The League and the Future

Twenty-four years ago, the signing of the Treaty of Versailles was hailed as marking the beginning of a new order, in which aggressive nationalism was to be replaced by international collaboration, within the frame-work of a League of Nations. That the League of Nations proved a League of Hallucinations was no fault of its founders, nor yet of its supporters in many lands, who regarded it as the usher of an era of peace and righteousness. The League of Nations failed as a result of the faulty planning which erected the superstructure before the foundations were laid. The fact was, the peace-loving nations of the world were as unprepared for peace in 1919 as they had been for war in 1914. History has an uncanny knack of repeating itself; if only because mankind in general has forgotten, or failed to profit by the lessons of the past. In spite of what happened in 1914, we were again caught unprepared for war in 1939. Let us not again bring off the dreadful double of being again caught unprepared for peace.

The Romans had a saying: “If you desire peace, prepare for war.” Modern thinkers have transcended that idea. Without saying so much in so many words they have accepted the amendment: “In time of war, prepare for peace.” One lesson of the past has been thoroughly absorbed, and that is, peace means much more than the end of a war. It means rather the setting up of new conditions that will make future wars, if not absolutely impossible, extremely unlikely. It means, in the words of Canning, calling into being a new world to redress the balance of the old. Men in every walk of life, and in every civilised country, are thinking along these lines today. It is only natural then, that members of our own organisation should ask: “Where does the League stand in this ebb and flow of proposals and counter proposals?” Such questions have been all the more frequent since the League, as an organisation, has shown so emphatically that it will adhere to the old and proved principle of being non-sectarian in religion, and non-partisan in party politics. There is no need to go over old ground again, in explaining this attitude, but it may be said that the attitude is by no means inconsistent with our organisation pulling its weight as such in the preparation for peace.

In this period of preparation, League members can work both as individuals and as units of a nation-wide organisation. Over ten years ago it was decided that the League had taken most of the minor objectives, and that the time had come to go further ahead, to engage in activities of wider national, and even imperial, significance, and to serve the country and the Empire in peace, as we had served in war. Such concepts were, no doubt, somewhat unrealistic, but the acid tests of time and action have proved conclusively that they had a side that was eminently practical. Members were encouraged to aspire to leadership in whatever activities—religious, political or social—in which they were interested. The degree of success attained in living up to the ideal may be measured by the number of ex-service men who are prominent in every walk of our national life today. We have built up an organisation which is influential and respected; and the influence of this organisation is likely to be increased a hundredfold when the war ends.

The primary task would appear to be the preparation of self. That will not be easy for the products of that older world which is now cracking and crumbling around us, but we have yet to learn that Australians of any age are not receptive to new ideas, or capable of thinking out ways and means of meeting new situations. The history of the years between the wars shows that new ideas, political and economic, which have impinged upon our national consciousness from time to time, have not been accepted; nor have they been rejected, despite the claims of adherents or opponents, without careful examination. If we have a fault as a people, it is that we are sometimes over-ready to erect altars to unknown gods. Such a fault can be corrected, and the virtue of receptiveness can be reinforced, by deep reading and careful study. This League and its members have given much thought to the problems that will confront returned service men after this war. The League’s recommendations in regard to pensions, land settlement, vocational training, and a host of other things, have been adopted by political leaders, because it has been recognised that the League has had more experience in dealing with these prob-
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RECKLESS LETTER-WRITERS

It is extraordinary that, in these critical days, foolish people will persist in ignoring frequent warnings by including in their letters abroad scraps of information that are of infinite value to the enemy. The silly people who do these things often endanger the safety of service men, among whom as often as not are members of their own families. These also run the risk of incurring severe penalties to themselves.

Under existing National Security Regulations persons divulging, in letters, information of use to the enemy can be fined up to £100, or imprisoned for six months, or both. This was announced by the Commonwealth Security Service at the beginning of the month. Many serious breaches of the censorship regulations are now being considered with a view to prosecution, and the law will be rigorously administered to stamp out this class of offence. In the words of a statement issued by the Commonwealth Security Service: 'The average intelligent man or woman would be amazed to read some of the letters now being addressed abroad by perfectly loyal Australians. The utter recklessness of some people in their letter-writing is almost incredible, until one sees the actual statements made. Such mischievous and dangerous members of the community seem to take no heed of warnings by national leaders and others against divulging secrets. Either from vanity, or spite, or sheer stupidity, some people feel an irresistible urge to put on paper everything that comes to their notice concerning Australia's defence plans and military movements. In a batch of 50 such letters that were recently examined the writers gave the exact location of new and partially completed aerodromes and wireless stations. They described the work being done in naval ship-building yards, even naming vessels under construction. They told the secret work on which they are engaged in munition factories; described in detail the vessels and escorts of convoys; and, in some cases, gave the destination of merchant ships on which their own husbands and brothers were employed. In other words, these reckless letter-writers did the same work that a paid spy of the Japanese or German intelligence corps would do. Many of them actually went so far as to imitate the methods of enemy agents by using codes and other devices. The latter offence is particularly stupid, because no code has yet been devised that can beat experts in de-coding; but stupid people go on doing this sort of thing in a vain effort to get their information past censors. They should keep in mind that the censor's job is to protect Australian fighting men against surprise attack by the enemy. They should also remember that every mail bag leaving Australia is liable to capture by the enemy, and handing every scrap of information gathered by the Japanese or the Germans from captured Australian mails will be used to assist in destroying our own sailors, soldiers and airmen.'

ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS

Will sub-branches please note that the dates of this year's Annual State Congress have been altered, because of accommodation difficulties. The dates previously advised, during May, should be advanced one day, and should therefore be read:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 11 a.m.—
Soldier Settlers' Conference, in Board Room, Anzac House.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 10 a.m.—
The 27th Annual State Congress will be opened.

Following the practice of previous years, Congress delegates will assemble near the State War Memorial at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28. The McNeess Hall has been booked for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and also for Thursday evening of Congress week. Country sub-branches are asked particularly to note the alteration in the dates and to advise their delegates accordingly.

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ALIENS AND BUTTER

We do not expect any British or Allied Government to treat aliens with undue harshness, but we certainly resent them being panpered at the expense of our own people. Indignant surprise was the reaction of delegates at a recent meeting of the State Executive when the State Secretary reported on a complaint that aliens in the Civil Construction Corps are being issued with a bigger butter ration than Australian civilians are getting. The complaint, which came from a country sub-branch, said that these aliens were receiving a butter ration of 1½ ozs. a week, while civilians were restricted to 6 ozs. a week. The State Secretary reported that he had made inquiries from various authorities, and had ascertained that the feeding of aliens in the Labour Corps was the responsibility of the Army. He was informed that the following ration scale applied. Army personnel, ½ lb. butter a day; aliens and internes, ¼ lb. of butter a day; civilians, including women and children, 1½ ozs. a day. The complaint was both surprising and indignant at learning that women and children were on a lower butter ration scale than aliens. The Army Minister of War (Mr. Forde) recently made a statement concerning our own prisoners of war, in which he said that it was the opinion of medical officers that many lives had been saved by the parcels provided by the Australian Red Cross. Executive delegates contrasted this with the treatment of aliens in this country who are apparently on higher rations than Australian civilians. The State Executive decided to make a strong protest to the Commonwealth Government.

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION

There was an excellent attendance at the meeting on July 5, at which the guest speaker was Capt. O. R. Collins. He told members many interesting things about war news and the radio, and broadcasting in general. He also conveyed the greetings of the State Executive. This was much appreciated. Needless to say, most members of this organisation are also members of sub-branches. A matter still overlooked is the fact that every man wearing an artificial eye is entitled to two new eyes a year. So don't suffer by wearing unsuitable eyes. Members are also entitled to free treatment and glasses for rectifying the vision of the remaining eye. The next meeting will be held on August 2. Further information may be obtained from the secretary, Mr. J. M. MacKay, of 91 Hardy Street, Hollywood.
SERVICE PENSIONERS AND WORK

Service pensioners are now allowed to do suitable work, if such can be found for them. Following representations made by the Director-General of Manpower, to the Repatriation Commission, the Deputy Director-General of Manpower (Mr. H. T. Stitfold) said recently that it had been decided that, where suitable employment was available, service pensioners would be permitted to accept it. No alteration will be made in the rate of the service pension, until the total earnings from employment amount to £32/10/- a year. This is a modification of existing rules, and it is intended only to meet the war emergency. When full-time employment is accepted, the service pension will be suspended. Upon the cessation of employment, the pensioner may apply again for the service pension, which may be restored from the date of the re-application. In considering the amount at which a pension will be reinstated, the earnings from such employment will be ignored. Service pensioners who are able to find useful work may do so. If they are not able to find it for themselves, they should register at the National Service Office, when an endeavour will be made to provide suitable employment.

