The Dangers of an Appeasement Peace

DURING the twelve years between the South African War and the War of 1914-1918, May 24, the birthday of Queen Victoria, was celebrated as Empire Day. Since 1918, the importance of Empire Day as a national occasion has been eclipsed by Anzac Day and Armistice Day. It would be a pity, however, if Empire Day were allowed to fade entirely out of the calendar, or if we, as a people, should ever allow the criticisms of the envious and unfriendly to blind us to the significance of the British Commonwealth of Nations and its place in the civilised world. Indeed, criticisms which have been published lately, and forecasts which have gained publicity at home and abroad, leave one with the uneasy feeling that the Empire is likely to face as great a danger from an over-altruistic peace, as it has done from the premeditated attacks of the gangster Powers. The dangers of the present, and of the future too, call for a better understanding of the Empire and its ideals.

The evolution of the Empire may be summed up in a phrase: "From Crown Colony to Self-Governing Dominion." That phrase briefly describes the progress of the Dominions, who are now equal partners with the Homeland in the firm of John Bull and Sons. Every part of the Empire, however, is not as fully developed as the Dominions. The aggregate of these parts forms what is now called the British Colonial Empire. It comprises a number of Colonies, in varying degrees of industrial and political development, which range in status from the Crown Colony to those which have achieved some form of self-government. Contemporary criticisms of the Empire are based, not on the Commonwealth of Nations as it exists today, but on antiquated fiction with no semblance to reality. Most of it connotes a complete misunderstanding both of the independence of the Dominions, and the dependence of the Colonies.

This was shown recently, when an American Isolationist paper blithely predicted the dismemberment of the Empire after the war, and its absorption by the United States of America. To this astounding prediction, the Australian reaction was amusement, tinged with amazement. The false prophet received an immediate and severe trouncing from other newspapers in his own country, and the incident might have been allowed to pass without further comment were it not for the fact that equally foolish things are being said and written by people within the Empire. About the time "Colonel" McCormack of Chicago was covering himself with ridicule, the British Labour Party suggested that, in the interests of future peace, some, if not all of the British colonies, should be placed under international control. G. D. H. Cole, who writes detective stories when he is not lecturing on Economics at Oxford, has also disposed of the Empire in his latest book, "Great Britain in the Post-War World." Cole seriously discusses the possibility of Britain, exhausted by the war, becoming a satellite, or even a member community of the United States, which will remain capitalist. He even thinks this would be preferable to what he describes as "a retention of Britain's present heavily damaged monopoly capitalism." Like many others, Cole foresees some form of international control for India and Burma, after the war. It is not forgotten, either, that when the Americans arrived here, a little over a year ago, many of them firmly believed that Canada, Australian and New Zealand would secede from the Empire and link up with the United States, just as soon as the war is over; and their air of pained surprise when this suggestion was laughed to scorn was something worth beholding.

One cannot help suspecting that all these expressions of opinion are the result of carefully-spiced fifth column propaganda. India and Burma will certainly change their status after the war. Both countries might have done so already, had it not been for the war. Their future status will come about as the result of arrangement between Britain and the countries concerned, and foreign interference, whether by enemy or Ally, is only likely to obscure issues and postpone arrangements. With regard to the Colonies, how can it be supposed that their lot will be any better under international control than it is under the sympathetic and experienced guidance of Britain? It is indeed strange that this suggestion has been made only in reference to British Colonies. It will be recalled that both Britain and the United States are both pledged to restore the Dutch Colonies to Holland, and the overseas portions of the French Empire to France. So far, there has been no talk of international control for these parts of the world. Is it not suspicious, then, that talk of this kind should refer specifically only to parts of the British Empire. It all recalls the days that preceded the war, when Hitler was whining for the return of former German Colonies, held under mandates by Britain, and
ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

Another Anzac Day has come and gone. Reverent crowds again assembled in their thousands for the Dawn Ceremony at the State War Memorial. In the afternoon, the city streets resounded to the rhythmic tread of marching men, to the full-bodied music of bands, the skirl of pipes and the beat of drums, while veterans of the present and former wars marched again to pay solemn tribute to the fallen. This year’s commemoration, which was the first since Japan so treacherously entered the war, occurred two years after the last public ceremony. Last year it was considered advisable not to encourage the congregation of huge crowds. This year, although threatening clouds still loom to the north of us, Anzac Day was commemorated in the traditional manner. Then, too, there was a new note in the proceedings, the note of defiance to an arrogant barbarian, reinforcing the pride in our men’s deeds of valour and a gratitude for the sacrifices they made. Only one feature of the day was absent. This was the customary broadcast of the function on the Esplanade. Ever since broadcasting became general this modern development of science has enabled men and women in every country to listen in to this service, and the broadcast of the march, as if they were present. This year, through circumstances connected with the war, and over which neither the League nor the Australian Broadcasting Commission had any control, the proceedings could not be broadcast. That must have been a disappointment to many country listeners, but it was something that could not be helped. Let us hope for better luck next year.

Anzac Day greetings have been received from the Chiefs of the British and Allied forces, as well as from the Governor-General (Lord Gowrie), and service leaders at home. One characteristic message came from General Freyberg, V.C., who is now commanding the New Zealand forces in the South Pacific. He saw active service himself on Gallipoli, and it was only natural that he should have sent greetings to his old comrades-in-arms. His message read: “On this Anzac Day, from the battlefield in Tunisia, New Zealand soldiers send greetings to their compatriots Australia and New Zealand in the South Pacific. The tide has turned after three years. You can realise our feelings at being able to send good news instead of grim reports of rear-guard actions and hard-fought retreats, which have been born so bravely at home. Our inherited Anzac tradition has always been before us. We have been hard-pressed in Greece, Crete and the Western Desert, but it was then the Anzac Spirit was most evident. We knew the reverse were due to the odds against us, and not to the failure of our men.”

Several thousand people attended the Dawn Ceremony. Official wreaths were laid at the foot of the War Memorial on behalf of the Commonwealth Government, the Perth City Council, and their own League. The wreath bearers were the Assistant Minister for the Army (Senator Fraser), the Minister for Health (Mr. Panton), the Lord Mayor of Perth (Dr. T. W. Meagher), and the State President of the League (Mr. T. S. Edmondson) respectively. Other floral tributes were placed on the Memorial by high-ranking officers of His Majesty’s fighting forces, those of Allied nations, and by consular representatives, unit associations, women’s auxiliaries, the Legacy Club, Sons of Soldiers’ League, Toi H, and the Red Cross Society.

There was a falling-off of 2,175 on the main parade, compared with that of Anzac Day, 1941, the past previous occasion on which the big parade was held. This was due to the large numbers of returned men who are now serving in Garrison Battalions and other Army units, or who are engaged in other forms of war work. One part of the parade which attracted much favourable attention was the turn-out of the Air Training Corps, who made their first appearance on Anzac Day parade. What was most gratifying to the men who marched was the enthusiastic response of the public. Local crowds are notoriously undemonstrative. This year the applause of the public lining the streets was spontaneous and prolonged. Every

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unit was greeted with a fresh outburst of hand-clapping and cheering, and those of us who attended the service found that we were not such old baggies after all. The enthusiasm rose to a high pitch of intensity when returning men of the present war were recognised, as they marched with the veterans or their parent units.

It is estimated that the Anzacs glimpse service drew an attendance of 40,000.

Sir Gilbert Dyett
Suggested Retirement of the Federal President

A surprise packet was thrown to the League about that month when newspapers announced that the Federal President, Sir Gilbert Dyett, would not seek re-election, after his present term of office expires in November next. What was more surprising was the published statement that Sir Gilbert had expressed the wish that his successor should be a returned soldier from the present war. Press reports which followed suggest that League executives here and in other States do not think that any drastic change in the leadership of our organisation should be made at present. The State President of the W.A. Branch (Mr. T. S. Edmondson) caused to be published in local papers a statement that the time was not opportune for the Federal President to resign.

The matter was discussed at the meeting of the State Executive on April 28, when the State President’s action was unanimously endorsed. The prevailing view of the State Executive delegates was one of regret that Sir Gilbert Dyett should have stated his intention of relinquishing the Federal presidency. He has led our organisation since he was elected Federal President in 1919, in succession to Senator Boiton, the foundation Federal President. At the same time, it was felt that if any man should wish to retire from an office he has held with distinction and popular approbation practically a generation, that is entirely a matter for himself. Our own State Executive hopes that there will be no change of leadership while things remain as they are now. Present wartime conditions, and those that are likely to arise immediately after the war, will call for experienced leadership as far as this League is concerned. While it was generally regretted that Sir Gilbert Dyett should have thought of retiring in the present war, it was felt that he had expressed the wish that his successor should make the election of any given type a matter for himself. If any man should wish to retire from an office he has held for many years, it is only fair that he should have freedom of choice in the selection of his successor.

In the event of a man to fill any vacancy in the League is a matter for State and Federal Congress. Under the Constitution, the State Branches will retain the right to nominate candidates for the Federal presidency, and the election is in the hands of the Federal Congress.

Of course, it is realised that sooner or later the leadership and control of the League must pass into the hands of men returned from the present war. It should also be made clear that there are many men returning to Australia today, and many of these hold high rank, who are veterans of both wars. But it is felt that a period of control under present conditions is required to ensure that the League is not divided by internal feuds, which are likely to arise immediately after the war.

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Excise on Tobacco

At the February meeting of the Federal Executive, a resolution was passed urging the Commonwealth Government to waive the Excise duties on tobacco. The Prime Minister’s Department has since replied that the Government has decided to waive the collection of Excise on Australian manufactured tobacco, cigarettes, and cigar papers, distributed free of charge by the Australian Comforts Fund, or other like organisations approved by the Minister for Trade and Customs, to members of the forces stationed in the Darwin area. National Security Regulations have been issued to implement this decision, and the concession operated on from the 1st of May. In order to prevent unauthorised trafficking in the articles mentioned, certain safeguards have been prescribed. The Government does not propose to extend the concession beyond the Darwin area.
SUBVERSIVE ORGANISATIONS

At its last meeting the Federal Executive carried a resolution urging the Commonwealth Government to take more drastic action against the Jehovah Witnesses and other subversive organisations. The motion was sent forward from the Western Australian Branch. A reply from the Federal Attorney-General's Department states that the activities of members of the organisation, known as Jehovah's Witnesses, are under constant supervision. Restriction orders have been issued in respect to certain individuals connected with this organisation, whose activities are considered to have been prejudicial to the war effort, and the Director-General of Security is prepared to consider the question of interment in any individual case, where sufficient evidence of subversive activity is forthcoming. The question of dealing with individuals connected with this organisation, whose activities are considered against the interests of national security, is continually under review by the Director-General of Security. The League and its members may be assured that whatever action is deemed necessary will be taken.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

PROVISIONS OF REPATRIATION ACT

The newly-amended Repatriation Act contains an addition to Section 31A of the principal Act, which provides that where a member of the forces served in a theatre of war and at any time after his discharge had become or becomes incapacitated, or died or dies from pulmonary tuberculosis, and the condition has not been, or is not accepted as a war service disability, the member may receive full pension benefits and treatment to the same extent as if the condition had been accepted as due to service.

