion that the matter be referred to the Management Committee was lost, and an amendment that £20 be paid to this Fund and £50 to the Citizens Reception Council was also lost.

Sub-Branch Representation.—The Management Committee was asked to consider and recommend an allocation of metropolitan sub-branches to Executive delegates for the purpose of visiting.

Leave.—Mr. Logie was granted leave of absence for two (2) months, and Mr. Zeffert for two meetings.

MARCH 31

At the meeting of the State Executive on March 31 there were present Messrs. Edmondson, Yeates, Anderson, Paton, Denton, Margolin, Cornell, Watt, James, Thorn, Olden, Mansbridge, Paton, Smith, Collins, Harvey, Baker and Bateson.

Condolence.—The State President referred to the recent death of Col. Mullen,
State President of the Tasmanian Branch. A resolution of condolence was carried, with all delegates standing.

Resignation.—The resignation of Mr. F. L. Warner, M.L.A., was accepted with great regret. It was resolved to call up Mr. C. R. Cornish, M.L.C., the next on the list for duty, and that Mr. Cornish replace Mr. Warner on the Land Committee.

Executive Visitors.—The State President made certain recommendations in connection with visitors to the metropolitan sub-branches. These were approved, it being understood that the duties of visiting be performed by Executive delegates in addition to representing the country sub-branches already allotted to them.

Anzac Day.—The Anzac Day Committee reported on progress made with the organisation of this year’s commemoration. The report was adopted with one alteration: Mill Street was deleted from the route of the march, which will now be along St. George’s Terrace, down William Street to the Esplanade. A letter from the Greek Ex-Service Men’s Association was referred to the committee. In response to a request for notes of an Anzac Day address, it was decided to ask Capt. C. R. Collins to prepare these. His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor (Sir James Mitchell) advised that he and Lady Mitchell would be attending the Esplanade service. His Excellency will take the salute at the end of the service.

P.O.W. Fund.—The report of the P.O.W. Fund Committee showed that the fund had now reached a total of £1,799. Recent donations included one of £50 from the Boulder Sub-Branch and one of £100 from the Mosman Park Sub-Branch. The metropolitan street and State-wide appeal will take place on May 7. There will be cinema shows in the Shell Theatrette on six days in May. Sub-Branch and auxiliary representatives will meet in the Board Room at Anzac House on Monday, April 12, at 8 p.m. It was resolved that Mr. S. W. Perry, O.B.E., be thanked for his assistance in connection with proposals.

Anzac Club.—The report of the Anzac Club Committee referred to the recent resignation through ill-health of the chief steward (Mr. J. Fuller), and the action taken in consequence of the recent reduction of supplies. The committee’s recommendation to grant Mr. Fuller an honorarium of £25, in recognition of his long service as a permanent employee of the League was approved, and the report was adopted.

City Council and Messrs. A.A.F. Widow.—The State President reported on representations that had been made by Mr. Yeates and himself in connection with the case of the widow of an A.A.F. man, whose garage had been requisitioned by the Council for its own purposes. Mr. Batson (Repatriation Ward and Yeates had had conferences with the A.R.P. committee of the City Council, in an endeavour to secure more equitable treatment for the widow concerned. The widow’s property had been requisitioned, but no payment had been made, although time had expired for commitments to meet in connection with rates and interest. After a long discussion it was resolved that “This Executive is of the opinion that the full responsibility for payments to this widow is that of the City Council. The Council is strongly urged either to pay the widow, or vacate the premises immediately; and all arrears of rent should be paid by the Council.”

Presidents and Secretaries Meeting.—A report of this meeting, which took place on March 24, was received. It was resolved that a circular be issued to metropolitan sub-branches inviting notification of those prepared to nominate a team for the A.R.M.S. Competition.

Land Committee.—Mr. Cornell submitted a report of two recent meetings and information prepared for submission to the Rural Reconstruction Commission. It was resolved that decisions of the Federal Land Conference, including alterations together with evidence submitted to the Rural Reconstruction Commission, be printed in pamphlet form and issued to country sub-branches.