GENEROUS DONATION

The League has received a very generous donation of £1,000 from Mr. Ernest Lee Steere. It was made on condition that the money be used to improve the position of men discharged from the fighting services, who might be in need of financial assistance, to re-establish themselves in civil life. Assistance in the provision of homes to enable the men to augment their pensions was suggested. The economic situation will not permit the donor's wish being carried out at present, but the money will be placed in a trust account until that becomes possible.

ARTILLERY OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

All gunners are reminded that Gunners' Day will be commemorated at Guildford on Sunday, August 8. Because an unusually large muster is expected, the service may be held in the open on the Guildford Church grounds. The annual smoko and reunion will be held in the Stirling Social Rooms, corner of Hay and Milligan Streets, on the night of Friday, August 13. For the reassurance of those who may think the night unlucky, it is explained that it was impossible to engage a suitable hall for Saturday night.

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Soldier Political Candidates

T. S. LOUCH

One of the returned soldier candidates for the Senate is Brigadier Louch, a native of this State and a well-known city barrister and solicitor between the wars. He joined up as a private in 1914 and served with the famous 11th Battalion, gaining his commission in the field, and won the Military Cross. Between the two wars he raised and commanded the 16th Battalion (Cameron Highlanders of W.A.). In the present war, he has seen service in the Middle East. An able speaker, with an intimate knowledge of Western Australia, he should make a strong impression on the electors.

J. L. PATON

Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. Paton, who, with Brigadier Louch, is carrying the National Party's endorsement for the Senate, is also a returned soldier. He went away to the last war as a private in the 44th Battalion AIF, and rose to commissioned rank while on service. He is now Commanding Officer of the Swan Battalion of the VDC. He has an outstanding record of public service in many activities. These include the State Advisory Committee of the Federal Prices Control, the State Committee of the Board of Business Administration, the Advisory Council for the Development of Industries, and membership of the Royal Agricultural Society. He was a founder of the W.A. Life Saving Association. His many interests equip him for a valuable political career in the service of this State.

A. WEST

Standing for the Forrest seat as an Independent Country-Nationalist is Lieutenant Arthur West. He was born in North England, his parents being farmers. He was too young for the last war, but had two brothers killed there. Lieutenant West went to Queensland a number of years ago, where he has been jackaroo, farmer, a timber merchant, and an expert land valuator. He was a J.P. for the whole State of Queensland before disposing of his interests there to come to Western Australia five years ago to take up a farming property in the Albany-Esperance area. Lieutenant West enlisted at the beginning of the war, and has had three years' strenuous service in the Middle East and a forward operational base in Australia. He is a public-spirited chap who, if elected, should be a valuable member.

A. H. BRACKS

Contesting the Fremantle seat as a Nationalist candidate is Mr. Alex H. Bracks, senior vice-president of the Fremantle Sub-Branch. Alex went away to the last war when only 17 years of age, and since his return has been active in RSL circles and in local governing bodies heading at present a member of the Melville Road Board. Alex is a builder, and is well-known at Fremantle. He is young and energetic enough to stand the stress of political life, is keen, has a well-balanced mind, and has proved that he has the social and economic welfare of the people at heart. Alex fully subscribes to the RSL National Policy as recently announced.

WILLIAM McGHIE

Standing as a Soldier Independent for the Kalgoorlie seat is William McGhie. Bill, who served in the 10th Light Horse, is one of four brothers who served in the last war, and all of whom have also served in this war. His only son is in the AIF. Bill was foreman-miller at the Geraldton Flour Mills for ten years after the last war, which gave him a keen insight into wheat and primary production. Since then he has engaged in mining at Wiluna and other districts.

C. L. ELSEGOOD

Mr. C. L. Elsegood, of Yealering, has announced his candidature for the Swan seat. He served during the Great War with the 11th Battalion, being wounded at Polygon Wood in September 1917. He has been a member of the League since his return, having been president of his local sub-branch, and has attended a number of RSL State Congresses. Mr. Elsegood has had farming interests and, in addition, has had wide commercial experience. He is standing as an endorsed Country Party candidate, and at date of going to press was the only returned soldier standing for the Swan seat.
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The League and its Policy

From time to time people inside the League, and outside of our organisation, have been concerned as to what policy the League will adopt towards this changing world. Some have been sincere searchers after knowledge; others have been merely persons with axes to grind, who would like to exploit the League and returned soldiers generally, in the interest of new ideologies which, more often than not, are just old political theories. Some critics have even displayed a certain amount of impatience because the League has not rushed to the hustings with some cut-and-dried policy of its own. It was even stated at a metropolitan sub-branch meeting last night that the League did not know what it wanted, nor where it was going. The remark, in itself, displayed a lamentable ignorance of the League's ideals and its activities; but the fact remains that it was uttered by a fairly influential man in a fairly influential sub-branch. There is a great deal more, therefore, that a statement of policy should be made, or a form of policy suggested, for the consideration of the several branches which make up the League.

Naturally, an organisation with the League's reputation for moderation and sanity should give time and thought to the formulation of a policy. The official silence that has prevailed so far does not mean that much careful thought has not been given to the future. Much of that thought has been concentrated on the League's constitution which, in itself, is a statement of policy. Those who have weighed the lessons of the past and, at the same time, kept their eyes towards the future, have concerned themselves with the question of reconditioning that constitution, so that it will meet future needs as well as it has been adapted to past exigencies. Questions of policy are, or course, ultimately decided by Congress, State and Federal bodies. But members will have the final say in approving of any statement of policy, or in amending it in accordance with new sets of circumstances. On the other hand, there is no reason why an Executive, State or Federal, should not give a lead to Congress. By setting out detailed proposals for preliminary consideration, an executive body can save much time, and avoid much desultory discussion.

The comprehensive statement of the present and post-war policy of the League was drawn up at a special meeting of the Federal Executive in Melbourne at the beginning of the month. One important feature of the statement is a demand for a War Government, representative of the whole of the people. The meeting resolved that the Federal President (Sir Gilbert Dyet) should forward copies of the statement to the Party leaders in the Commonwealth Parliament, and to editors of newspapers circulating among the fighting forces. The statement will have the immediate attention of State Executives, and an effort will be made to have sufficient copies printed to distribute to every member of the League in the State. The State Executive was represented at the recent meeting by Mr. M. E. Zeffert.

The Statement of Policy is as follows:

1. The integrity of the British Empire.
2. The formation of a War Government, representative of all sections of the people of Australia, whereby ensuring—
   (a) the unity of the nation;
   (b) a maximum war effort;
   (c) the successful prosecution of the war.
3. The amalgamation of the military forces into one Australian Army for service wherever required.
4. Preference in employment to ex-service men and women, with absolute preference to those who enlisted, or who were appointed for service abroad, and who served in a combat zone.
5. The immediate application of a comprehensive scheme of vocational guidance and training for discharged members of the fighting services, with provision for adequate sustenance during the period of training.
6. The rehabilitation, during the war, of discharged members of the fighting services, without prejudice to their post-war service.
7. The implementation of the League's Australian Charter, which was adopted in November, 1942.

This Charter reads: "With a view to ensuring the successful re-establishment in civil life of the men and women of the fighting services, it is considered that—

(a) The personnel should be retained on their respective strengths until they are reinstated in pre-war occupations; absorbed in commerce, industry, professions, in cultural and patriotic pursuits, public works, and developmental projects, for which avocations they could be trained in the annexe and institutional camps, available in their own States.

(b) A permanent standing Army of 100,000 men should be established from such personnel, for the future defence of Australia.

(c) A national building scheme to meet the needs of ex-service men, estimated by experts to be a quarter of a million, and an additional $50,000,000 upon the war, and early post-war marriages, should be adopted forthwith.

(d) The unification of railway gauges should be commenced without delay.
Volunteer Defence Corps

The Past State President (Mr. A. Yeates), who is still Liaison Officer between the League and the VDC, writes: "Three years ago the Commonwealth Government gave permission for the League to form from its members, and others who were eligible for membership, the RSL Volunteer Defence Corps. Much could be written of the consistent requests and urgings by the League before this permission was eventually granted. The president of each State Branch was instructed to appoint a Corps Commander, and to proceed with the formation of the Corps. No expense was to be incurred by the Government, and no ranks were to be granted. The League, through the Corps Commander, would appoint the unit leaders. No arms, uniforms or equipment were available, but promises were made that the new formation would be armed and equipped as soon as possible.