The Act provides, however, that an application must be made by the persons concerned to the Deputy Commissioner, Repatriation Department, Riverside Drive, Perth.

The League therefore advises all members of the forces, both of the last war and this, who have served in a theatre of war, and who have been unfortunate enough to develop pulmonary tuberculosis, and whose cases have not been accepted by the Repatriation Department as war caused, to make immediate application to that department. Likewise the widows of any ex-service men who served in a theatre of war and whose deaths have occurred as a result of that disease, should make immediate claim for a widow's pension.

The League also points out that benefits under this provision will be granted from the date the application is received by the Department of Repatriation.
Mr. Curtin at Anzac House

On Tuesday, May 3, the State Executive had the honour of entertaining at an informal reception the Prime Minister (Mr. John Curtin). Other guests were Senator Fraser, and Mr. A. W. Coles, who besides being chairman of the Rationing Commission is a returned soldier and a member of the Victorian Bench of the Bench of the House. During the State President's speech of welcome, reference was made to the unification of the railway gauges of Australia which, Mr. Edmondson said, had been favoured by the League for 20 years. Responding to the toast of the occasion, Mr. Curtin said that the unified-gauge between here and the Eastern States could have been effected during the times when Australia had the labour and the resources, but it had been claimed then that the money was not available. Mr. Curtin accorded sympathetic laughter when he went on to say that, in those days, neither he, nor the Federal Treasurer (Mr. Chifley) were very influential. In regard to the money question, he held that the incapacity of the Finance Department was the only limit to the policy it must follow to carry the war to a successful conclusion. The conversion of the line from Broken Hill to Port Pirie to standard gauge would be of the greatest possible value. If it could be done, having regard to other things that had to be done it would be. In relation to it, he had told the Premier of South Australia that he did not propose to pay compensation to South Australia. He was opposed to doing anything to prejudice railways constructed by the Commonwealth as a necessary feature of strategic defence. The Broken Hill-Port Pirie line would mean the employment of thousands of men, and the use of much material, such as rails and sleepers. Transport facilities were not available. Existing railways were falling to bits, and rolling stock was being worked to death. All forms of existing land transport were being subjected to an enormous strain. The loss of supplies and coal were factors that operated against the construction of the line at this juncture.

Turning to the more general situation, Mr. Curtin said: "I cannot say that all is well in Australia. It is not. There is very stupid complacency by too many people in too many places. They complain too much about the deprivations they suffer in their normal activities. They fail to take into account the relativity of their position with that of the fighting forces, and the demands that war makes upon materials and man-power. They overlook the fact that the physical strain of the war can only be maintained by calling up idle resources, and by taking something away from what previously existed."

Mr. Curtin said he was becoming quite stubborn about requests that were reaching him in respect to wood-cutting, keeping the gold mines going and supplying copper. Somebody was trying to weave.awareness amongst farmers that tobacco and another beer. If there was to be more beer, the brewers would then say "What about malt?" and so on. These were samples of the things that came to his desk for discussion, and he knew that these things were more or less important, that the national morale must be sustained, that the economic services of the country must be balanced with the needs of the fighting forces, and that war weariness must be guarded against. Decisions in these matters, Mr. Curtin said, had to be made by him. He was the only man in Australia who could not "pass the buck." He made his decisions, irrespective of what Tom might do, or Jack, or the Chamber of Commerce, or the trade unions, or the Country Party. The office of Prime Minister had been visited upon him, but it was the proudest distinction that could be given to an Australian citizen, and he had accepted it as such. He had neither avoided it or rushed it. It had come to him, he said, at a time of dreadful peril for all the people of Australia, at a time when Australia's relationship with other nations had to be conducted on a high plane of collaboration. Decisions had to be made which could not be revealed, and any had to be taken which could not be understood by all the people. These were phases of his office at the present time, which no prime minister could dodge. He must accept the cheers and the hoots, the assets and the liabilities. Coming to more personal matters, Mr. Curtin said the League had set an example in public service which he had long admired. As head of the Government, he had felt that the way the League conducted its business, with its glamour, was sound practice. In contrast, the affairs of the nation, politically, were too mixed up with phrase-making, criticising without offering an alternative, and slogans. More often than not, people voted for a label. In time of war, there should be more realism. Australia is in for a longer war than Europe is in for. Attrition is bound to be considerable. The resources of Australia will have to be husbanded. What people can spare and save every day they should, so that they will have a reserve when no other source of supply is available. Some of the Allied nations are worse off than Australia. "Any surmises that Australians have," Mr. Curtin continued, "should be made available to those who are worse off than ourselves. We cannot go on spending every shilling and devouring everything that can be bought with it. There will have to be rationing of the civil population. I can see no earthly reason why so vast a number of the population should be in uniform, subject to a general plan of rationing, and why, at the same time, the civilian population should not accept some portion of the general plan, which includes a limitation of their right to please their individual self-interest. The conduct of the individual should be moulded to minister to the welfare of the whole."

Mr. Curtin concluded by expressing the belief that the League should embrace in its membership all fighting men and women. There should be no restriction of service to members of the various bodies and associations. As a union was necessary, let it be one big union. The League kept alive the traditions of the fighting men, and kept Australia aware of what the country was doing to fight for the possibilities of a reasonable existence. In these, and other respects, the League has done a great work but, perhaps, its greatest work lies ahead.

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Sixty-five members and comrades paraded on Anzac Day. The president, Major Colpitts, being the leader of the 10th Light Horse that day, was in another place, as they say in Parliament. Mr. Fred Bateson led the unit. As in former years, the veterans marched to the strains of the Coastal Scottish Pipers' Band. After the march past, Mr. Bateson thanked the pipers, and, on behalf of the association, expressed deep regret at the passing of their late Pipe-Major, Mr. W. Frew. The annual meeting of the association was held in the Burt Memorial Hall on May 10. The following officers were re-elected unopposed for the ensuing year: General president, Brig.-General A. J. Bessell-Browne; patron, Canon Collick; president, Major J. W. Colpitts; secretary, Mr. G. Gumprecht; treasurer, Mr. S. Sheppard.
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Smart uniforms added lustre to a very fine wood, has Branch's efforts to entertain is open to all, and many men prominent is attending to a sick patient, how. This Company seems lucky in the how. This is the object is the entertainment available in this field.

Mr. L. Hearn, whose address is given above.

At the May meeting of the South African and Imperial Veterans' Association, it was decided that the association lay a wreath on Queen Victoria's Statue in King's Park, on Empire Day, May 24. This laying of a wreath will take place this year at 12 noon on Monday, May 24. The Lord Mayor of Perth (Dr. T. W. Meagher) will attend the ceremony. He will lay a wreath on behalf of the Perth City Council. The association's annual Empire Day social will take place in Anzac House on Saturday, May 22, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"In the last war, out of more than two million killed, only two were members of the Reichstag. The Nationalist Socialist Reichstag, however, I think, has already lost 39 in the field, out of the number of nearly 370,000 killed altogether." The number is still absurdly disproportionate, but this is not a slab of British propaganda. The statement is an extract from a speech by Hitler himself.

DESECRATING ANZAC DAY

The only untoward incident which occurred during the association's ceremonies on ANZAC Day was the distribution, during the march, of propaganda leaflets issued by a so-called/soldiers' political party. In a former issue we made it clear that there is nothing in our Constitution to prevent ex-service men from joining or forming whatever political parties they like, provided it is clearly understood that the League, as an organisation, does not give any of these parties its backing. On the other hand, this League will take extreme hostile notice of any political party, established or in the embryo stage, that directly interferes with the League or any of its activities. Some years ago there was great indignation, both in the League and outside it, when the Jehovah Witness traitors (they used another alias in those days), tried to exploit the Dawn Service in a similar way. How much more intense, then, was our indignation when a body which, presumably, contains some ex-service men, should act in a way that can only be described as deplorable and in the worst possible taste.

One would think that ex-service men, assuming there are an appreciable number of them in this party, and even the professional politicians who never were returned soldiers, but who are trying now to exploit them, should have been sufficiently aware of the League's views on such conduct.

Unfortunately, a report of the incident, which appeared in the Press, is likely to visit injustice on members of another service men's party. Actually, there are two such political parties. We were, therefore, glad to receive a letter from a good League stalwart, Mr. Arthur Nugent, dissociating the "Service Party," of which he is chairman, from such a glaring breach of Anzac.

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Mr. Nugent’s disclaimer will be welcomed and readily accepted by all who know him. He and others may rest assured that steps will be taken to guard against a repetition of the offence, as they were in the case of the Jehovah Witnesses—assuming this other new party has not killed itself at the outset by this obnoxious conduct.

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION

The Association exists for the purpose of securing benefits for its members, such as increases in pensions, issue of artificial eyes, spectacles, and so on. These facts were mentioned at the meeting on May 3, when many interesting subjects were discussed, and much useful information was disseminated. One fact that is noticeable at present is that men returning from service abroad, with the loss of one eye, unless badly disfigured, or suffering from other serious wounds, are not being discharged. Such men are being marked B2 and being retained in the services. They are not eligible for membership of the Association until they are discharged and eventually receive their pensions. The patron of the Association (Sir Archibald P. Wavell) has recently been promoted to Field Marshal. The next meeting will be held on June 7 in Room 33, Bon Marché Buildings, Barrack Street. Further information regarding the objects and aims of the Association can be obtained from the secretary, J. M. Mackay, 51 Hardy Street, Hollywood.

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Personalities

One of the young men from this State to distinguish himself on active service in New Guinea is WX12684 Private Harold Hopperton. This young Digger is really Harold II. He is the son of Harold Hopperton, the president of the 12th/32nd Battalion Association, and Mrs. Hopperton, the sprightly and competent State Secretary of the Women’s Auxiliaries. Young Harold, or “Junior,” as he is called on the Home Front, did some service with a water transport unit, that was formed for special service, and in which he was placed in charge of some American personnel. How he carried out that duty is best described in a letter of commendation he received from Brig.-General Dwight F. Johns, of the U.S. Army. The letter read:

During the two hundred and eleven mile voyage in the open sea, of eight motor landing boats from Milne Bay to Ora Bay, New Guinea, eleventh to fourteenth of December, 1943, you assisted in carrying out a difficult and hazardous mission in your efforts to deliver the vessels at their destination, transferring mechanics between boats and towing tow lines in heavy seas.