Takis.—Reports of visits were made as follows: Mr. A. Carpenter (Representations—Perth Hospital); Mr. Yeates (Rural Reconstruction Commission); State President and Secretary (Troops in camp); State President (Sunset Rest Home and a number of other visits); W.M. Watt (War Loan Committee).

Military Discharges.—Collier Sub-Branch recommended again that military discharges should show more information as to reasons for discharge, and urged that the matter be again referred to the Federal Office. This was agreed to.

Woorooloo and Overcrowding.—Mr. Panton submitted further information, and it was resolved that the matter be left with the President to take up with the medical authorities.

Fremantle City Sub-Branch, re Rehabilitation.—It was resolved to ask the Fremantle Sub-Branch to supply particulars of any proposals and also to advise of recent activities on the part of the Land Committee towards repatriation of ex-service men on the land.

Albany Sub-Branch: re Merchants Navy.—It was decided to advise that priority in rail travel is available. Other matters referred to will be the subject of inquiry.

Information was given in respect to recent army appointments, and a protest made to the Federal Office. The action taken was endorsed.

A.I.F. Discharges.—In consequence of service overseas and service in Australia both being recorded as Active Service, it was resolved to ask the Federal Office to endeavour to secure some distinction.

Leave of Absence.—The State President and Col. Margolin were granted leave of absence from the next meeting. The State Secretary was granted one week of annual leave.