All members of the League are familiar with the development of the Corps. Brig.-General A. J. Bessell-Browne gave his services as Corps Commander, and he and his staff did a very good job in the organising and training of the Corps. Very early in the history of the VDC it became apparent that a Volunteer army, whose leaders and officers had no real rank or authority, and whose units and personnel had no claim on the Government or the Military authorities, could not become the efficient force we desired. So, the making of the VDC an integral part of the Army became the goal aimed at by the League. As an integral part of the Army, the Corps would become a real military force, and its leaders would be granted proper military rank. For a long time it seemed that the VDC would never be equipped properly, but gradually the initial difficulties were surmounted; and, today, the VDC of Australia is a comparatively well-uniformed, armed and equipped force, capable of performing the great job of materially assisting the full-time forces in repelling any attack that may be made on any part of Australia, or, like our brothers or relatives in the Motherland, being the defence force of this great country, when our armies move overseas, as they certainly will do, if we are to accomplish the desired end of forcing Japan to an unconditional surrender.

When this happens, and we hope it will happen very soon, more and more will be demanded of the VDC. Unfortunately, age and other reasons prohibit the retirement of a large number of those who were the founders of the Corps. Among these are Brig.-General Bessell-Browne and Col. J. S. Denton. Today, the Corps is recruited very largely from younger men who are manpowered, on the land, or in other essential tasks. More men are urgently needed for the Corps. The work and the scope of the VDC have widened and grown. They now include the mounting of anti-aircraft guns, and taking the place of the first-line troops in many other ways. This extension of functions should make the work more interesting and more useful. The League, even if we cannot offer ourselves for personal service, can still do a great work in helping the VDC. The League can encourage and try to induce every fit and eligible man to join its ranks.

As your Past President, who has a full realisation of what the League can do, I appeal to you, on this third birthday of the VDC, to use all your efforts to keep the Corps strong and efficient—for the need is just as great, and perhaps greater, than it had been when the Corps was formed three years ago.

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Commander John Stanley Dalison, RN, recently showed his cigarette case to some prisoners taken from a U-boat. He asked them if they recognised the signature engraved in it. They shook it to the core, for the signature of the donor was that of their captain, who had been a great friend of the Commander’s before the war.

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Personalities

Sir George Bell, who has represented the Tasmanian seat of Darwin in the House of Representatives for more than 20 years, and was Speaker for two terms, has announced that he would not seek re-election because of ill-health. Sir George Bell is a veteran of both the South African War and the War of 1914-18. He was severely wounded in South Africa, but that did not prevent him from leaving Australia again in 1914 as a troop leader in the Tasmanian squadron of the 3rd Light Horse. He returned from the war a Lieut-Colonel and entered Federal politics. For some reason or other, Mr. Lang’s supporters, who were a Labour Party of the old school in those days, feared at the mouth when Colonel Bell was made Speaker. When Mr. Lyons, then Prime Minister, was congratulating the new Speaker, the words Mr. Ward yelled out, with that courtesy he has always shown to returned soldiers: “He was bushwhacked into the job.” However, Sir George held the Speaker’s chair with credit and dignity, and when indifferent health caused him to vacate it, he was succeeded by Mr. Wallace Nairn, of Perth.

At the meeting of the Maylands Sub-Branch on July 1 it was decided to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Parnham, a prominent business man of Maylands, and a very old member of the sub-branch, for his kindness in arranging and supplying transport for the ladies of the auxiliary for their hospital entertainment visits. Apart from making transport arrangements, Mr. Parnham has helped in supplying cigarettes and other gifts for the Diggers in hospital, who might otherwise have gone short of these essentials.

Dave Tobin, the genial treasurer of the Maylands Sub-Branch, has been in town from an aerodrome, somewhere in Australia; but he was unfortunately enough to have to return before the July meeting. However, he was able to interchange the customary amenities with a number of old cobbers. Another old Maylands identity, Harold Baker, has re-joined the sub-branch after a spell in another part of the State. He attended the July meeting, at which he renewed many old friendships.

The old saying, “Like Father, Like Son,” is proving itself gloriously true in the case of the young men in the fighting forces today. It makes many a middle-aged heart beat faster when the news comes through of some Digger’s son winning a decoration. One of the most recent awards to the Military Medal, to Corporal G. E. J. Murphy, of the 2/16th Battalion, AIF. The recipient is the son of Matt Murphy, of the Repatriation Department, who served through the last war with the old 16th. “On the night of 6-7 December, 1942,” the citation states, “Corporal Murphy was a member of Sergeant Jones’ patrol, which was sent to Lieut. Haddy’s assistance at 0300 hours, west of Gona Mission. When Sergeant Jones was wounded in hand fighting with a strong enemy patrol, which had ambushed the party, Corporal Murphy took command of the patrol, reformed it, and held the enemy force until daylight. Then, with the original objective in view, he launched an attack on an entrenched position. Lieut. Haddy’s patrol, and push forward another

400 yards. At this stage, because of increased enemy pressure and mortar fire, he was compelled to fight a delaying action, withdrawing short distances, and inflicting casualties on the enemy, until relieved by a patrol of the 2/14th Battalion, of 50 strong, at 1100 hours. By his initiative, courage and leadership, Corporal Murphy was responsible for the prevention of enemy reinforcements reaching the Gona Mission area.”

Another Digger’s son to be decorated recently is Flight-Sergeant Davies, of the RAAP, who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. He is the eldest son of Captain and Mrs. C. R. Davies, of Merredin. When the news was received by his mother, she was gallantly carrying on her business at Merredin, in the absence of her family, all of whom are at the war. The boy’s father, Captain Davies, won the Military Medal in the last war. Young Davies was in the Titles Office in Perth before he joined the RAAP, in which his two brothers were already serving. He left here in July 1941. Since then he has seen continuous service in the Middle East as air-gunner in a bomber squadron. He has been over enemy territory on many operations.

At the first July meeting of the State Executive a resolution was carried recording the Executive’s appreciation of the long and consistent service rendered by Harry Rutherford, who has resigned from the office of secretary of the Mundaring and Districts Sub-Branch. Harry Rutherford has worked continuously for six years as president and four years as secretary of the sub-branch, and feels the need of a little relaxation. He remains a vice-president of the sub-branch, and hopes to be able now to devote more time to VDC work, in which he holds a commission. It will be noticed that he considers change of occupation a sufficient rest, but that has always been the way of this sterling member of our organisation.

Mr. G. B. Bond, for many years vice-president of the Blinded Soldiers’ Association, died recently in a private hospital. He was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, and was 55 years of age when the Last Call sounded. He served with the 5th Pioneer Battalion,

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Alf, during the last war, and lost his sight in France nine days before the Armistice. He leaves a widow and three sons, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. The three sons are all in the fighting services.

Another good Digger answered the Last Call when Mr. Oliver Newmarch, secretary of the North Perth Bowling Club, died early on July 1, aged 68 years. Mr. Newmarch served in France during the last war. After his return to Perth he joined the staff of the Repatriation Department, from which he retired a few years ago. Mr. Newmarch was the eighth son of the late Colonel H. F. Newmarch (I.S.C.) Of four of his brothers one was a general, another a major-general, and two were colonels. The Newmarch pedigree traces back to William the Conqueror, whose name was William Newmarch. He is survived by a widow and one son, who is in the A.I.F. To these bereaved ones we tender our sincere condolences.

A welcome visitor to the Club this month was George Seagar of Waroona, who formerly, under his pen-name "Shropnel," was a regular contributor to the "Listening Post" and the "Digger's Diary" of "The Western Mail." He astonished old friends by appearing in uniform of a Lieut.-Com­mander of the United States Navy. The last time he appeared in uniform in the Club the garb was that of the 10th Light Horse (peace-time establishment). During the last war, our old friend "Shropnel" served afloat in motor launches. That organisation was nicknamed the Marie Lloyd Navy. Returned here for service in this war, on account of age, he linked up with our Allies, and has been in the thick of things at Milne Bay and elsewhere. He was looking well and fit, and wished to be remembered to all fellow contributors to the "Listening Post" and "The Western Mail"—especially to Jack Ryder.

Light Horsemen generally will be sorry to hear that their old comrade Jack Ryder is a sick man at present. He has a long record of honourable service in the South African War, and with the 10th Light Horse in the last war. More recently he has been doing very good work with the VDC. We hope our old friend will soon be well enough to be about again.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Dr. William John Beveridge, of Warahah Avenue, Dalkeith, and the Repatriation Department, Perth. He had been slowly failing in health for some time, and the Last Call came on July 6. Dr. Beveridge was born and educated in Dublin, where his father was Town Clerk. He was well-known on the Goldfields, where he formerly practised. During the War of 1914-18 Dr. Beveridge was on active service abroad with the AAMC. On his return to Australia, he went into private practice again, but eventually joined the Repatriation Commission as medical officer. He served with the Repatriation Commission in Queensland, Victoria and in this State. To his widow and two daughters we offer our deepest sympathy and condolences.

Syd Coles, who for many years was a main-spring of the Albany Sub-Branch, is back at the old address after a year or two will be glad to learn that he is now on the road to recovery, and wish him the very best.