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Col. C. S. Myers, commanding the American infantry, added his meed of praise: “It is very gratifying to add my official commendation and express my appreciation for your outstanding services.”

Pilot-Officer J. H. Elliott, who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallantry in operational flights in the Middle East, enjoys the further distinction of being the first ward of the Perth Legacy Club to gain a decoration in the present war. His father was killed in the War of 1914-18.

Pilot-Officer Elliott is 28 years of age, and married. As a ward of Legacy, he was, in a large measure, responsible for the success of the Junior Legacy Club, of which he was president for several years. At a recent meeting of the Legacy Club it was decided to forward him a cablegram of congratulation.

For a long time it has been claimed that Ireland’s patron saint, St. Patrick, was born in Scotland, but in more recent years Welsh scholars have produced evidence in support of a claim that the man who banished snakes and frogs from Ireland was born in Wales. And now, the Welsh have deprived their Irish neighbours of another honour. About a year ago, the best gag that was going the rounds about the war was about the great Irish general who was knocking spots off the Huns on the Russian front, that brother of a boy Tim O’Shenko. However, there is many a true word said in jest, and Marshal Timoshenko, if not Irish, is of Celtic origin. The researches of the Cambrian Society have revealed that in the Seventies of the last century some Welsh technicians went to Russia in connection with an ironworks started by the English Government. One of these was a young man named Charles Jenkins, who married a Russian girl and stayed in Russia. Marshal Timoshenko is his eldest son. When it is realised that Jenkins is called Shenko by the Welsh, it is not hard to believe that Timoshenko is the Russian form of Timothy Jenkins.

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The third member of the Gloucester Park Sub-Branch who was transferred to higher duty was Jack Webster, of the 2nd Tunnelers, who passed away on May 1. He was a very ardent worker for the sub-branch, and could always be depended upon when any special effort was required. Most of his life was spent in the mining industry, on the Eastern Goldfields. He was a cheery personality who will be long-remembered by his comrades in the sub-branch.

TUBERCULAR EX-SERVICE MEN

An important feature of the new Repatriation Act is the addition to Section 31A of the original Act, which deals with tubercular ex-service men. It is now provided that, where a member of the forces served in a theatre of war and, at any time after his discharge, became incapacitated, or died from pulmonary tuberculosis, and the condition had not been accepted as a war-caused disability, he is eligible to receive full pension benefits and treatment, to the same extent as if the condition had been accepted as due to service. The Act provides that application must be made by the persons concerned to the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation, Repatriation Department, Riverside Drive, Perth.

The League therefore advises all members of the forces, both of the last war and the current war, whose cases conform with the foregoing conditions, to make immediate application to the Department. In like manner, the widows of any ex-service men who served in a theatre of war, and whose deaths had occurred as the result of tuberculosis, should make immediate claim for a widow’s pension. Benefits under this provision will be granted from the date the application is received by the Department of Repatriation.

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Ward on Preference

The recent visit of the effervescent Eddie Ward, Minister for Labour and National Service (Strikes Permitting), has not done much to strengthen his own position or that of his conferees. We are not greatly concerned with the gutternipe gibness with which he ridiculed political opponents for the delectation of a packed audience. That, and his deliberate misrepresentation of the position regarding the so-called Brisbane Line, have been dealt with by other people in other papers. What does concern us is his deliberate misrepresentation of the policy of preference to returned soldiers. During his Sunday meeting at the Unity Theatre, Ward told his audience that the preference question was a false issue, as it was concerned only with getting jobs for ex-service men, and there will be no need for anyone to be out of work, because we are to have socialism when the war is over. That is the main argument being used against preference today, and it is a mere herring drawn across the trail. As we have explained again and again, preference means more than getting a man a job. It involves giving him back some of the advantages he has missed through his years of war service. In short, it will ensure that he is not at any disadvantage as regards promotion, seniority and a host of other things, when he does get back to work; for one may be sure that the great majority of fighting men will go back to the jobs they left when they got into uniform.

Some of the objections made to preference during the debate on the Repatriation Bill in the House of Representatives were very illuminating. Rosevear, of New South Wales, wept crocodile’s tears over the alleged wrong preference will inflict on unionists, among whom, of course, are the strikers who persist in scabbing on Australia while real men are fighting. Blackburn, the Independent Labourite, who was turfed out of the official Labour Party because of his coquetting with Communism, flatly and flatulently declared that any government that granted preference was adopting Fascist methods. There was a thinly-veiled hint to those who can read between the lines of Blackburn’s speech, as reported in Hansard, that our League itself is a Fascist organisation. According to the Assim which masquerades as Anti-Fascism, everyone who is not a Communist is a Fascist. This League is not a party political organisation. It supports no party and no ideology; but the League as an organisation stands for absolute preference, and it will throw its weight into the political scale against any individual or party that opposes preference.

A strange and illogical feature of the wailing against preference is this insistence that it will not be necessary under the new order that will follow the war. Those who advance this plea are careful not to say anything about scrapping preference to unionists on the same ground. Neither has anyone yet shown where there is any actual conflict between preference to returned service men and preference to unionists. One could safely lay a shade of odds that men returning to civilian life after the war are either members of unions or similar associations, or else willing to become members, if they were too young for membership when they enlisted. What then will be their position in regard to other unionists. Assuming they both belong to the same union, is not the returned fighting man entitled to preference in that union over the chap who hindered the war effort by striking because he didn’t like his boss, or for some other equally trivial reason?

HOSPITALISATION FOR T. & P. I. MEN

In regard to the recommendation of last year’s Federal Congress, that hospitalisation should be given to all permanently and totally incapacitated men, the Minister for Repatriation has made the following reply. A regulation is now being prepared to give effect to the recent decision of the Government, to which the Minister referred in the House of Representatives on March 9, that free medical and hospital treatment is to be given in respect of all disabilities suffered by members of the forces, who are receiving war pensions at the general rate for total incapacity under the First Schedule, or at a Special Rate under the Second Schedule of the Act. However, treatment under this provision cannot be given for certain conditions, which are not attributable to war service, such as infectious or contagious diseases, venereal disease which is not contracted during the period of the member’s service, mental disease, drug addiction, alcoholism, or chronic or incurable diseases requiring treatment for a prolonged period. Free treatment will not, of course, be provided in respect of a non-war disability for any person who is eligible for treatment under Workers’ Compensation Insurance, or other similar insurance, or under any scheme of contract medical attention. It is expected that plans to implement this decision will be completed at an early date.

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ARMY AGE LIMITS

The Army authorities have made an important announcement in regard to age limits for commissioned ranks in the AIF. At one time, many over-age officers were permitted to join the AIF because it was then considered desirable to get as many men as possible should be encouraged to transfer from the Militia. The fact that officers, whatever their age, were AIF, assisted this campaign. Now that the campaign is no longer in operation new restrictions have been put into effect. The age limits for any and all ranks in the AIF now are: lieutenant, 30; captain, 35; major, 40; lieutenant-colonel, 45. These restrictions do not affect officers who have already seen active service overseas in the present war. The new restrictions are the outcome of not only the fighting under strenuous conditions in the desert, in the Middle East, but of conditions peculiar to warfare in the islands north of Australia. The restrictions may be necessary in respect of service in part-time duty in a particular type of warfare. Nevertheless, many older soldiers feel and have felt for a long time that it is the policy of the authorities to freeze old soldiers, and particularly old soldiers of the last war, out of the service. Age restrictions have been applied not only to the commissioned ranks, but also to the non-commissioned ranks. The latter restriction appears to us to be unnecessary, if not actually absurd. On the occasion of a former visit to a former, an inmate of a hospital for the insane, and institutions proclaimed as "benevolent asylums" for the purposes of the Invalid and Old Age Pensions Act, 1908-1943. The only difference now remaining between the Repatriation Act and the Invalid and Old Age Pensions Act, as regards institutional cases, is that, under the former, an inmate of a hospital for the insane may receive a service pension at the institution whereas an old age or invalid pension is suspended during the period the pensioner is an inmate of such an institution. Where a service pension is entitled to an institution, such as a hospital or a sanatorium, his pension will continue at the rate ruling when he was admitted, subject to the periodical review that would take place in the ordinary course of events. The new provision will operate on and from May 6, 1943. Appro- priorities in the case of pensioners who were inmates of such institutions on the commencing date.

INSTITUTIONAL CHARGES, PENSIONER PATIENTS

In regard to the resolution passed by last year's Federal Congress, which urged "that the institutional rates of board in a hospital be abolished, as in the case of Old Age and Invalid Pensions", the Repatriation Department has replied that this request has been complied with, inasmuch as the recent amending Act now shows the field covered by the Act (45 AO 1943) which confers repatriation benefits on soldiers' Repatriation Act to inmates of hospitals for the insane, and institutions proclaimed as "benevolent asylums" for the purposes of the Invalid and Old Age Pensions Act, 1908-1943. The only difference now remaining between the Repatriation Act and the Invalid and Old Age Pensions Act, as regards institutional cases, is that, under the former, an inmate of a hospital for the insane may receive a service pension at the institution whereas an old age or invalid pension is suspended during the period the pensioner is an inmate of such an institution. Where a service pension is entitled to an institution, such as a hospital or a sanatorium, his pension will continue at the rate ruling when he was admitted, subject to the periodical review that would take place in the ordinary course of events. The new provision will operate on and from May 6, 1943. Appro- priorities in the case of pensioners who were inmates of such institutions on the commencing date.

REPATRIATION BENEFITS, VDC MEMBERS AND DEPENDANTS

The resolution passed by the Federal Congress last year urged that "benefits on the same scale, as are paid to the Australian Military Forces, be paid to all personnel of the Volunteer Defence Corps, or their dependants, who are injured whilst on voluntary training, part-time or full-time duty, or while travelling to or returning from all parades or duties." The Minister for Repatriation has advised that the Volunteer Defence Corps has been constituted as a branch of the Australian Military Forces. Members of the VDC are entitled to the same benefits as are awarded to the Australian Army for the duration, and directly in connection with the war, qualify as members of the forces, within the meaning of the Australian Soldiers Repatriation Act. As such, they are eligible for pensions and general repatriation benefits on the same basis as other members of the forces. Any other members of the Australian Military Forces, including the Volunteer Defence Corps, who are employed only part-time, are provided for under the Army Finance (Compensation) Regulations, in respect of injuries sustained during voluntary training or whilst on duty as a volunteer by the principle of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, and similar legislation of other countries, that the benefits associated therewith are available only to those whose whole time is devoted exclusively to the defence of the country in time of war. The Minister, therefore, can see no justification for any departure from that principle.
DEDUCTIONS
HOSPITAL PATIENTS

A resolution passed by last year's Federal Congress, "That the amount deducted from the war pensions of hospital patients be discontinued", has been the subject of the following reply from the Minister for Repatriation. The request has been complied with, as far as blinded, totally and permanently incapacitated and tubercular patients are concerned, by the deletion of the third paragraph from the Second Schedule to the Act, which was effected by the amending Repatriation Act of 1943. This means that, from May 6 of this year, the special rate pension will not be reduced to the general rate for total incapacity under the First Schedule, after the first 42 days of institutional treatment. The position of limbless and partially blinded soldiers was also considered, but it was decided that, owing to the differing circumstances, there was no warrant to disturb paragraph (c) in the proviso to the Fifth Schedule.

