THE BRITISH HOME GUARD STANDS DOWN

"There is special gratitude for your help, but you gained something for yourselves: you discovered in yourselves new capabilities. You found how men from all kinds of homes and from many different occupations can work and be happy together in a great cause. That is the memory and knowledge which may help us in many peacetime problems we shall have to tackle before long."—His Majesty the King, in a farewell broadcast to the Home Guard, 3rd December, 1944.

Defence Corps, they will bring to the task the memory of the comradeship in arms, and the knowledge of many things about their own capabilities, and those of other men from other ranks of life, that they acquired during their service. After the former war, much was said and written about the comradeship of the front line, and there were many regrets that such a comradeship had not been carried into civilian life to the extent it might have been. The opportunity was not fully seized at that time; but it will be presented again, and it must be used to the fullest possible advantage if reconstruction is to be anything more than a matter of bureaucratic regulation. Government departments will supply the forms and machinery, but we, the people who have served and are competent and willing to serve again in peace, must supply the spirit that will give life to routine and direction to departmental machinery. Whatever new order we achieve after the war will be brought about in and through our democratic institutions. It will not be the corollary of fancy or formula; but it will not take its best possible shape unless it is the product of hard work and harder thinking by everyone who will have to live under it.

Men on service learn many things. They find they can do jobs efficiently which they would not have dreamed of attempting in times of peace. Perhaps the best things they learn are endurance, fortitude, the will to make sacrifices for a common cause, the confidence in others, and the broad tolerance which can come only through mixing daily with "men from all kinds of homes and from many different occupations." Perhaps that is why democratic countries like those of the British Commonwealth and the United States have always been able to recapture their war veterans into the body politic, with so little trouble or unrest, after every war. Contrast this with what is happening in other countries even today. The dignified "stand-down" of the Home Guard in Britain was an object lesson to the minority groups in France, Belgium and Greece, who wished to retain their arms to enforce a Government of their own devising on the rest of their countrymen.

For some considerable time it has been evident that liberation forces in the Eastern Mediterranean countries have been just as willing to fight one another as they have been to free their countries of the enemy. The position in Yugoslavia was very obscure, up to a few months ago, but fortunately the good advice of Allied Powers helped to bring about a unity that is now acting to the detriment of the Germans. In Greece, also, there were two factions, though far less publicity was given to their internecine strife which has now flared up into active civil war. Political upheavals were threatened in France and Belgium when forces of liberation were instructed to give up their arms and join the national army if they wished still to fight against the Germans. Only blunt speaking by Allied leaders, and the knowledge that Allied troops would quell disorders if asked to do so, caused the extremists of the Left
to obey the orders of their Governments. In Greece, the Government order was defied with the present unpleasant results. Most people regret that British troops have been forced to intervene on the side of law and order in Greece; but it is claptap of a most pernicious kind for politically-biased persons here and in Britain to assert that the British Army is being used to bolster up reactionary Governments. Throughout the whole course of the war, the policy of Britain and the United States towards liberated countries has been that of allowing the people of those countries to choose the form of Government which is under, as soon as such a choice can be made properly and fairly. This policy has been stated again and again. It is equally clear that, as Mr. Churchill told the House of Commons this morning, Allied forces will maintain order in these countries as long as the people are able to make their choice of Government. We did not send our troops into these countries and pour out blood and treasure on their behalf to put any particular faction into office, any more than the Home Guard took up arms for any political or territorial section of their country. When a faction insists on retaining its arms, after its country has been liberated, it can have only one idea in mind, that of establishing a minority Government by force of arms. It is a far cry to describe such rebellious factions as the forces of democracy. The fact that such an idea has existed in so many countries arouses the suspicion of a fairly widespread conspiracy to establish movements in the interests of extremists. More dignified and more democratic by far was the example set by the Home Guard.

**U.S.A. REHABILITATION**

**America Re-employs Returned Men**

While thoughtful Australians are planning and discussing the problems of re-absorbing our service men and women into industry, it is interesting to learn how the U.S.A. is placing and returning veterans to civilian employment in the United States at the rate of 70,000 a month. About 25 per cent. are returning to their pre-war job. The rest are seeking employment in new industries.

The Selective Service Act makes it compulsory for employers to give back their jobs to former employees. However, as in Australia, both able-bodied and handicapped veterans are taking jobs with aircraft and shipbuilding firms, with motor and munitions factories and government war agencies.

Many firms have established special training courses for disabled soldiers. One aircraft corporation is using 2500 veterans to clean and inspect large-calibre machine guns. Henry Kaiser, the wizard ship-builder, is employing discharged servicemen with all types of physical disabilities. He places them in all sorts of jobs.