Members of West Leederville-Wembley Sub-Branch were pleased to see George Turn­mill at the July meeting of the sub-branch. George has been working night shifts for some months, and this has prevented him from attending meetings. Members expressed condolences with him on the recent loss of his father, a very fine little gentleman. Amongst members of the sub-branch who have been on the sick list are "Diver" Hughes, Bill Haines, H. E. Smith, "Taffy" Williams, "Tiny" Moran and Matt Epi. We join with their sub-branch cobbler in wishing them a speedy recovery.

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of another member of the Nedlands Sub-Branch, Mr. S. Herbert, who served with the 3rd Tunnellers in the last war. He died on May 10. Our sincere condolences is extended to his relatives. The Nedlands Sub­Branch was represented at the funeral.

Those who had the good luck to be at the Congress Smoko last year were carried away by Staff Sergeant Vernon Sellar's spirited rendering of "On the Road to Mandalay." Vernon, who served through the last war with an AMC unit of the AIF is now out of the Army again. He has linked up with the Australian Broadcasting Commission, and is now on the air from Station 6WF with his very entertaining Reveille Session every week morning at 6 a.m.

Responsibility for any matter in this issue having a political bearing is accepted by E. S. Watt, 397 Hay Street, Perth.

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BAD SPORTSMANSHIP

As the official organ of the League, we are not greatly concerned with the manner in which political parties select their candidates for election, though, naturally, as returned men, we are always glad to see other returned men successful in these selection ballots. We like to see Diggers take a lead in their political and industrial organisations, and our advice to Diggers is to give Diggers preference in their voting, as in other things. Consequently the legal wrangle, and the wholesale issue of writs that followed the selection of two returned soldiers as National Party candidates for the Senate, were, too obviously, the reactions of bad losers to invite comment from this paper, had it not been for the unsporting propaganda that is now being carried on against these returned soldiers in week-end papers.

One of these, on July 10, referred to the “selection of two men of the officer class,” and asserted that, if their Party had wished to stand up for the Digger, it should pick at least one man from the ranks, as its mouthpiece in Parliament. It is a stupid piece of inverted snobbishness to talk about “the officer class” in connection with the AIF. During the last war over 90 per cent. of AIF officers had had some service in the ranks before gaining their commissions and, we believe, the percentage is now only much lower in the fighting forces today. In any case, there is something crassly idiotic in the implication that, because a man is able to qualify for and hold higher rank in the Army, he is automatically barred thereby from representing junior, or speaking on their behalf, in Parliament.

The truth is that, of the three soldiers who have been endorsed as National-Country Party candidates for the Senate—and the constitution of the team holds, despite the legal action of the also-rans—all enlisted as privates in the AIF during the last war. One was wounded in action and was a sergeant when the war ended. The second was a lieutenant when the Armistice was signed, and is still in the Army with a V.D.C. command. The third was a mere lad when war broke out in 1914. He went away with the first unit from Western Australia, and was present at the landing on Gallipoli. Recovering from wounds, he returned to the fight and, after four years’ active service, emerged from the war as a captain, wearing the Military Cross. Again, in 1939, he was one of the first away with the AIF and, after going through Libya, Greece and Crete, he returned with three years of campaigning to his credit, and the rank of brigadier. Seven years of his life were spent in fighting his country’s battles. Surely this was an example to certain bad losers in particular who might have availed themselves of similar opportunities, but did not.

REPATRIATION BENEFITS

Replying to recent representations made by the League, that “any man discharged, medically unfit (due to war service) be automatically boarded for a pension,” the Minister for Repatriation (Mr. Frost) has made the following statement: “It is advised that, in regard to entitlement subsequent decisions, medical boards, which examine members of the forces for the purpose of making a recommendation in regard to discharge, incapacity, etc., more particularly. A departmental clerical officer also attends when the boards referred to are in session, in order to advise members about to be discharged, on matters relating to pensions and other repatriation benefits and to assist, if required, in the preparation of their claims for pensions.

A British submarine gunner escaped with a companion from a farm on which they had been sent to work in Italy. The two sailors remained at large for nine days, until they were captured by the Carabinieri. They argued at the police station for two hours that they were Germans. They might have won the argument, too, but for the unfortunate fact that one sailor had “Rule Britannia” tattooed on his chest.
Aliens and Land Tenure

The stranger that is within our gates can be a welcome guest while he is content to conform to the rules and customs of his hosts; but when he conspires by underhand means to dispose the sons of his host of their rightful inheritance he becomes a menace that must be restrained and rendered harmless. That has been the trouble with alien minorities in many countries, and throughout the history of Britain, and within Australia too, men of alien race have settled in the country. They and their descendants were absorbed into the race, and many have rendered valuable service, in peace and war, to the country of their adoption. Nevertheless, when an alien minority has remained actively apart from the rest of a nation, and tried to constitute itself a State within a State, then, a nation is threatened by a danger from within, that may evade the decision of the League. That tendency has been very marked since the last war. It was fostered and given a new impetus when the name "Self Determination" became a shibboleth as blessed as the name "Mesopotamia." One has only to look back upon the history of the last twenty years' interlude between the two wars to see how assiduously the principle of self-determination was turned against those who had been its first exponents. No one used it better purpose, for his own ends, than Hitler. German minorities in neighboring countries were reinforced by alleged immigrants from the Reich. They were goaded to active discontent by Nazi agents until incidents were provoked, which gave the excuse he sought for intervention through them from the alleged oppressor, among whom they had dwelt in peaceful friendship, for generations. How racial minorities were shoved into the foreground of Hitler's expansion policy in Czechoslovakia, and other European countries, is something no Australian should forget. Our own Government remembered this a few years ago, when it was decided to encourage more European immigration into the Commonwealth. The Government of the day did not want to prevent the formation of foreign colonies within any State or Territory of the Commonwealth.

That reminder is all the more necessary now, when the League has been faced with so many complaints of the acquisition of land and businesses by aliens, some of whom are of enemy origin and not even naturalized. The League's policy in regard to land acquisition is that all land should be frozen for the duration of the war. That means, no land should be acquired, or change ownership in any way, other than by lease. The League has already made representations to the Federal Government on these lines, and the representations seem just and timely, in view of the growing number of complaints from all parts of the country in regard to the devises through which aliens have been acquiring land. One specific instance that has been brought under the notice of the League is the case of a man whose land was taken over by the fighting forces. The father is getting no younger, and he has been unable to stand up to his commitments. The League recognises that banks, and other institutions which advance money on the security of land, or other fixed assets, are making no profit during the war. Unfortunately, rather than see a farm go back to bushland, they have raised no objection to aliens coming in to reap where soldiers, or the sons of soldiers, have sown. In other words, they are being allowed to acquire the property of men of our own race, whose sons are away fighting for the protection of such property. The view of the League is that such men should not be allowed to acquire full title to any land, while men more entitled to it are on active service. The land should be leased, and then leased only for the duration of the war. It is gratifying to read that the League's case against aliens being permitted to acquire rural land during war-time is gaining support from other organisations. At its meeting held recently the Local Government Association was unanimous in adopting a resolution that the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) be notified of the Association's support for the League's policy, and that the League be informed accordingly. During the discussion one delegate said that aliens were building up colony in his road board district. Some of these were naturalised, and some not. One alien had recently acquired his third property. Assuming the delegate was correct in what he said, this acquisition of a third property by one man in one district has already had a marked effect along the cross-roads. The same delegate said that aliens were being allowed to get the pick of the land, and when the fighting men return from the war they will have to take the aliens' leavings, if they want any land.

Another delegate put his finger on the species of strain that will be put on the friendly little League, and on the non-English, and anyone who had to do business with them was prejudiced. The war was not at its beginning when the League's policy, that a third property. Assuming the delegate was correct in what he said, this acquisition of a third property by one man in one district has already had a marked effect along the cross-roads. The same delegate said that aliens were being allowed to get the pick of the land, and when the fighting men return from the war they will have to take the aliens' leavings, if they want any land.

At a recent meeting of the State Executive it was reported that recent enrolments included a Digger and his wife, who were both accepted as full financial members of the League. The soldier concerned enlisted in one State and his wife joined up as a VAD of another. Another thousand were worn by men who served in the war, and another thousand were issued last year, and another thousand were posted in the outlying branches. Ten thousand badges were secured and issued last year, and another thousand were purchased this year. The bulk of this year's supply has gone out. The W.A. Branch of the League has about 9,000 financial members. It follows, then, that hundreds of badges are being worn by men who have neglected to register their subscriptions. More badges have been ordered, but they are not yet to hand. That is why it is impossible for the Head Office to revert yet to the normal pre-war practice of sending out enough badges to every sub-branch to be held in reserve against the increase of membership.