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Members greatly appreciated being visited by the State President (Mr. Edmondson). The secretary (Bert Riggs) has just returned after a month's holiday in the country. He is looking fit. During his absence his duties were ably carried out by Charlie Walker. The bridge and darts competitions retain their popularity. The President's Pairs competition at darts is half completed. Paddy O'Donnell is again in No. II Ward. We all hope that his visit will not be of short duration. Members have been greatly cheered by the passing of the new Repatriation Act. Most members will benefit by the increase. Quite a few members were privileged to see the preview of Noel Coward's picture, "In Which We Serve". Thanks are due to the management of Hoyts Theatres Limited, who made this possible. During the month a lot of reading matter has been sent in. The donors are thanked for their kindly thought. Membership is now 138, but it is expected that the number will be increased by men returned from the present war as time goes on. The Association holds its meetings in its rooms on the second floor of the Bon Marche Buildings in Barrack Street.

Scabbards Off
By Pip-Tok

What a difference there has been between Dunkirk and Tunisia. On the beaches at Dunkirk Britain lost everything except honour and courage. Mr. Churchill described the climax of the European campaign as a major disaster. He told the British people a little later that he had nothing to offer them except blood and tears. The Army lost its guns, tanks and all its heavy equipment, but, the nation gritted its teeth. Everything that would float was mobilised. Every man at home who could tell an ocean wave from a perm rushed to man the most extraordinary armada the North Sea had ever seen; and our splendid men were saved. Three-quarters of the British Expeditionary Force that had retreated and fought for day after day were brought back to England. They landed, gaunt and haggard as one would expect from men who had looked through the portals of Hell; but these were no beaten army. They marched through cheering crowds with the proud steps of conquerors. That was the first manifestation of the spirit that wafted England to triumph over the Blitz; the spirit that imbued the Home Guard, even at a time when there were not enough rifles to go round, and men were armed with shot guns; the spirit that could nerve the rulers of the country to send the only available armoured units out to Egypt for the defence of the Canal; at the very time the Nazi hordes were mobilising in North Sea and Channel ports for the invasion of England. Never was England in greater danger. Never during the history of our race was there such unity in facing that danger. "We are alone against the Axis world," said someone; to which incommensurable Private Thomas Atkins replied: "Alone! Lor blime, yus. We're alone, the whole fifty-six million of us!*

Now look at the Axis debacle in North Africa. The Axis gangsters used to be fond of sneering over Dunkirk. The British Army has had plenty of practice in retreating and in evacuations. Unfortunately, that is true, but the fault lies not with the Army, but with the cheese-paring pacifists that sends inadequately equipped armies into the field against larger and better equipped enemies. Wherever the British Army has met the Hun on anything like equal terms, the Hun has done the retreating. In Tunisia, the enemy was unable to bring off another Dunkirk. Thousands of betrayed and embittered men,
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deserted by their leaders, had no option but to surrender. Among the people we are fighting, there is none of the spirit that prompts the soldier to share his last gasp with his mate, and stick to him through Hell and high water. During the retreat through the desert the Germans cheerfully left their Italian allies in the lurch while they made good their own retreat. They did so again in Tunisia; and now, we learn, they even did the dirty on their own men. Can you picture a British officer doing a thing like that? Of course you can’t. Not even a surrealist could. And now, instead of the unity that could nerve a people to wait for an invader with shot guns, or even with broken bottles, one learns of the quivering fear of invasion. The enemy is beaten, both physically and spiritually, but he is not yet overcome. He will still fight, as does the rat in a trap; but his morale will never be the same again, and, even in this mechanised age, Napoleon’s dictum, that the morale is to the physical as three to one, still holds good.

Some little time ago the Communist Dean of Canterbury and a number of others again sought a definition of Allied war aims. Such queries, at this stage of the game, are little enough to create a crisis. They make one wonder if these amiable people fear we are going to be too hard on the Nazi criminals when we have beaten them into submission.

People who have only seen the war from the safety of a pulpit or a university lecture room seem to be more afraid of something they call a vindictive peace than they are of being conquered by the enemy. It all reminds one of the smug remark made by President Wilson when he went to Europe for the Peace Conference. He was being shown the devastation of the old battle line, when he turned somewhat impatiently to Clemenceau and said: “I have already forgiven the Germans”; to which Clemenceau retorted: “Ah, yes. But you have not had them in your country for four years.”

It will be very hard for people in occupied countries, who have seen that mass murder of relatives and friends, and endured the torture of concentration camps, to forgive the enemy. This is the story told by one escaped prisoner in a BBC radio newsreel: “I was in a German concentration camp for 13 months. I’m really quite young, you know—31—my grey hair deceives. Every time I look in a mirror I remember—men I want to do. That boy at my camp—Josef was his name. He was 21 when I met him at the camp. He had been there ever since Hitler came to power. They took him when he was 15. The Storm Troopers had paralysed his right arm, and he was suffering from consumption, under-nourished. They had broken him—I mean mentally and spiritually. There was nothing left; no fear; that’s true, but no will to live either.

That journalist who survived the most brutal torture and became hard. That is, he was quite mild to talk to, but when you were in trouble, he seemed to have an unlimited resource of strength. In all those 13 months I’d never known him despair one moment. I must leave it to you to imagine how these people got broken or stalled as they were; it’s too obscene to be told. There are millions willing to die in German Europe, but the very idea of a concentration camp holds many of the bravest in speakable terror. Concentration camp... where men pray for the hour of their death, and are not allowed to die.

There are far too many amateur strategists writing and talking about the war already. In our own city, there is one John Digby, who writes juvenile drivel on matters of high strategy, week by week, in a local paper. John Digby is the pen-name of a young man in this early twenties who managed to avoid military service until he was conscripted recently. Nevertheless this eleven-hour conscript has the temerity to insist that, had we opened the second European front last year, before we were properly ready, we should have suffered fewer casualties than we are likely to if we invade Europe this year. Apparently, this immature amateur has failed to grasp the lesson of Dieppe. He had failed to explain how, after we had sent enough material to Russia for the equipment of 34 armoured divisions, how we could still have enough left for a European invasion. However, one does not expect an immature amateur to grasp these things, but his efforts belittled the importance of the North African campaigns; although he did cast his words, or some of them, after Tunisia had fallen. The truth is, such would-be commentators are a pain in the neck and an insult to intelligence. The dwelling of John Digby is all the more absurd in the light of a statement he made to a friend of this paper. He said he would be a conscientious objector if he had enough courage. In the meantime, he has been caught by the conscription net; but why is he allowed to break Army regulations by continuing to write on military subjects to the Press?

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Visitors at the May meeting were the State President (Mr. T. S. Edmondson) and Squadron-Leader Rushbrooke, RA AF. Each of the visitors gave a stirring address on the address, and members who were absent missed something that was really worth while. The State President's address taught members more about the State Executive's good work than could be learnt from many addresses. The president then turned to the sub-branch's funds, and Mr. F. W. Nicholls, the secretary, spoke of the sub-branch's suggestion that sub-branches should endeavour to get speakers to address them at monthly meetings was considered an excellent one. It was encouraging to see such a good attendance of former sub-branch presidents and old members, but it was especially encouraging to see such a good sprinkling of new members from the Second AIF and the Air Force. Some of these were still in uniform. The sub-branch president (Mr. W. A. Thomas) expressed great pleasure at the splendid roll-up on Anzac Day. In the morning, members in conjunction with the mayor and councillors paraded at the Subiaco Memorial, and, after placing a wreath on the Salvation Army Citadel in Bagot Road for a special Anzac service. At 4.30 p.m., after the march and service at the Esplanade, members held a short reunion at the RSL Memorial Hall in Townshend Road, where they were met by members who fought the 1914-1918 War all over again. The POW fund is still going strong. Receipts for the month reached £36. Most of this amount was from individual effort. Cliff Sadler, who is looking after this fund, impressed on the members the necessity of contributing every month to enable us to keep our quota going.

SOUTHERN CROSS

Mr. Hawkins officiated at the ceremony on Anzac Day. Organisations which joined with the sub-branch in this remembrance were the local VDC unit, the Fire Brigade and the school children, who marched from the Town Hall to the Memorial. Thirteen members attended the annual meeting in the afternoon. Mr. E. S. Davey was re-elected president, with Messrs. Betty and Berry as vice presidents Mr. C. G. Fitch, a returned soldier from the present war, was elected secretary, with Mr. Betty as assistant secretary. Other officials elected were: Treasurer, Mr. J. J. Beckett; general committee, Messrs. Fairclough and Berry; general committee, Messrs. Fairclough, Bairnsfoot, Goodwin and Beach; auditor, Mr. G. M. Webb. It was decided to hold meetings on the first Sunday of each month. The annual dinner proved a very happy function.

WEST LEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

Satisfactory progress was reported at the meeting on May 10. Mr. A. Hird, OC of the local VDC unit, has more enlisting. Those who join will be attested straightaway, and their applications for service are already in the pipeline. The VDCparades every Sunday morning at 9.30 at Henderson Park, unless otherwise ordered. Recently the unit conducted a very successful sports meeting. Another new member, Mr. W. Nicholls, welcomed him as a returned soldier from both the wars. Mr. H. B. Pike was welcomed at the meeting on April 12. On Anzac Day Mr. Harper, of the Sick Committee, visited Lemnos and distributed apples by arrangement with the State Executive. The president, Bill McCullogh, laid a wreath on the local Memorial on behalf of the sub-branch. Other wreaths were laid during the day by residents of the district, and a number of friends and relatives attended. The Honour Roll was called by the Hon. Alex Panton, MLA. He filled the breach caused by the death of the late Captain Jose, who carried out this duty for about 20 years. Members foregathered at the Memorial and placed a wreath on the site where a special Anzac service was held in the morning. There was a further attendance of members at the local Salvation Army Citadel in the evening. The attendance included members of the local VDC. Mr. E. S. Watt reported on local efforts in connection with the Third Liberty Loan. As chairman of the State War Loan Committee, he was rather satisfied with the local effort. Mr. E. S. Smith, ably supported Mr. Watt, and in the branch's opinion the new loan will be flat-out to double the recent result. The sub-branch thanks Mr. Bob Hatfield for lending the Wembley Theatre on April 20. Appreciation is also extended to C. G. Fitch, whose successful concert in Townshend Road enabled the sub-branch to make a donation of £26/13/11 to the POW Fund. This concert was conducted in conjunction with Mr. Hawthorn who were able to donate a similar amount. There is a possibility of C. G. Fitch arranging another concert at an early date, when he will present the well-known Dutch Choir. Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of their late comrade, Mr. J. C. McRae, of the 32nd Bn. Bridge of Eves were held on May 17. The raffle recently conducted by the local branch gave an additional £2. Further investments have been made in the war loan, and in war savings certificates. Almost all the sub-branch funds are now so invested, and members are justly proud of this. The Hall was lent to the local branch on May 17. The raffle recently conducted by the sub-branch was drawn on May 10. The first prize went to Mr. J. M. E. Bruce, the second to Mr. Jock Thompson, and the third to Mr. S. Roby.