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<td>CLAREMONT</td>
<td>Committee Room, Claremont Oval</td>
<td>1st Thursday in each month</td>
<td>W. Ford, 13 Shenton Road, Claremont</td>
<td>E. M. Gwyther, 72 Shenton Road, Claremont</td>
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<td>DARLING RANGE</td>
<td>R.S.L Clubrooms, Canning Road, Kalamunda</td>
<td>3rd Saturday each month</td>
<td>A. F. Walters, Kalamunda</td>
<td>H. J. North, 57 Charnwood Street, Kalamunda</td>
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<td>DENMARK</td>
<td>R.S.L. Literary Institute, J. Sloper's Premises, Port Denison</td>
<td>3rd Thursday in month</td>
<td>E. Storrie</td>
<td>B. A. H. Blackett, 50 Carriwan St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>DONGARRA</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>3rd Thursday each month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Theo. H. Clarkson, Dongarra</td>
<td>H. J. North, 57 Charnwood Street, Kalamunda</td>
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<td>DONNYBROOK</td>
<td>Dumbleyung Hall</td>
<td>Last Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>M. G. Baker, Donnybrook</td>
<td>B. A. H. Blackett, 50 Carriwan St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>DUMBLEYUNG</td>
<td>Dumbleyung Hall</td>
<td>2nd Saturday in each month</td>
<td>A. R. Crossman</td>
<td>C. W. Nicol, Dumbleyung Road, East Fremantle</td>
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<td>DWELLEINGUP &amp; DISTRICTS FORMERLY &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Dwellingup Hotel</td>
<td>3rd Saturday in each month</td>
<td>A. R. Crossman</td>
<td>C. W. Nicol, Dumbleyung Road, East Fremantle</td>
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<td>GASCOYNE</td>
<td>Gascoyne Hotel</td>
<td>1st Monday</td>
<td>Dr. J. W. Colpitts, Gascoyne</td>
<td>C. A. Gummery, 365 Marine Terrace, Bayswater</td>
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<td>GERALDON</td>
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<td>1st Monday</td>
<td>C. W. Freeman, c/o. Great Northern Hotel</td>
<td>C. A. Gummery, 365 Marine Terrace, Bayswater</td>
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<td>GLOUCESTER PARK</td>
<td>Wembley Hall, 347 Hay St., East Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday</td>
<td>E. Storrie</td>
<td>B. A. H. Blackett, 50 Carriwan St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>GOWANGURUP</td>
<td>Soldiers' Room</td>
<td>1st Monday</td>
<td>H. B. Drummond</td>
<td>B. A. H. Blackett, 50 Carriwan St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>GUTHA</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>E. Way Gutha</td>
<td>A. Matthews, Gutha</td>
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<td>HARVEY</td>
<td>R.S.L. Memorial Hall</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.</td>
<td>F. W. D. Smith, Herbert Rd,</td>
<td>D. D. Johnston, Box 25,</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Derby</td>
<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month, 2 p.m., Executive, 4th Fridays</td>
<td>T. O. Chambers, Kellarben</td>
<td>G. E. Robinson, Koorda</td>
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<td>KIMBERLEY</td>
<td>Clubrooms, Carew Street</td>
<td>Man. Committee, 3rd Sunday, after V.D.C. parade</td>
<td>D. C. Gordon, Kulin</td>
<td>R. V. C. Davidson, Kulin</td>
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<td>KATANNING</td>
<td>Taminin, most quarterly</td>
<td>3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. C. Smith, Koorda</td>
<td>J. R. Hylton, Great Boulder,</td>
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<td>KELLERBERN KOORDA</td>
<td>Koorda</td>
<td>Committee (last) 3rd Friday</td>
<td>C. H. Smith, Koorda</td>
<td>D. Hamilton, Kulin</td>
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<td>KUKERIN</td>
<td>Kukerin Hotel</td>
<td>Last Saturday quarterly</td>
<td>D. H. Schulze</td>
<td>S. A. Seward</td>
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<td>KULIN</td>
<td>R.S.L. Institute</td>
<td>(Jan., April, July, Oct.)</td>
<td>T. G. Griffin, Kellarben</td>
<td>W. D. McFarlane, Koorda</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
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<td>W. A. Tumber</td>
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<td>MEETING-CUNDERDIN</td>
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<td>MOOROA</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, Johnston Street, Railway Ed.</td>
<td>Last meeting in each week</td>
<td>W. A. Tumber</td>
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<td>M. R. PARK</td>
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<td>MUNDARING &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
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<td>NARROGIN</td>
<td>H.S.L. Institute</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each week</td>
<td>W. A. Tumber</td>
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<td>MUDGONG</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each week</td>
<td>W. A. Tumber</td>
<td>R. V. C. Davidson, Kulin</td>
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<td>NEWDORGE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
<td>Quarterly, 3rd Friday, March 4th, 6th, September, December</td>
<td>J. H. Kane, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, N. Fremantle</td>
<td>4th Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. E. Brown, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>R.S.L. Churhbots, Gordon Street, North</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 11 a.m.</td>
<td>W. A. Ashley, Northamton</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Glebe Street (old View Street)</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 11 a.m.</td>
<td>C. E. Chance, Northamton</td>
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<td>JR. BANDA-GRAVES’</td>
<td>Organ Band &amp; Grant’s Party, alternatively</td>
<td>3rd Monday at 8 a.m.</td>
<td>C. E. Chance, Northamton</td>
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<td>PATTIE</td>
<td>R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Main Street, Osborne Park</td>
<td>Footnight (alt. Pension Week)</td>
<td>E. T. Scott, Northamton</td>
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<td>SHENTON PARK</td>
<td>Monash House, 22 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday</td>
<td>E. T. Scott, Northamton</td>
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<td>SHACKLETON- WOOLYIN</td>
<td>Kwoelyn Hotel</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1st Saturday, 7 a.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Scott, Northamton</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 11 a.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Scott, Northamton</td>
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<td>TRAYING-NELBINI</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Y.M.C.A., Murray St.</td>
<td>2nd Sunday each month</td>
<td>E. T. Scott, Northamton</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>1st Monday in each month</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDEWARD-WMBLEY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge St., Leederville</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 7 a.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Scott, Northamton</td>
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<td>WUBIN</td>
<td>Wubah Hall</td>
<td>1st Saturday, every 3rd month from June, 1st, 10th, at 9 a.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Scott, Northamton</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>WOOGAONA-HAMEL</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>Every 4th Sunday</td>
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<td>Monash House, Perth</td>
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<td>YARLOOP</td>
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<td>3rd Sunday, 9 a.m.</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>Youanmi Hotel</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
<td>Woonooni Hotel</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 11 a.m.</td>
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<td>MARRADONG BODDINGTON</td>
<td>Road Board Office, Boddington</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 11 a.m.</td>
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