Supplies of membership badges are very limited. It is well known that the inability to issue a new member with a badge promptly is a source of embarrassment to sub-branch secretaries, but there are not enough badges in stock to make possible a distribution to all sub-branches, ahead of membership. Ten thousand badges were secured and issued last year, and another thousand were purchased this year. The bulk of this year's supply has gone out. The W.A. Branch of the League has about 9,000 financial members. It follows, then, that hundreds of badges are being worn by men who have neglected to register their subscriptions. More badges have been ordered, but they are not yet to hand. That is why it is impossible for the Head Office to revert yet to the normal pre-war practice of sending out enough badges to every sub-branch to be held in reserve against the increase of membership.

The Federal Executive has advised that Italians who served in the War of 1914-18, and who were full financial members of the League at the outbreak of the present war, may retain their membership.
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Applications are invited for the position of General Secretary for the Australian Red Cross Society (W.A. Division). Applicants must have executive experience, organising ability, together with accountancy knowledge. Salary will range from £650 to £870 per annum according to qualifications. Preference will be given to returned soldiers, or airmen. The successful applicant must be prepared to take up duties within 28 days of selection. Applications, which must be in writing and accompanied by copies of testimonials, are required to be in the hands of the Chairman, Australian Red Cross Society (W.A. Division), 20 Howard Street, Perth, not later than July 31, 1943.

The question of discharged soldiers and ration books has been clarified in a letter, written to the League by Major H. M. Pullin, who is in charge of the rehabilitation section of the Army. He stated that the rehabilitation section completes the application form for the identity card and the ration book of a discharged soldier. Major Pullin explains that the discharged soldier is also reminded of his responsibility for his electoral enrolment. The section will complete this form, if desired, for national service and repatriation are also provided. If the discharged personnel are applicants for pensions, and the Repatriation Department is not in a position to investigate the case immediately, service pay continues for at least a month, or until the application has been considered.

The recent news of the heavy toll our aircraft and surface ships are taking of Axis submarines must be increasing Hitler's headache these days. As in the last war, the Hun has relied on his U-boats to starve Britain into submission and again as in the last war, at one stage he was within sight of success. Now the war news gives almost daily confirmation to the statement made in the House of Commons last month that the Allies are making the U-boat. According to the official statement, the destruction of U-boats has now been stepped-up to a point at which the number of enemy submarines being sunk is greater than the number being produced. As a result, the number of U-boats operating in the Atlantic is decidedly on the wane; and victory in the Battle of the Atlantic affects every detail of the war.

The notorius Chicago paper, which received such a trouncing from Billy Hughes a few months ago, has indulged in another sp .

A recent report from the Balkans indicates that the Axis has had to send large forces against the patriot army of Yugoslavia. It would seem that the Patriots have been driven further back into the mountains, but, on Axis admissions, they have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, and they still control much country. Information reaching authoritative Yugoslav circles affirms that the Patriot leader, General Mikhailovich, is still leading his men, and carrying on the fight. Mikhailovich has just been made Minister for War in the re-constituted Yugoslav Cabinet. This refutes the Axis assertions that Mikhailovich "went native" after his forces were defeated." Axis propaganda against Mikhailovich, which has been glibly repeated by so-called anti-Fascists in this country, has been strangely self-contradictory. One month it is asserted that Mikhailovich is a Yugoslav patriot, and in the next, we read of the enemy sending strong punitive expeditions to crush him. Obviously the attempt to brand Mikhailovich as a quisling is a particularly poisonous piece.
of fifth-column work, on a par with the vile whispering campaign that went on at the expense of an Australian general a year ago. Mikhailovich is recognized by his own Government, and by the Allied Governments as well. To extend such recognition to a quisling would be equivalent to treachery; but there is no assertion too vile, or too asinine, for people who find it safer to stay at home and throw mud than to go into a firing line and throw hand grenades. Perhaps what is wrong with Mikhailovich is that he is true blue and not pale pink.

Fishermen can tell some tall stories, but has anyone ever told a taller tale than this: Colonel H. J. Orford, of the South African Medical Corps, caught two fish 10,000 feet up in the air. This is what happened. He was flying over Egypt, when a very large bird crashed into his plane. Nothing was left of the bird but a few drifting feathers and two small fish that were left sticking to one of the wings. The Colonel brought the plane down with the fish intact, and he claims the record for the world's tallest fishing story.

V.D.C. PERSONNEL AND COMPENSATION

The following statement of the position of VDC personnel in regard to compensation for injuries was issued recently by the VDC Commander in this State (Colonel W. B. Robinson). He recalled that the matter of bringing the VDC fully under the benefits of the Repatriation Act was taken up with the Minister for Reparation (Mr. Frost) by the League after last year's Congress. The Minister said that members of the VDC who were called up for continuous service, for the duration of the war, were eligible for pensions and general repatriation benefits, on the same basis as other members of the forces. Any other member of the Citizen Military Forces, including the VDC, who is employed only part-time, is provided for under Army Finance (Compensation) Regulations, in respect of a training injury. The Minister added: "It is a vital 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 defense of the country in time of war, and I can see no justification for any departure from that principle."

"Standing Orders for the VDC state: "Where a member performing part-time service is killed, or dies, or becomes incapacitated from earning his living, through injuries received, or disease contracted, directly attributable to his employment as a member of the forces, the member, or his widow and family, will be eligible for compensation in accordance with the provisions of DAP7, and the regulations made thereunder."

"Part-time duty members of the VDC injured or contracting illness while on duty are treated in hospitals at public expense and, wherever possible, they are admitted to a military hospital. Should a member on part-time duty be permanently incapacitated as a result of his service, he is entitled to a lump sum as compensation. If this is considered inadequate, approval may be given for payment as an act of grace, of a pension not exceeding the rates prescribed by the Repatriation Act."

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The Department of the Army has decided that active service in Australian theatres of the war began as follows: In the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, January 4, 1942; Papua, February 2, 1942; Northern Territory, north of parallel 14 degrees 50 minutes south, February 19, 1942; and Torres Straits islands, March 19, 1942. The dates were fixed following complaints by the League that members of the Australian Military Forces, who were under fire in Rabaul in January 1942 had had their active service shown on their discharges as having begun on February 12.

One of the war's most unusual stories of fortitude has been told by Mr. P. J. Noel Baker, the Parliamentary Secretary of the War Transport Ministry. The hero of the story is a Chinese sailor, whose name is not revealed. His ship was torpedoed in the South Atlantic, but he managed to get on to a raft, alone. For 130 days he floated about on it, 47 days longer than men have ever been known to endure the rigours of such a survival. Finally he was picked up close to the South American coast. His emergency rations ran out at the end of the first two months on the raft, but after that he managed to catch rain water to drink, and to trap birds and fish to eat.
STATE EXECUTIVE

Mrs. J. McKinlay writes—
On Saturday, June 12, several members of the State Executive visited Sunset, taking with them high tea for the R.S.L. Ward, on behalf of Pingelly auxiliary. Mrs. Weeks was hostess. Mr. Bradshaw, manager of Sunset, stated how pleased he always is to see visitors from the outside world take the time to come to the Home. Mr. Munday voiced the appreciation of the R.S.L. for the visit.

Subiaco auxiliary are now visiting Lomas weekly to assist with mending of linen and patients' clothing. This was formally done in the spare time of the staff, who welcome most gratefully this timely offer of help. Members of Subiaco, Nedlands and Cottesloe render the same service at the King Edward Memorial Hospital.

Patients in the Repatriation Ward, Perth Hospital, would welcome visits from auxiliary members. Of course, tobacco and cigarettes are much appreciated. Maylands, 44th and Mt. Hawthorn auxiliaries have their regular visiting days there, but others could be arranged.

Boomerang Snack Bar was opened by the Lord Mayor on June 17. It is situated in one of the Wellington St. windows of Boons Ltd., who provided the premises rent free. The volunteer staff work on an 8-day roster. Mrs. H. Crofts, of the State Executive, is convenor and two evenings in the week are staffed by RSL auxiliaries. Already Mr. Hawthorn, Cottesloe and Nedlands auxiliaries have offered their services. All profits go to the Y.M.C.A. War Service Fund.

During the month I have attended the annual meeting of the 44th Battalion auxiliary, a social afternoon at Midland Junction and the monthly meeting of the auxiliary. Better attendances are desired at the monthly social evenings. Card evenings conducted by Mrs. Cribb, assisted by Mrs. Burgess, have resulted in £41/12/2 being handed to the sub-branch. Members of the auxiliary also visited the corralling hospital in June 24 and spent the following day sewing for the hospital. Another jumble sale will be held in the hall on Thursday, August 12.