PITHARA

A successful dance was held in aid of the POW Fund on April 10. About 200 dancers enjoyed themselves from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. Many came from neighbouring towns. The response to the appeal for old uniforms and silver small was splendid. Mr. Hartree's local orchestra excelled themselves, and gave their services free. An excellent supper was provided and served by the ladies of the auxiliary. The generous support given by members was matched by members of the Auxiliary. As a result, a cheque for £63/4/9 has been forwarded to the POW Fund.

BULLSBROOK

April and May meetings were held on the first Saturdays of these months, in accordance with the weekly programme. The branch have been regularly held, and have attracted good attendances. It was agreed at the March meeting to put £30 into the Third Liberty Loan. This was done from sub-branch funds, and a similar amount of £2 was also made to the Mercantile Marine Comforts Fund. At the last meeting an amount of £5 was donated to the POW Fund. The next meeting will be held on June 6. This will be the annual meeting, and a full muster is expected.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT

The April meeting took the form of a social and dance for members and their families. A very enjoyable evening was spent in dancing and games. As a result, the meeting on May 1 was an extra busy one. The president (Mr. R. Marsh) extended a welcome to the President of the Club on his return from active service in the Middle East. Donations of £10 and £2 respectively were made to the POW Fund and the "Adopt a Digger" Appeal. Mr. McPhee volunteered to act as sub-branch visitor to any sick members, and the sub-branch dances are now held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, commencing at 8 p.m., in the Swan View Hall. The bus leaves the Midland Junction station at 7.50 p.m. and returns in time to catch the last train from Midland.

NORTHAM

At the monthly meeting on April 7, the president (Mr. H. L. Thackrah) welcomed all members. It was decided on the motion of Messrs. Hollands and Ingleworth to support the comments made by Senator Collett about civilians in uniform. On the motion of Mr. Adshied, seconded by Mr. J. Carter, it was decided to request the State Executive to protest against the non-delivery of mail matter, particularly parcels to soldiers, and especially soldiers in New Guinea. After discussion as to the commemoration of Anzac Day, it was decided that the day be marked by a special service at the Army Citadel Park at 4 p.m. There would be no march through the town, and the president would deliver the address. Mr. J. E. Bryant was appointed conductor and organiser of the musical portion of the programme. Representatives of numerous organisations were invited to be present on the platform. It was resolved to send a letter of condolence to Mr. R. Lynn on the death of his son, who was a member of the Army. It was decided to ask the Railway Institute Committee to hold a dance in aid of the POW Fund appeal. On the suggestion of Mr. C. Hall, it was resolved to write to the State Secretary regarding the general practice adopted in accepting to full membership of the League of men still serving.

MAYLANDS

President Sep Horton presided over a fair muster at the meeting on May 6. Eleven new members were enrolled. These included a number sent along from headquarters. Efforts are being made to gather in all the returned men of the district. In last month's notes it was reported that £27 had been raised for the POW Fund at a social and dance held for that purpose. Since the report was published the amount was increased to £33. This year's local Anzac Day parade was held at 10 a.m. and was the best ever. The ranks were augmented by troops stationed in the neighbourhood, the VDC, and members of the Auxiliary. The money was accorded to the Salvation Army Band for helping to make the parade a success. Squadron-Leader Wilson of the RAAF Reserve attended with his officers and gave an address. During the voluntary enlistment of youths between 16 and 25 in the Air Force Training Corps. He intimated that it was a well-known fact that the most patriotic and nationally-minded body in Australia was the League. With the League's efforts in the past, this type of appeal was well entertained. That the required number would be recruited. It was pointed out that the scheme would be of great educational benefit to the kids, who will be of great value in filling vacancies in the RAAF. The concert was followed by harmony and refreshments. Messrs. Jack Fuller, Hall and Butten.
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shaw did excellent work during this stage of the proceedings. The secretary, Alf Cook, who is practically liaison officer between the sub-branch and the State Executive, reported on various matters. With officers of his calibre, the success of the sub-branch is assured.

PEMBERTON

An impressive Anzac ceremony was held at the Pemberton School on Wednesday 22, arranged by the headmaster, Mr. P. Riley, and attended by parents of the school children and the RSL represented by president C. A. Elvers and secretary G. B. Todd. Mr. Todd addressed the children on the meaning of Anzac Day and supporting remarks by Mr. Riley were followed by the laying of a wreath by a boy and girl trained by the headmaster, and the two minutes silence; also the raising of the flag from half to full mast. Anthems were sung by sections of the children, and an impressive feature was the reciting by the senior pupils of the poem "Singapore" by Mary Gilmore. Altogether a very nice observance which reflected great credit on the teachers and the children. A public memorial service was held at the Honour Board in the Hall on Sunday, which was attended by about 80 persons. President Todd being absent at a VDC camp, the address was given by P. Cor in a very able manner. The Rev. Nichols (Methodist) and Pastor Periera (Full Gospel Church) assisted with the service.

DWELLINGUP AND DISTRICTS

The April meeting was held at the Dwellingup Hotel with Mr. A. Hills in the chair. The sub-branch regretfully accepted Charlie Joyntson's resignation as secretary, owing to ill health. Arthur Savill was unanimously elected to carry on the good work. A dance was held by the sub-branch in aid of the Merchant Seamen's Comfort Fund. The secretary reported that, as a result, £13/13/- was forwarded to "The Archer." The annual Anzac Day service was held at Holyoake and conducted by Mr. L. Perkins. The address was given by the president, Mr. A. Hill.

CALINGIRI

Members of the sub-branch and the VDC unit, including men from Calingiri and Bolgart, took part in this year's commemoration of Anzac Day. The ceremony commenced at 10.45 a.m. The service in the local hall was opened by the Rev. Williams of Wongan Hills. Two addresses were given, one by Mr. Truman, representing the sub-branch, and the other by Mr. Truman, representing the VDC. During the service wreaths of remembrance were placed on the Honour Roll. The services of Miss N. Burnett at the piano were greatly appreciated. The annual ball was a great success, and the organisers have every reason to be thankful for the support they received. As a result of the function £24 was raised for the POW Fund. The music was supplied by Miss D. Water's band. The ladies who quietly and unobtrusively work while others play provided the refreshments.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The monthly meeting was held in the new meeting place, Wembley Hall, Hay Street East. Much correspondence was dealt with, and a considerable amount of routine business was despatched. At 10 o'clock the social side of the evening commenced. It seems an extraordinary thing that, with a financial membership of well over 200, attendances at meetings are not greater. This is thrown as a gentle hint to those who could come to meetings more often.

VICTORIA PARK

The April monthly meeting was well at-
tended. The president (T. F. Simmons) was pleased to welcome 17 new members to the sub-branch. A very spirited discussion took place about the appointment of a full-time employment officer to handle the movement of Diggers returning from this war. After a long debate it was decided to refer the question to the State Executive. Guy Wilkinson is not enjoying the best of health, and we all hope it will not be long before he is on the recovered list. The unveiling of the tablet erected in memory of the late Stan Gurney at the Memorial Hall on May 2 was a very successful event. The attendance was a large one with many distinguished visitors. Mr. Matthews, our energetic secretary, did a good job arranging the function. The ceremony was successful in every way and the committee cooperated splendidly. The unveiling of the photograph of the late Stan Gurney, VC, will take place on Tuesday, May 25. So keep this date in mind members. The sub-branch appreciates the work of the auxiliary at this unveiling of the tablet. Mrs. J. Barnett and her co-workers did a very fine job.

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE

A good attendance marked the April meetings, at which much business was transacted. On Sunday, April 4, members combined with the neighbouring sub-branch, West Leederville, in a special concert of the Esplanade in aid of the POW Fund. Our good friend Cr. Caddy organised the concert, and despite unfavourable weather, the show was a great success, and a good sum was realised. Special thanks are due to all who contributed to success. Anzac Day was celebrated locally by laying wreaths on the memorial tablet in the Hall. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. Smout, in conjunction with the Galway Street Methodist Church during the morning. The sub-branch thanks George Gilmore for his able bugling. George grows younger every year. The various games competitions are in full swing, and contests grow keener each meeting night. The following results are recorded for the month of last month: Doubles: Messrs. Russell and Gildon still hold the main with 18, with Bill Smith, 25. Table tennis: George Williams beat H. Whitehouse; Tom Hewett beat George Black; Les Longbottom beat E. Moore; J. Morton beat A. Glass; Ted beat G. Carroll; H. James beat R. Gildon; Tel Nathan beat Err Hinchcliffe. Shooting: F. Campbell (2/AIF) holds the score with 30 (possible), followed by W. Smith and Turner with 28. Quoits: Stan Diggins leads R. Gildon. Bridge: Blunt and James beat Hillhouse and Woods; F. Barrett and Turner beat Jackson and Morley; Carroll and Moore beat Kay and Peterson; C. Richardson and Williams beat Damon and Morton; C. Barrett and Woodhead beat A. Campbell and M. Stocken; H. Maxwell; J. Woodhead beat T. Hetherington; Ted Nathan beat T. Jackson; W. Andrews beat G. Williams; C. Barrett beat H. Richardson; W. Smith beat F. Barrett; E. Woodward beat S. Diggins; A. E. Creswick beat J. Wadham; W. Rowles beat R. Gildon; E. Hinchcliffe beat L. Woods; Con Masters beat H. Haines; E. Moore beat R. Stacey. The next meetings will be held on June 3 and 17.

BOULDER

The Anzac Day commemoration service in Boulder this year was one of the most outstanding held to date. The address by the president (Mr. W. Routt) was something to be remembered. The affairs of the sub-branch are progressing most satisfactorily, and the weekly euchre tournament is proving a great success. The sub-branch is doing all possible to assist in matters appertaining to pensions, allotments, etc., and typing letters for mothers who have sons who are prisoners of war in Japanese hands. The local VDC, under the capable command of the president, Capt. W. Routt, is doing a good job, and he has very little spare time these days. The members of the women's auxiliary are still doing a good job with the Buffet for all Services. They are also assisting to dispose of tabs for the POW Fund. Past president Ern Bosustow has not been enjoying the best of health this year, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

FREMANTLE CITY

At the monthly meeting on April 22 secretary H. E. Hobbs conveyed the congratulations of members to the president, H. G. Wilson, on attaining his 64th birthday. The president reported on the POW Fund meeting at Headquarter the Anzac Day committee meeting, which he had been invited to attend. Members considered that Fremantle district had not been given enough consideration in the Anzac Day organisation. One member asked if Fremantle belonged to the Foreign Legion, and where the League was concerned. The social committee reported that the POW dance in the Fremantle Town Hall had been a great success. As a result, a cheque for more than $191 had been sent to the State Secretary. The committee worked very hard, with the assistance of Mrs. Kirby and her team of workers from the auxiliary. Another dance was held, with the same objective, on May 6. Anzac Day was commemorated in the traditional manner, notwithstanding the difficulty arising from the two main services in Perth and Fremantle synchronising. The sub-branch thanks all who contributed to the success of the day, particularly the Mayor and councilors, Brig. Dent (for his inspiring address), the Rev. W. Freeman, Mr. Leader (who conducted the singing), Miss Betty Jarman (who recited the words of "O Valiant Hearts" before it was sung), Lieut.-Com- mander Hatten, RAN., The Salvation Army Band, the Coastal Pipe Band, and Amplifiers Ltd., who at great trouble sent Mr. Rogers down to rig up the ground apparatus and last, but not least, the State President, who arranged for the attendance of the bugler, Capt. Price (of the R.A.A.F.). Mr. Tom Brennan, assisted by Messers. Les Smith and Hobbs, did a good job as marshals. Both services were under the direction of the sub-branch president, Mr. H. G. Wilson.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The monthly meeting was held on April 26, the president (Mr. Tomlin) presiding. The sub-branch is steadily showing an increase in membership, 14 new members being welcomed by the president. The next meeting will be held in the East Fremantle Town Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 31, when the State President, Senior Vice-president and Col. Olden will be in attendance. Nomination of officers will be included in the business of the evening. The Anzac Day service will be provided by the Salvation Army Band in cooperation with the officers and Salvation Army Band was well attended, and we express our sincere appreciation to the numerous donors of floral tributes. During the morning wreaths were placed on the Sol- liers Memorial at North Fremantle by the senior vice-president (Mr. Dave Paton), the Mayor of North Fremantle, and many other citizens. On Saturday, May 1, the auxiliary and members of the sub-branch visited Le- nos. The State President (Mr. T. Edmond-
The May meeting was again up to the average; 40 signed the attendance book. Four new members were enrolled and welcomed, and Capt. Goldie was transferred from Broome. A church parade at St. Luke’s was not altogether a success. Perhaps the incessant weather was to blame for the absences. However, the service was enjoyed by those present, and the Rev. Jones’s address was very interesting. At games president Dunne excelled himself by winning the usual Chicken Ticket donated by Mrs. Allan John, and also scoring a win at Housie. Sid Harvey had the misfortune to tie with Fred Yeoans in a win for a full card. We are considering the charging of “pew rent for those seats next to the table near the caller. Our ladies held a social evening at St. Philip’s Hall for the POW Fund, which raised over £20. They have been very active for this fund, and have paid in already over £20.

Women’s Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

Mrs. J. McKinnlay writes: On behalf of the RSL Auxiliaries I laid a wreath on the State War Memorial at the Dawn Service on Anzac Day. It was a gray dawn this year, but through the silence and gloom came the laughter of kookaburras in a nearby tree. Was it to avenge the callous treatment we have received through the sadness of remembrance?

The members of the State Executive were present at the afternoon service on the Esplanade, which was held under perfect weather conditions.

The auxiliary room at Anzac House became a centre of activity previous to the POW appeal on May 7, as we undertook to send out hundreds of circulars to business firms and also to the centre of distribution of badges for Returned soldiers. Mesdames Hopperton, Henderson, McKinnlay and Miss Haytin were on duty during the appeal week. Auxiliary members were unflagging in their collecting. Record boxes were handed in from several whose near-relatives are prisoners of war. Mrs. Crofts and her band of helpers had an extremely busy day at the YMCA gymnashum, where refreshments were served to the 500 badge-sellers from 10.30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Citizens’ Reception Committee is endeavouring to enlist public interest in the financial side of its work by asking individuals and organisations to “Adopt a Digger.” Those who have been members for over 1,500 “mothers” giving regular service at the hostels and buffets know how the amenities of these buildings are appreciated by members of the forces. The Committee was given a week’s notice to prepare for the beds at Dunleavy Hostel, which is still growing, and we hear a whisper that further hostel accommodation may soon be necessary which will mean more beds and blankets! Auxiliaries duty as cellar collectors at Bar- rack Street, Bayswater; Town Hall, South Perth; P.D.H., Nedlands, and also Bassendean on Mother’s Day.

The RSL Girls’ Social Circle will complete its first year of service this month and are to be congratulated on their excellent co-operation and help. They not only go on duty as dance partners, but bring along cakes on Sunday afternoons and contribute to a small fund of their own which is used for specific purposes.

At the Executive meeting an appeal was read from the Red Cross Transfusion Service for more blood donors. It was decided to request the Red Cross to circulate each auxiliary so that the appeal can be dealt with at meetings and arrangements made for blood tests. It is a privilege, I consider, to be able to give one’s blood to save the lives of those who are fighting for us.

Dr. Stang, a member of the State Nutritional Council and Senior Medical Officer of Schools, will give a lecture on “Nutrition” at Shell House on Monday, May 31, at 3 p.m. The lecture is open to all auxiliary members and their friends. Copies of the lecture will be available to those who wish to pass the information on to others. The talk will deal with the arranging of suitable meals for the home, in view of the present shortages. Hints will also be given on substituting one foodstuffs when another is not obtainable. Shell Co. films will be shown. Please note that admission will be free.

On Sunday, May 2, Mrs. Hopperton and I were present at the Memorial Hall, Victoria Park, where a large audience of the late Pte. Stau Gurney, VC, was unveiled by Sir James Mitchell. The proceedings were ably carried through by the president and members of the branch, with the local Girl Guides and VDC in attendance. After the service was held to all present by the auxiliary.

In conclusion, may I quote the lines on the service leaflet used on Anzac Day. “It is for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we shall take increased determination —and that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain.”—Abraham Lincoln.

NEDLANDS

Mrs. G. Randall was in the chair at the meeting on May 3, when 28 members attended. Miss K. Randall reported that they visited the Eventide Home, taking gifts of fruit and books to the inmates, who were in good health and appreciated the gesture from the auxiliary. Mesdames Perry, Hewitt and Kenny were thanked for attending the King Edward Memorial Hospital to do mending. Another three ladies promised to carry on the good work. The meeting closed.

The previous committee considered the request to take along patches of flannelette or sheeting if possible to augment the supplies available at the hospital. The State Secretary (Mr. Berson) was advised the auxiliary that a statement was sent to the centre and they had been allotted them for the POW appeal on May 7. The ladies discussed arrangements for the supper. The guessing competition for three glasses donated by Mrs. Hindell was won by Mrs. Hoare.

PROCEEDINGS were reported by the various stall-holders taking part in the musicale to be held at St. Margaret’s Hall in June. The cake stall is in the capable hands of Mesdames Bentie and biggs Mesdames Lidbury, Hewitt and Durrant are working hard on the sale of work stall, Mrs. Stewart the white elephant stall, Mrs. Chappel the canteen stall, and soldiers and friendly and Evens the sweets and toffee apples. The musical programme was arranged also. Monthly voluntary subscriptions and war savings certificates continue to come in good support. In conclusion, Miss Jenkinson, the sub-branch in the League of Service, reported on the fine work being done by this body on community welfare. Congratulations were offered to Mrs. Benzie on the news of her son’s distinction in being mentioned in despatches and the assurance that he would soon be freed from the enemy prison in Germany.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

The monthly meeting this month was again well attended, and this was reflected in the number of nominations for the various offices, of which the elections will take place at the next meeting. Although some of our old horses could not accept nomination for various reasons such as being in the Army, or otherwise not engaged, we are all looking forward to next year’s meeting. The service was well attended, and this was reflected in the marked interest shown in the collection. The £20 which they took in must have been very active for this fund, and have paid in already over £20.

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH

Mrs. Edmondson recently gave an evening on the Esplanade for the Mt. Hawthorn and West Leederville sub-branches. Ladies from both auxiliaries did the collecting, and a sum of £23/7/10 was raised for the POW Fund. The ladies who have collected nearly £60 up to date have been promised a trip to the City. A pleasant visit was made to the Old Diggers at Sunset. A good game of bowls was played, in which the men were easy winners. A parcel of knitted articles was donated to the Mission for Seamen. Twenty-five more camouflage nets have been sent to Anzac House.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT

The president of the sub-branch (Mr. Marsh) was in charge of the proceedings when the auxiliary’s birthday was celebrated by the sub-branch and the auxiliary in collaboration. He was represented by Mrs. Hilton and Mrs. Cheeseman. A most enjoyable evening was spent in games and dancing. The cake was cut by the auxiliary president (Mrs. Williams) and pieces were handed out, with orders for 5/- each have been sent to service men at battle stations. Sub-branch members and their friends are being invited to a social evening on June 7. A donation of £2/2/- was sent to the POW Fund.

SUBIACO

Mrs. Pope presided over a large gathering at the monthly meeting of the RSL Memorial Hall on April 21. Three new members were welcomed. Condolence was extended to Mesdames Eastwood and Shand on the loss of a mother and son respectively. There was a large attendance of members at
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the Anzac Day ceremony, when the president placed a wreath on the district War Memorial. During the month visits were made to Sunset Home, the Home of Peace, St. John of God, Lemnos and the Children’s Hospitals. At each visit comforts were distributed. Members have offered their services at the King Edward Hospital. They will attend according to roster on the fourth Thursday of each month. The Camp Comforts Committee continues its excellent work. During the month another parcel was despatched. We regret to learn that Mrs. Congdon of this committee has been on the sick list. Another member, Mrs. Henderson, has also been ill. We wish them both a speedy recovery. The rumble and variety fair, held on April 29, was an outstanding success. The raffle ticket was fully subscribed. The auxiliary members to the anniversary night on May 25. In last month’s report it was stated that Mrs. Prue is in attendance for camouflage netting every evening. This should be held every Wednesday. Helpers with this work are urgently needed. The auxiliary provided the refreshments on Sunday, May 2, when the Memorial Tablet to the late Pte. Stan Gurney, VC, was unveiled.