THE LISTENING POST

A National Security Paper Order issued this month makes it incumbent on us in future to reduce the size of our paper another 25 per cent, and reluctantly we advise our valued sub-branch and auxiliary correspondents to reduce notes to bare essentials and not use more than 140 words. We shall endeavour to give our readers the usual features, but in more concentrated form.

CARLISLE

At the annual meeting on June 14, the retiring president, Mrs. Gilsen, was complimented on the work achieved during her term of office. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Harrow; vice-presidents, Messrs. Gilsen and Harvey; secretary, Mrs. H. Crofts; treasurer, Mr. G. Poll. This committee, Messrs. Gilsen, Boland, Atkinson and Lange; committee, Messrs. Gilsen, Sweetnam, Kern, Kellilor, McKinley, Messrs. Gilsen, Boland and Hayes. Mrs. Gilsen will hold charge of the canteen fund, and Mrs. Kellilor of kitchen arrangements.

FUSW.

Mrs. H. Dean presided over a very large gathering at last month's social. Mrs. A. Burt, of the Country Women's Association, was the speaker. Her talk on domestic problems was both interesting and enjoyable. She was thanked by Mrs. T. C. Wilson.

The musical programme arranged by Mrs. E. Lynch included items by the Lydian Singers, Mrs. F. Tate, Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. S. Carnady and Miss E. Carnichael. Mrs. R. A. Roberson chose Mrs. E. Bessell-Brown thanked Mrs. Roberson and her ladies for a delightful afternoon of music. The new snack bar is now open in Barrack Street from 11 a.m. till 11 p.m.

VICTORIA PARK

At the annual meeting on June 25, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Burt; vice-presidents, Messrs. Tolmie and E. M. M.; secretary, Mrs. Prue; treasurer, F. Matthews; trustees, Messmes Back, Taylor and Reid; auditor, Mr. Harry Taylor; publicity officer, Mrs. A. L. Coleman; committee Messes. Wall, McIntosh, Samwell, Bale, Scrase, Primrose, Harvey, McCall, Clues and Weir. The monthly canteen fund has been increased to £470/12/2. The allocation for canteen bed-making and other activities has been kept up to standard. Donations have been made to the various funds. The auxiliary's donation to the sub-branch fund has exceeded £470/12/2. The war loan group showed an increase of £750 during the previous year. More helpers are needed for Mrs. Prue's netting class on Wednesday afternoons.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT

An enjoyable evening was given by the auxiliary to members of the sub-branch on June 7. There were games and dancing, but the highlight of the evening was the Men's Ballet, put on by Mrs. Tomkins. The committee were assisted by Misses Snook, Johnson, Billings and Bun; social committee, Messes. Snook, Coughlan, Shephard, Bun, Owen, Longbottom, Miss Owen and Miss Longbottom. The auxiliary has joined the new War Savings Committee, which meets at fortnightly intervals. The raffle at each meeting has brought in good additions to the funds. Hospital visitors report that they have visited 287 beds during the year, and the records have been distributed.

Car rolled £50 has been donated to the POW Fund. Members have also taken their turns at the Town Hall canteen and Boons Snack Bar, as well as in bed-making at the FUSW. Waves of members of the forces will be welcomed at meetings, which will be held fortnightly from July 8.

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE

There was a very good attendance at the annual meeting on June 28. The president (Mrs. A. Stockin), the secretary (Mrs. J. Richardson) and the treasurer were re-elected unanimously. Other officers elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. Surry; assistant secretary, Mrs. Brown; treasurers, Messes Gilsen and Harvey; auditors, Mrs. G. Poll; trustees, Messes Gilsen, Boland, Atkinson and Lange; committee, Messes Gilsen, Sweetnam, Kern, Kellilor, McKinley; Messes Gilsen, Boland and Hayes. Mrs. Gilsen will hold charge of the canteen fund, and Mrs. Kellilor of kitchen arrangements.
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Sub-Branch Activities

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

The annual meeting was held on July 6. The officers for the ensuing year were installed by Mr. Anderson, acting on behalf of the State President, who was unable to be present through illness. The treasurer's report was read, but unfortunately the other reports reflected the restricted activities of the sub-branch on the social and games side. Membership has been maintained throughout the year. Unfortunately the president-elect (Alf Leydon) had to send in his resignation owing to his having been transferred to the country by his department. The meeting then unanimously elected "Mac" McKenna as a acting-president and we wish him every success in his new office. He, with Olly Williams and Bill Newsick, are the vice-presidents.

The meeting concluded with an excellent talk on the activities of the V.D.C. by Col. Paton, and we will be surprised if his remarks do not increase the strength of the Mt. Lawley company. All members of the committee will meet every Tuesday (except on monthly meeting nights). More details later. Don't forget the next meeting—Tuesday, August 3.

MELVILLE

Colonel I. E. Dunkley, presided over a small but animated meeting recently, when a motion relating to eligibility for membership was carried. It will be submitted as an item for Congress. A social evening to which all district members of the League, the V.D.C. and local A.A. units are to be invited will be held in September.

MT. MAGNET

The annual ball on June 5 was well-attended. The secretary of the sub-branch (Mr. J. Townsley) led the A.A. and T. Brown, hon. secretary, J. Barneys; hon. treasurer, E. S. Healey; auditor, F. Handley, management committee, executive officers and Messrs. Whitesford and Howell; pensions sub-committee, president, vice-presidents and Messrs. Goles; amelioration, office bearers and members, Messrs. Barnett and R. Hall. Motions in connection with the RSL Ward at the District Hospital were discussed and agreed to. After the annual meeting the monthly meeting was held. Motions for the Annual State Congress were discussed and are to be finalised at a meeting of the management committee. It is noted that the "Scout" is back to duty with the sub-branch, and already four new members have been added to the roll, and several others have renewed their membership.

ALBANY

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The annual meeting was held on June 18. Thirteen new members were added to the register. The president (Mr. F. Inman) submitted the annual report, which showed good progress for the past year. Membership has increased by 60. Mr. O. Williams (senior vice-president of the W.A. Branch of the League) was welcomed to the meeting. Several items for the forthcoming Congress were discussed, and will be sent in for inclusion in the agenda; A very pleasing function took place at this meeting. Mr. Alf Loyden was presented with a gold-mounted League badge. In making the presentation, the president eulogised the good work Alf is doing for the League and the Digger. The idea of the badge was the thought of our secretary, Mr. F. Matthews. Mr. Loyden has returned to the goldfields. The branch is pleased to report it has now 60 WMX members. It has been decided to hold a Social and Digger Rally at the Memorial Hall on July 30. The ladies of the auxiliary are co-operating on a sub-committee for this function.

NORTHAM

The president (Mr. H. H. Thackrah) presided over a good attendance at the recent monthly meeting. Visitors included many grade in front of the ladies. The guest speaker was Major C. Mollett, who gave an interesting account of two campaigns--Gallipoli and Tobruk—in both of which he served as a medical officer. The secretary (Mr. C. G. Corlewis) reported on arrangements for a dance in aid of the POW Fund. Other matters discussed included delivery of mail matter to troops, employment of discharged soldiers, and the treatment of soldier settlers. On the motion of the president it was resolved to congratulate the women's auxiliary on a very successful year. The report of the annual meeting of the auxiliary, held on July 6, showed that donations totalling £100 had been made to various patriotic funds. The chairman of the hospital committee, (Mr. P. T. Prince) reported that regular visits were made to patients in military hospitals, while periodical country trips and social evenings are continuing. The weekly dances have enabled the committee to acquire a healthy credit balance, which now exceeds £100. The annual meeting will be held on August 4.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

Despite unfavourable weather, there was a good meeting on July 12. An animated discussion took place in connection with eligibility for membership. Messrs. H. E. Smith and V. E. Troode were appointed delegates to this year's Annual State Congress. At present the sub-branch has over 176 financial members. The success of the POW Fund appeal is a subject for congratulation. This sub-branch continues to do its little bit. The thanks of the sub-branch are due to a member, Mr. C. H. A. Bolton, who has been the means of securing several substantial donations. The result of collections he takes up for the staff of the hospital. Another matter discussed was the lack of activities at Anzac Club. Members recently paid a visit to Subiaco for a games night. The visitors beat their hosts by three to two. A council meeting was held on Monday, August 1. The president welcomed two new members—Messrs. W. H. Alexander (RFA) and A. J. Packer (11th Bn.). Members are urged to support the Friday bridge nights. Practically all the proceeds go to the POW Fund. The local VDC unit parade every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Henderson Park, unless otherwise advised.