State Executive

APRIL 14

At the meeting of the State Executive on April 14 there were present Messrs. Edmondson, Yeates, Williams, Anderson, Philp, Collett, Watt, James, Olden, Mansbridge, Patton, Smith, Collins, Harvey, Baker, Bateson and Cornish.

Visitor.—Squadron-Leader Rushbrook, a former member of the New South Wales State Executive, attended the meeting, to which he was cordially welcomed by the State President. Squadron-Leader Rushbrook briefly responded.

New Member.—Mr. C. R. Cornish, MLC, was welcomed as a new member of the Executive.

Case of Mrs. Rosenburg.—The State President reported in connection with the action taken on behalf of Mrs. Rosenburg, whose house, which has been taken over for ARP purposes, further consideration was deferred pending a reply from the Attorney-General’s Department, to whom the matter had been referred by the Federal Executive.

Wooroloo Sanatorium.—The State President reported concerning accommodation at the Wooroloo Sanatorium. During the discussion, mention was also made of the accommodation at Lemnos. It was resolved that the Executive should press for immediate building programmes at Wooroloo and Lemnos, in order to cope adequately with the number of patients entering these institutions from the last war and this.

Coal Supplies.—The State President introduced the inadequacy of coal supplies in Western Australia. The matter was referred to the Management Committee.

Anzac Club.—The report of the Anzac Club Committee contained an amendment, that Mr. I. A. H. Perry be appointed Chief Steward, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. J. Fuller. The committee interviewed four applicants before the recommendation was made.

Mount Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-Branch again wrote on the matter of having
the recreational portion of the Club open
after 6 p.m. After a long discussion, it was
agreed that legal advice be obtained as to
whether the Club might be allowed to re
main open for the convenience of members
and honorary members, provided the bar is
closed at 6 p.m.

POW Fund.—The POW Fund Committee
reported that the money collected amounted
to £2,390/13/4. Business firms in Perth
and Fremantle have been circularised, and
donations are being received from that
source. It was resolved that a letter of ap
preciation be sent to Councillor Caddy for
his assistance to several sub-branches in their
efforts to raise funds.

Land Committee.—It was resolved that the
publication of the Land Committee report be
deferred until after the Federal President
has given evidence before the Rural Recon
struction Commission.

Visits.—The following visits were report
ed:—Mr. Bateson: Shenton Park and Ward
XI; Mr. James: Mr. Hawthorn-North Lec
derville, and West Lenederille-Wembley; Mr.
Williams: Woorooloo Sanatorium—State
President, Mr. Williams, and the Assistant
State Secretary: Gloucester Park.

Land Offer.—Mr. Yeates reported having,
in company with the Assistant State Secre
tary and Mr. Lalor of the Workers’ Homes
Board, inspected the land at Maddington,
which was offered to the League by Mr. Lee
Steere, as the site of a cottage colony for ex
service men. It was recommended that a
further inspection should take place in two
or three months’ time. The report was
adopted.

Rail Warrants.—At the instance of Albany,
Northam and Kojonup sub-Branches, it was
agreed that the authorities be approached
concerning concession in regard to rail war
rants and train travelling for service person
nel.

Preference.—Subiaco Sub-Branch again re
ferred to the question of preference in the
Army inspection Branch. It was resolved to
advise the sub-branch that the matter is in
the hands of the Pensions and Employment
Committee, who are advising the Works
shops Sub-Branch, and if Subiaco has
any special case in mind, the sub-branch be
asked to submit particulars.

Aliens in Business.—Subiaco Sub-Branch
urged that a question be asked in the Legis
lative Assembly as to the number of busi
nesses in the metropolitan area which were
held by aliens in September 1939, and how
many are held now. It was pointed out that
the question had already been asked and an
swered in Parliament. It was resolved that the
information be supplied to Subiaco.

Italian-born League Members.—The ques
tion of continuing the membership of Italians,
who had been members of the League be
fore the outbreak of the pre
sent war, was raised by the Koorda Sub-Branch. The
State Secretary was instructed to write to
the Federal Office for a ruling.

Rehabilitation.—Correspondence from the
Rehabilitation Officer W.A. L. of C. Area
and from the Master Builders’ Association
dealing with rehabilitation of ex-service men
was referred to the Problems Committee.

Appointment Sub-Branch Official.—The
appointment of secretary as advised by
Brombe Sub-Branch was confirmed.

Discharge Universal Service Personnel
Department of the Army advised that per
sonnel transferred to area between Decem
ber 7, 1941 and April 1, 1942, and who sub
sequently received their discharge certificates,
were eligible for one month’s pay provided
they had not resumed work during that
month. It was agreed that the matter be
published in “The Listening Post.”

Oath of Allegiance.—The Busselton Sub
Branch considered that every public servant
should be required to take the Oath of Alle
gence, and that the recent correspondence
from the Premier in regard to this matter
was evasive. It was resolved to request the
sub-branch to forward any specific cases
they may have in hand where a civil servant
had refused to take the Oath of Allegiance.

Representation Congress.—The Subiaco
Sub-Branch wrote concerning representation
at congress. It was agreed that they should
be asked to submit a resolution to the forth
coming State congress on the matter.

Release from the Army.—The Mundaring
and Districts Sub-Branch urged the release
of a soldier now serving in order that he
may carry on his father’s business, the
father being unable to do so owing to ex
treme ill health. It was resolved that the
authorities be approached as requested.

Certificate of Service.—A new design for
the Certificate of Service was submitted and
adopted.

Third Liberty Loan.—It was resolved that
the Finance Committee, Anzac Club Com
mittee, and Anzac House Committee investi
gate the possibility of investing portion of
League funds in the Third Liberty Loan.
Committees were given power to act.

APRIL 28
At the meeting of the State Executive on
April 28, 1943, there were present Mssrs.
Edmonson, Yeates, Anderson, Panton, Mar
gohin, Collett, Cornell, James, Zef
fert, Olden, Mansbridge, Paton, Smith,
Wood, Collins, Baker and Bateson.

Anzac Day.—The State President reported
that Anzac Day was observed as usual and
that the Dawn Service and the main com
memoration on the Esplanade were well at
tended. The League was grateful for the
help so freely given. The State Secretary
and staff were thanked, together with Major
Hunt and Captain Potts. Attendance at other
services were reported by Mr. Cornell
(Norseman), Mr. Yeates (Maylands), Mr.
Paton (North-East Fremantle and I.O.G.T.).
Colonel Olden (Claremont), Mr. Zeffert (Jewish Synagogue), Mr. Smith (West Leederville), Mr. James (Mt. Hawthorn). The State President, Mr. Yeates and the State Secretary attended the special service at the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Visits.—Visits to sub-branches, etc., were reported by Mr. Collins: South Perth; Mr. Bateson: Perth Hospital, North Perth and East Perth Sub-Branches; Mr. Paton: Medical Wing, Hollywood Hospital; Colonel Margolin: Bunning.

Army Minister.—The State President reported that, in company with the State Secretary, he had waited on the Army Minister (Mr. Forde) and had discussed certain matters with him. These matters included the coal position in this State, and certain aspects of publicity for Anzac Day.

Land Settlement Conference and Federal Executive Meeting.—The State President was appointed to attend the meeting of the Federal Executive on May 28, and Mr. Cornell to attend the Land Settlement Conference on May 27.

Federal President.—The Federal President (Sir Gilbert Dyett) advised that he was strongly of the opinion that, on the next occasion, the Federal presidency of the League should be filled by some returned service man from the present war. Holding that view, he had decided to retire from the Federal presidency at the annual Federal Congress, next November. The State President reported that he had caused to be published in the Press a statement expressing the opinion that the time was not opportune for the Federal President to resign.

Case of Mrs. Rosenberg.—Further discussion ensued on this matter, and it was resolved that the State President and Mr. Yeates consult Mr. Ross McDonald and seek his advice as to how best to proceed.

Change of Name of Volunteer Defence Corps.—Correspondence from the 3rd Aust. Corps Headquarters and from Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters indicated that it was desirable that the name of the Volunteer Defence Corps should be changed to Home Guard. It was resolved to advise that the League raised no objection to this change.

Convalescent Home.—A communication was received from the Returned Maimed & Limbs Men's Association stressing the need for a convalescent home. It was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

Fishery Industry.—A further resolution was received from the North Perth Sub-Branch concerning the fishing industry, urging that the matter be taken up with the State Government. It was agreed that the Minister concerned be approached.

Air Raid Precautions.—Correspondence was received from the North Perth Sub-Branch pointing out the dangerous condition of the air raid shelters in the Forrest Street State School. It was resolved to refer the correspondence to the Minister for Civil Defence.

Reductions in Rank.—A resolution from the North Perth Sub-Branch dealing with reductions in rank was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee. Cases mentioned by Mr. Paton, where NCO's were reduced to the ranks before being discharged, were also referred to the same committee. Mr. Paton will be asked to attend a meeting of the committee.

Repatriation and Rehabilitation.—A communication received from the Society of Returned Medical Officers of Queensland dealing with this subject was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

Badges.—The Cottesloe Sub-Branch suggested that in view of the shortage of official League badges the old type badge be used with the financial crown attached. Consideration was deferred until next meeting.

School Bus Insurance Policies.—The Primary Producers' Association (Busselton zone) sought cooperation in the matter of securing school bus insurance. It was resolved to advise that the matter be put through their own association.

Liberty Loan.—Letters of protest from the Coolup and Busselton Sub-Branches concerning the type of propaganda used in connection with the Third Liberty Loan were received and referred to the authorities.

"Adopt a Digger" Appeal.—Correspondence in connection with this appeal was received and laid on the table for the information of members.

Opening Anzac Club After 6 p.m.—The State Secretary advised that the Solicitor-General was unable to advise the League on this matter. It was agreed that the opinion of the League's solicitor be sought.

Sale of Lottery Tickets.—The North Perth Sub-Branch asked that the State Executive approach the Lotteries Commission with a view to the establishment of kiosks for the sale of lottery tickets, returned men only being employed. The Executive considered this would not be desirable.

Edward Millen Home.—Consideration of a resolution from the North Perth Sub-Branch concerning the return of soldier T.B. patients to the Edward Millen House was deferred until next meeting.

Varnished Soldiers.—This Association requested a donation from funds received from the Lotteries Commission. It was resolved to reply that an individual case that needed assistance would receive every consideration by the trustees.

Raw Asbestos.—The North Perth Sub-Branch again asked that inquiries be made concerning raw asbestos claims, pointing out that there was a market for this product. It was agreed to refer to the Minister concerned.

W.A. League of Service.—Minutes of a recent meeting of this League were laid on the table for the information of members.
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<td>ARMADALE</td>
<td>R.S.L. Clubrooms</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Spencer Gayvine</td>
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<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. H. Richardson, Albany</td>
<td>E. S. Healey, State School, Albany</td>
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<td>ALBANY</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>When called, Sat., 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. Pettell</td>
<td>F. H. Field, Ballidu</td>
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<td>BALLIDU DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Town Hall – Leeser Hall</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday (penion days) 7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. K. Minchin, 26 Kenny St., Bassendean</td>
<td>W. J. Mathews, 27 Kathleen Road, Clon Fistian.</td>
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<td>BASSENEAN</td>
<td>R.S.L. Clubrooms</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. Stevenson, Brookton</td>
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<td>BROOKTON</td>
<td>Bullbrook Town Hall</td>
<td>2nd Sat., monthly, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Guss Pickert</td>
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<td>BULLSBROOK</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. L. Lovett, 8 Gibson St., Bunbury</td>
<td>J. Gibson, Constitution St., Bunbury</td>
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<td>BATTLEWATER</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Staff Sr. Hall, 33 Anzac Street, Boyswater</td>
<td>T. Gillam, 49 Stuart Street, Maylands</td>
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<td>BUSSELTON</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>F. Jones, Waisdell v. Busselton</td>
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<td>CANNING DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Calgingi Hall</td>
<td>When called, 1st Saturday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>D. R. Fordham, Gordon Day, Cammington</td>
<td>J. McGill, H. McKinnon, East Canning</td>
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<td>Agricultural Hall</td>
<td>1st Thursday in each month</td>
<td>N. R. Giseman, 45 Bars St., Carlisle</td>
<td>V. A. B. Hacket, 50 Carnarvon St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>CARLISLE</td>
<td>Soldier's Hall</td>
<td>Alternate Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. H. Sarre, Clifton Street, Collie</td>
<td>H. May, Collie</td>
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<td>COLLIE</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>1st Saturday in each quarter</td>
<td>W. P. Overbeu, 10 Webb Street, Collie</td>
<td>C. F. Warde, 87 Loma Street, Cottesloe</td>
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<td>CORRIGIN</td>
<td>Council Hall</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. Dunne, 10 Webb Street, Cottesloe</td>
<td>E. M. Gwyther, 72 Shenton Road, Clon Fistian.</td>
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<td>COTTESLOE</td>
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<td>1st Thursday in each month</td>
<td>W. Ford, 13 Baramel Road, Claremont, P10695</td>
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<td>CLAREMONT</td>
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<td>3rd Saturday in each month</td>
<td>A. F. Walters, Kalamunda</td>
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<td>DENMARK</td>
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<td>1st Saturday each month at 6 p.m.</td>
<td>M. G. Baker, Donnybrook</td>
<td>Rev. J. C. Lund, Donnybrook</td>
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<td>DONNYBROOK</td>
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<td>Last Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. R. Green, Mr. W. Nicolauon, Dumblesung 156 Marine Terrace</td>
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<td>A. A. Hills, Holroyde</td>
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<td>3rd Saturday in month</td>
<td>H. G. Wilson, 116 Market St., East Fremantle</td>
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<td>1st Monday</td>
<td>C. W. Freeman, c/o Great Northern Hotel</td>
<td>W. J. Read, 59 Anchorage, St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>GERALDTON</td>
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<td>2nd and 4th Mondays</td>
<td>C. Ibbottom, 54 First Avenue, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>S. W. Stewart, Groverangore</td>
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<td>GLOUCESTER PARK</td>
<td>Wargate Hall, 347 Hay St, East Perth</td>
<td>1st Thursday</td>
<td>H. B. Drummond</td>
<td>C. C. Southby, 8 Hadley Street, Fremantle</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>E. Way, Gutha</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Memorial Hall</td>
<td>2nd Sunday, 6 p.m.</td>
<td>T. W. D. Smith, Herbert Rd.</td>
<td>D. J. Johnstone, Box 26, Harvy</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. E. Hylton, Great Boulder</td>
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<td>Jack Sheriff</td>
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<td>Jas. Old, Katanning</td>
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<td>KELLEBERRIN</td>
<td>Tammin, most quarterly</td>
<td>3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. O. Chambers, Kelleberrin</td>
<td>T. G. Griffin, Kelleberrin</td>
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<td>KOORINDA</td>
<td>Koorda</td>
<td>Quarterly (committee 1st Friday)</td>
<td>Chas. H. Smith, Koorda</td>
<td>E. W. Robinson, Koorda</td>
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<td>Kukerin Hotel</td>
<td>Last Saturday, quarterly (2nd Friday)</td>
<td>D. Hamilton, Kukerin</td>
<td>R. V. C. Davidson, Kukerin</td>
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<td>T. Meikle Kulun</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
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<td>H. R. Peham, Lake Grace</td>
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<td>R. D. Allen, Lake King</td>
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<td>MANNINGHAM</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, Mannigup</td>
<td>2nd Thursday each month</td>
<td>Lou Thompson</td>
<td>Geo. A. E. Major, Mannigup</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper-room, Town Hall, Moylands</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday, 7.30 (p.m. (penis) (week)</td>
<td>S. Horton, Alma Road, Mt. Lowley</td>
<td>A. Cook, 163 Railway Terrace, Marylanda</td>
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<td>MECKERING-CUNDERDIN</td>
<td>Meckering and Cunderdin Hotel, alternatively Council Chambers</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in month, at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Mr. F. Kersell</td>
<td>Mr. J. C. Scarlett</td>
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<td>MENSIES</td>
<td>R.S.L. Branch Rooms, Rail</td>
<td>1st Sunday in month, at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Wm. Skothorp, Mensies</td>
<td>James V. Ray, P.O., Mensies</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>W. S. Lamb, 34 Clayton St.</td>
<td>1st Thursday in month</td>
<td>G. A. Ashworth, Bond Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>Len Wilkinson, 32 Brockemm Road, Midland Junction</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Hall, Johnston Street, Toody</td>
<td>Last Thursday in each month</td>
<td>Col. Nicholson, Moorca</td>
<td>R. G. Thomas, 7 Lillian St., Collie</td>
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<td>MOORA</td>
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<td>MT. BARKER</td>
<td>R.S.L. Clubrooms, Milton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>A. C. Cartwright, Mt. Magnet</td>
<td>J. Wrigley</td>
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<td>MT. MAGNET</td>
<td>Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Oxford St., Leederville</td>
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<td>R. D. Allen, Lake King</td>
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<td>Wattle Hill, Grooven</td>
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<td>Alternately, Mundaring, Darlington, Parkerville</td>
<td>4th Friday of the month</td>
<td>M. W. White, Mundaring</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Institute, Narrogin</td>
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<td>J. W. Perry, 22 Cooper St., Narrogin</td>
<td>S. Goodchild</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>R. W. Perry, 22 Cooper St., Nedlands, Phone WM1211</td>
<td>T. Hoog, R.S.L. Institute, Narrogin</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
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<td>G. Caldwell, Newdegate</td>
<td>I. E. Burke, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>East Fremantle Town Hall</td>
<td>4th Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. J. Tomlin, 36 Wisner Rd.</td>
<td>A. E. Doust, 6 Harris Street, Fremantle</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, N. Hampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>C. F. Fraser, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>R.S.L. Clubrooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
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<td>H. H. L. Thackrah, Gordon St., Northam, Phone 91</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewis, 154 Fitzgerald St., Northam, Phone 174</td>
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<td>WRA BANDA-GRANTS</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Geble Street</td>
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<td>E. O. Davie, 77 Mabel St., West Perth</td>
<td>Hector McGee, 77 Chelmsford Road, Mt. Lawley, 33927</td>
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<td>OSBORNE PARK</td>
<td>R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Main Street, Osborne Park</td>
<td>1st Friday in month</td>
<td>H. T. Kingdon, Grants Patch</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>Morwell House, 23 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday</td>
<td>A. Duns, 149 Carr Street, West Perth</td>
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<td>PINELLING PRESS</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
<td>W. G. Howard, 26 Thompson Road, Claremont</td>
<td>W. N. W. Drew, Monarch House, 23 King Street, Perth</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Y.M.C.A., Merri</td>
<td>Quatemllary, 1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>F. Archer, East Pinelly</td>
<td>M. Ford, Pinelly</td>
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<td>QUAIRADING-DANGIN</td>
<td>Quairading Hall and Domain</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>I. T. Biristwile, c/o &quot;West Australian&quot;</td>
<td>C. Sexton, 13 James Street, Perth</td>
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<td>REEDY</td>
<td>H. McMillan, Quarterly</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. E. Roberts, Pithara</td>
<td>L. G. Browning, East Pithara</td>
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<td>Progress Hall, Onslow Road</td>
<td>2nd Sunday each month at 10 a.m.</td>
<td>E. Lawe, Reedy</td>
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<td>SHACKLETON-KWOLYN</td>
<td>Kowlyn Hotel</td>
<td>1st Saturday in every 3rd month from June, 1st, at 8.15 p.m.</td>
<td>R. Ogg, 266 Nicholson Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>I. F. Evans, Compound, Redden Road</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco</td>
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<td>W. A. Thomas, 24 Francis Street, Subiaco</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELINI</td>
<td>Traying, Memorial Hall, Salford Street</td>
<td>Every 4th Sunday</td>
<td>H. Riley, Traying</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
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<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. J. Fitzsimmons, 37 Rathay St., Victoria Park</td>
<td>I. H. Lester, 118 Hay St., Subiaco</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMLEY</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>William McLean, 75 Kimberley St., West Leederville</td>
<td>J. W. Preston, &quot;Monarch House,&quot; 23 King Street, Perth</td>
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<td>WUBIN</td>
<td>Wubin Road</td>
<td>Last Saturday, 8 a.m., 8 a.m.</td>
<td>R. C. Blake</td>
<td>C. B. Chambers, Waroona</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 6:30 p.m.</td>
<td>W. R. Cashmore, Wyalkatchem</td>
<td>L. A. Smith, 208 Wyalkatchem</td>
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<td>2nd Sunday monthly, April, June</td>
<td>L. W. A. Carter, c/o Lands Department, Perth</td>
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<td>YOUMANI</td>
<td>Youman Hotel</td>
<td>4th Friday in each month, 1st Saturday, after 18th of month</td>
<td>D. C. Johnson, Youman Hotel</td>
<td>W. J. Smith, c/o Y.G.M. Ltd., Youman</td>
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<td>Weeloo Hotel</td>
<td>2nd Saturday each month</td>
<td>Geo. McFayden, Red Hill, Wiluna</td>
<td>L. A. Sweeter, Staff Quartermaster, Wiluna Gold Mines Limited</td>
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<td>Road Board Office, Boddington</td>
<td>1st Monday in month</td>
<td>H. O. Pollard, Bannister, via Boddington</td>
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