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and Edwardes were appointed delegates for Congress, and Bill Thomas and young O'Halloran (of this war) as proxy delegates. Congratulations on the POW Fund, reaching its century; also to enthusiastic Lane, who comes along with his pound notes regularly. New members are coming along steadily, and we are pleased to note them. Our old members would have been pleased to see Bee Wilkins and his RAAF officer son present in uniform. Alex Farrell, like Rip Van Winkle, made a re-appearance. It appears that Subiaco will require an agenda of 'secretary, with the grace of the evening was a visit from 'Dick' Cornish—called "Dick" in accordance with his own request. A number of visitors were present, including Joe Burgess, who was full of "pep," and the New Zealand boys. Thanks Mr. State President for your assistance re fruit for Hollywood and other institutions.

MOSMAN PARK

At a well-attended meeting on June 24 Dick Thomas was re-elected to the position of secretary, with the popular Bob Kerr as his righthand henchman in the triple capacity of assistant secretary, treasurer and social secretary. Considerable discussion took place regarding the question of membership. Mr. Kerr was permanent, included Joe Burgess, who was full of "pep," and the New Zealand boys. Thanks Mr. State President for your assistance re fruit for Hollywood and other institutions.

SMOKE on August 21 (election night). With few exceptions invitations will be extended to returned men and members of the services.

WAROONA—HAMEL

President R. C. Chambers presided over a good meeting on July 2. Secretary Ralph Ivey is having a short spell in hospital. We wish him a speedy return to duty. An old member, G. Seagar, paid a surprise visit. George Walsmey has generously presented a wheel-chair to the Yarloop Hospital. It will be used by a fellow-member, Eddie Birch, while he is convalescing. The question of eligibility for membership was discussed. A motion on the subject will be submitted to Congress. An old friend of the local Diggers, Mr. James Hair, recently passed away. Several members spoke of the services he had rendered to the sub-branch. The silent tribute was paid to his memory.

FREMANTLE CITY

The June meeting was well attended. Last year's office-bearers must have given eminent satisfaction, because the sub-branch showed appreciation by re-electing the whole team, unopposed. The president welcomed visitors, among whom was the secretary of Bunbury Sub-Branch, Jack Gibson, who has been having a holiday at the Port. One old member who has been doing his best to encourage new blood in civil affairs has returned to the fold was the occasion for a boisterous welcome, during which he was promptly elected to the general committee. A deputation from the sub-branch attended the last meeting of the Fremantle City Council with a proposal that a composite committee, consisting of representatives of the League, the Council and business men, go into the subject of erecting an Anzac Club for Fremantle. The president who led the deputation, pointed out that Fremantle was probably the only sub-branch in Western Australia which had not had the benefit of a club. Other members of the deputation were Alex Bracks, Theo Brennan, and secretary Tom Hobbs. Two councillors, Messrs. Evans and Fred Sanson, were delegated to meet the sub-branch deputation and go into the matter in a little more detail. The eligibility question will be discussed at the next meeting, on July 29. Members are reminded that, from the first pension Thursday in September, general meetings will be held fortnightly on each pension night.

Visitors to the June meeting included the State President (Mr. Edmondson) and Messrs. Zeffert and Bateson of the State Executive. Mr. Edmondson spoke on the activities of the Executive and the aims of the League in general terms. Zeffert addressed members on the "Adopt a Digger" appeal, and Mr. Bateson spoke on hospital visiting. At the invitation of the Cottage Bowling Club members of the sub-branch had a very enjoyable afternoon in May. The ladies of the auxiliary showed keen interest in the POW Fund. They have contributed another £10. The social evening, conducted by the auxiliary in aid of the POW Fund, was a big success. The uninterred efforts of the organiser (Mrs. Housen) and her throng so brought these making the evening's successes they are.

At the July meeting the president (Mr. Dunne) welcomed back home Col. Athol Hobbs and WO Bruce Allen, both old members of the sub-branch who have fortunate enough to have a length of service in the 2nd A.I.F. Both members gave a very interesting resume of their trips and experiences. A third speaker who had served in our "winged forces" took the members on a trip in a bomber over enemy territory. He was so realistic in his speech that at the conclusion of the evening some of the members almost looked air-sick. Secretary Tom See won the "ticket," and Ernie Laycock captured the first score at Housie with a full crown of the club.

MAYLANDS

There was a big attendance at the meeting on July 2, at which many interesting matters were discussed, including the question of eligibility for League membership. On the previous Thursday's sports night was held, at which the old AIF competed with the new. As in many other battles, weight told, and the old men beat the new members. It was a good night, however, the whereabouts of sociability being in abundance. The annual report and balance sheet of the women's auxiliary showed a sound financial position. Considerable amounts were being distributed in the hospital and to the relief fund for two days ago. The sub-branch appreciated the election of Mrs. Wynne, as president of the auxiliary. It is pleasing to see that the ladies who work with her recognise her great worth and sterling qualities. Two visiting Diggers, one from New South Wales and the other from Victoria, were welcomed to...
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the meeting. They enjoyed themselves and appreciated the privilege of R.S.L. membership when away from home.

DWELLINGUP AND DISTRICTS

Mr. A. A. Hills presided over the monthly meeting on June 23. A tribute of silence was paid to a member, the late Ken Smith, who passed away recently. Secretary Arthur Savill announced that, as a result of a dance held on May 24, an amount of £12/19/4 was raised for the P.O.W. Fund. All the retiring officers were re-elected for a further term. It was reported that an old member, Jack Vaughan, was still fighting against serious illness. Wishes were expressed for his speedy recovery. It was decided to change the meeting night from the third Saturday to the third Tuesday of the month. That brought the next meeting date to July 20.

MOUNT HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE

The June meetings were well attended. New members still come in, and it is hoped that some of them will be on committees in the near future. President Garney Blab was granted leave of absence to attend the VDC officers' school. He is to be congratulated, especially as he has always been such a keen member of the V.D.C. Another pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation to Ted Nathan, on the occasion of his approaching marriage. A very embarrassed and blushing Ted responded. The second round of the championships is proceeding according to plan. At table tennis Johnny Hanney beat Whiz Sinclair; George Morley beat Tiger Overstone; L. Turner beat H. James; Jack Woodhead beat Ted Nathan. At bridge, Tom Campbell and W. Sinclair beat G. Carroll and E. Moore; F. Barrett and L. Turner won on a forfeit. At bowls, R. H. Clarke beat F. Campbell; H. Stanton beat Billy Rowles; T. Hewett beat J. Hanny; Ted Nathan won on a forfeit. G. Morley beat the champion, Billy O'Neill; G. Blab beat J. Brown; C. Barrett beat R. Peterson, V. Stockman beat G. Carroll; Ted Damon beat G. Woodward and L. Turner beat Masters. At darts, Glad-don and Russell still hold the main with 18 points, Jack Woodhead still tops the quotas with 116. In the shooting, the Campbells are coming at the double. Tom, of that ilk, now equals Fraser Campbell's score of 30, and with Harry Richardson and Bill Kay to shoot off, the position is certainly interesting. The semi-finals should prove exciting. It is expected that some of New Zealanders were among the visitors. One, Joe Byrnes, had visited the sub-branch on his way to the Middle East and, of course, he got a good cheer. The social committee put in some hard work in preparation for the smoke on July 15. August meetings will be held on the 12th and the 26th.

GLOUCESTER PARK

President C. Isbister took the chair at the monthly meeting on July 1. A welcome was extended to about 12 members of the sub-branch. Mr. Delany has replaced Mr. H. Wright as junior vice-president. Messrs. D. Kirby, W. LYNAS and W. Griffiths were elected to the list of committee members. The following have been elected delegates to the State Congress—Messrs. G. Owen, W. LYNAS and A. CUNNINGHAM. Three proxies were also selected:
-Messrs. D. Chitty, M. Delaney and C. Isbister. Members appeared to be more full of beans than usual this month, and a number of matters were eagerly discussed.

PERTH EAST FREMANTLE

The annual meeting was held on June 28 with an attendance of 138. The president (Mr. E. J. Tomlin) welcomed 18 new members, an addition which brings financial membership to well over 400. The secretary reported that contributions made to the P.O.W. Fund, up to the end of June, amounted to £283/4/5. The discussion of the question of eligibility was held over till the next meeting. The following officers were elected:
-Presidents, B. J. Tomlin; vice-presidents, D. O. R. PATON and W. MCGRATH; committee: M. CORKHILL, F. CANN, J. BATEMAN, F. WOODS, J. CLARK, W. GRIFFITHS and J. KITSON; sick visitors, W. Ritchie and R. Birt; auditors, J. Miller and R. Rudie; trustees, H. Clifford and A. Fredericks; publicity officer, F. Peterson; social secretary, Ted Smith; minute secretary, G. Finlay; secretary A. Doust; assistant secretary, J. Clune; treasurer, Jack Walker. During the evening members were addressed by Mr. Fred Bateson of the State Executive. The visitor was well received, and a vote of thanks was recorded.

WYALGETHEM

The usual bi-monthly meeting was held in the Wylie Town Hall on June 19, and well over half of the sub-branch's members and their wives turned up. The womenfolk hold the auxiliary meeting in the adjoining room. Mr. Bob Caishmere (the president) was in the chair, and he had quite a busy time quelling the minor riots on debatable points. Bob has been appointed delegate to Congress, and quite a lot of views were put forth as to how the delegate is to vote on "who is a returned soldier or a man who is entitled to join our R.S.L." It was also decided to enter for the Newdegate and Cornell Cups. After the meeting, as usual we adjourned to the supper room, and although it is said that the womenfolk can talk, they usually have an hour of their meeting left to get the supper ready. The butter rationing did not affect the good things for supper, judging by the array on the tables—that's one thing the country folk (who masquerade under the title of 'victualers') have over the town folk. It does one good to think over the evening and to feel that the main theme running through the meeting was how best we can serve those who will eventually return to carry on the R.S.L.
JUNE 23

In the absence of the State President (Mr. Edmondson) the Senior Vice-President (Mr. O. J. Williams) occupied the chair at the meeting of the State Executive on June 23. Others present were Messrs. Yeates, Williams, Anderson, Margolin, Cornell, Watt, James, Olden, Mansbridge, Paton, Smith, Wood, Collins, Baker, Bateson, Cornish and Davies.

Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund.—The report of the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief Fund Committee meeting of June 21 indicated that a number of applications had been dealt with.

Visits.—The following made reports of visits: Mr. O. J. Williams (Victoria Park); Colonel Olden (North-East Freemantle); Colonel Margolin (Press Sub-Branch and Red Cross Society); Mr. Cornish (West Leederville-Wembley and Gascoyne); Mr. Davies (Perth); Mr. Bateson (Maylands and Repatriation Ward); Colonel Mansbridge (Kalgoorlie and Boulder).

Visitor.—At this stage, Mr. T. Keay, a member of the Trayning Yelbini Sub-Branch, was welcomed.

Membership.—The report of the Membership Committee, which had been deferred from the previous meeting, was again considered and adopted, with the exception of the portion relating to the application form for membership. Consideration of this was adjourned sine die.

Federal Executive Meeting.—Mr. Cornell submitted his report of the meeting of the Second Land Settlement Conference, and the meetings of the Federal Executive, at which he represented the W.A. Branch in May. Mr. Cornell was thanked for his report and the able manner in which he represented the Branch.

Election Questionnaire.—The Executive unanimously rejected a proposal made by the South Australian Branch, through the Federal Executive, that a questionnaire be sent to Parliamentary candidates.

Appointment Sub-Branch Official.—The appointment of an official as advised by the Gascoyne Sub-Branch was approved.

Third Anniversary of V.D.C.—Advice was received from the Colonel in command of the V.D.C that the Third Anniversary of the inauguration of the Corps would be celebrated throughout Australia on July 17. There will be a march of the metropolitan battalions. It was asked if the RSL Band could assist. It was agreed to approach the Band.

Land, Mooreine Rock.—Correspondence relating to land held on behalf of the late Mooreine Rock Sub-Branch by three trustees was referred to the Management Committee.

Offer of Land by Mr. Lee Steere.—A further offer in connection with the establishment of Soldiers' Homes was received from Mr. Lee Steere and referred to the Management Committee.

Cigarettes, Hospitals.—Correspondence from the Women's Auxiliary about the supply of cigarettes for soldiers in hospital was referred to the State President and Mr. Bateson.

Woorooloo Sanatorium.—The Medical Superintendent of this institution sought assistance in the conduct of a street appeal to raise funds to provide the means of occupational therapy and a colony scheme for tubercular patients. It was resolved to refer the Medical Superintendent to the Organising Council.

T.B. and Mental Case.—A communication from the Metropolitan Council of the ALP regarding this case was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

 Acquisition of Land by Aliens.—The Local Government Association of W.A. advised that they had written to the Prime Minister supporting the League in its criticism regarding the acquisition of land by aliens.

Ration Book Issuing Centre.—The Commonwealth Electoral Officer for W.A. advised that consideration was always extended to returned-soldier applicants in the selection of the staff for the distribution of ration books.

It was resolved that the sub-branch that introduced the matter be so advised.

Country Delegates to Congress.—The Gnowangerup Sub-Branch outlined difficulties that would be experienced by country delegates in travelling to Congress. It was urged that road travel would be preferable to rail travel, and that an approach be made to the Liquid Fuel Control Board on the matter.

Gutha Sub-Branch.—The Gutha Sub-Branch had circulated other sub-branches on the question of Land Settlement. The State Secretary had called the sub-branch's attention to Rule 13-3. His action was endorsed.

Radio Broadcasting.—A communication from Nicholson's Broadcasting Service was referred to the Broadcasting Committee.

JULY 6

At the meeting of the State Executive on July 6 there were present Messrs. Edmondson, Williams, Anderson, Panton, Margolin, Cornell, Watt, James, Thorn, Olden, Mansbridge, Paton, Wood, Harvey, Bateson, Cornish and Davies.

Condolence.—The State Secretary was instructed to convey sympathy to the widow...
The action of the Liquidation Committee and Assistant State Secretary will represent the Executive at the Midland Junction Sub-Branch function on August 5. Approval was granted for the State President and Mr. Williams to make a brief tour of visits to Geraldton and intermediate sub-Branches.

Officials. — The appointment of officials as advised by North-East Fremantle, Carlisle and Mundaring Sub-Branches was confirmed. Appreciation of the long and consistent service rendered by the retiring secretary of the Mundaring Sub-Branch (Mr. Rutherford) was recorded.

Fishing Boats. — The action taken by the State Secretary to have certain fishing boats released was endorsed.

Injured Members, VDC. — Correspondence from the Corps Commander, VDC, and Boyanup Sub-Branch was tabled concerning an injury sustained by a member of the VDC. The matter of compensation was under consideration, and there was no reason to believe that this would not be granted.

Other matters referred to in connection with the case were the employment of a discharged soldier and insurance policy because the man was engaged in a war-like operation, and also the refusal to renew his driver’s licence.

It was resolved that representations be made in the proper quarters in an endeavour to adjust the matter as referred to.

Aliens and Butter Rationing. — The Mundijong Sub-Branch advised that aliens in the Civil Alien Corps at Jarrahdale were being issued with 12 oz. butter per week, this being 4 oz. more than the normal ration.

It was resolved that a protest be made through the Federal Executive on this matter.

Correspondence from Spearwood Sub-Branch relating to the acquisition of land by aliens was received. Several cases were referred to, and after considerable discussion it was resolved that Mr. Thorn, Cornell and the State Secretary draw up a considered statement including specific cases and these to be forwarded to the Federal Executive for the necessary action.

A communication from the Deputy Director-General of Manpower relating to the employment of aliens was referred to the Land Committee.

Case of Mrs. Rosenberg. — The Town Clerk advised that the City Council had now resolved to make an ex gratia payment of £2/10/- per week to Mrs. Rosenberg as from May 25, 1942, for premises occupied as a head warden’s post and shelter, the arrangements to be on a 50/50 basis with the Civil Defence authorities.

Aged Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Fund. — Colliery Sub-Branch wrote in connection with a case which had been dealt with by the Aged Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Fund Committee. The reply was left to the State Secretary.

League Headquarters. — Correspondence from the Collie Sub-Branch relating to the League Headquarters was received.

Canteen Funds. — The Collie Sub-Branch referred to the fact that funds were being used to pay rental for a hotel in Perth, which was being used as an officers’ club. They desired to know if similar grants could be made available in country towns for a like purpose for the entertainment of troops. It was decided to refer the matter to the Federal Executive.

B-Class Men. — The Deputy Director-General of Manpower advised that everything possible was being done to replace B-men in employment with B-class men. It was resolved that a copy of the latter be sent to the North Perth Sub-Branch.

Congress Delegates. — The Liquid Control Board advised that there was no objection to country delegates pooling their petrol ration tickets for the purpose of travelling by road to attend Congress. It was agreed to advise sub-branches accordingly.

Donation, E. Lee Steere. — Mr. Ernest Lee Steere had donated £1,000 to the League to be used for the purpose of improving the position of discharged service personnel. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Empire Day. — A communication from the Albany Sub-Branch concerning the non-observance of Empire Day by the Albany High School was referred to the State President.

Badges. — A communication from the Perth Sub-Branch referring to the supply of League badges was received and the reply left in the hands of the State Secretary.
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

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<td>Gregson's, 32 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>Friday before Anzac Day and 2nd Friday in October</td>
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<td>26th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Nearest Saturday, July 19</td>
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<td>Room 33, Bon Marche Buildings, Barrack Street, Perth</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
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<td>BALLINDU DISTRICTS</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, Town Hall—Lesser Hall</td>
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<td>BUNBY</td>
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