Since the U.S. entry in the war, the U.S. War Manpower Commission has been responsible for finding jobs for one and a quarter million men discharged from the services. Last year, 80,000 jobs were found. This commission places representatives in hospitals and discharge depots to give expert advice to men about to be discharged. The set-up of the commission, with its contacts in every industry and community would take much space to explain, but without question this commission is well organised and efficiently administered.

**MEN OF WARS**

Those little wars which added so many red patches to the map of the British Empire as well as the bigger wars of more recent times, were recalled by men of famous British and Colonial regiments when the South African and Imperial Veteran's Association held a Christmas social in Monash House on December 5. Most impressive was the roll call, which was answered by Guardsmen, men of famous cavalry regiments and equally famous regiments of the Line, men of the Royal Regiment of Artillery (Horse, Field and Garrison), men who served with contingents from our own State and from other States of the Commonwealth, as well as representatives of South African Corps like the Cape Town Highlanders and the Bechuanaland Police. Even that very essential unit, the Army Pay Corps, was represented, appropriately enough by Secretary G. Gumprich, who served with the 15th Hussars before he became a "pay wallah." The first man in the room to go on active service was Mr. J. Snashall, who served in Burma in the middle eighties. Many of the South African veterans served in the war of 1914-18, and almost enough to form a platoon, with Brigadier-General Bessell-Browne to lead them, proudly claimed service with the V.D.C. in the present war. In the regrettable absence of the president (Major Colpitts), the senior vice-president (Mr. F. Bate son) occupied the chair. Among the visitors were Mr. E. S. Watt (representing the State Executive), Mr. J. Watt (Horse of King's Park), Flight-Lieut. L. J. Elliott (representing the R.A.A.F.), and the president of the Greek ex-Servicemen's Association (Mr. Joannides). Reporting to Mr. Watt's toast of the Association, Brigadier-General Bessell-Browne gave a brief but interesting outline of the service of contingents from Western Australia in the South African War. Altogether six contingents left Western Australia between November 7, 1899, and April 10, 1900. The total strength of the six was 52 officers and 871 other ranks.

Even in these days of lightning war, it is astounding to recall the rapid movements of British columns on the Veldt. During the general advance on Pretoria, the force of which the Western Australians formed part traversed 400 miles in 47 days. This included a ten-days' halt, and brushes with the enemy, which occurred no fewer than 28 times. The average rate of travelling was 14 miles a day. Brigadier-General Bessell-Browne also mentioned the distinctions earned by members of the No. 1 West Australian Battery of Field Artillery, who enlisted for service in South Africa. The unit was commanded by Major, afterwards General, Sir Talbot Hobbs, and the establishment in 1899 was six officers and 270 other ranks. Sixty-one men of the unit left for service in South Africa. The decorations they earned were one V.C., three D.S.O.'s and two D.C.M.'s. The Victoria Cross was won by Lieut. (afterwards Lieut.-Colonel) Frederick William Bell, at Braamfontein on May 16, 1900. Bell afterwards served in the Somaliland Campaign, and served with an English Yeomanry regiment in the last war. The Distinguished Service Order was won by Lieut. (afterwards Major) Parkeet, Lieut. Costello and by the General himself, who won a Lieut. at the time of the award. The D.C.M. was awarded to C. M. Edwards and J. Burley. The latter gained a bar to his D.C.M. while serving in France during the last war. The average age of the members of the association is now 67. The oldest member is the treasurer, R.S.M. John Wood, now 84, and the youngest is Major Woodrow, now 63.

The night was a most enjoyable medley of music and reminiscences. Trumpeter Ron Rees and a ladies' orchestra supplied the music through-out, while the Coastal Scottish Pipers played a series of Scottish airs, which were wildly encored.

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THE QUESTION OF PREFERENCE

Federal Congress was definite enough in the resolutin carried expressing gratification at the Prime Minister's promise to bring down a Preference Bill during the first session of the Federal Parliament next year. The debate on the preference motions at the Federal Congress was a long one, and congress studiously refrained from carrying a motion which, to say the least, was far more outspoken. It was not considered wise to adopt a provocative attitude on the question. Nevertheless, there are signs that the position in regard to preference is far from satisfactory, either in regard to pending legislation or in respect of the way the preference principle is applied, or not applied, in practice.

In the meantime, and on the same day, a Preference Bill was introduced in the Queensland Parliament. The State Secretary (Mr. Benson) has written to Queensland for a number of appointments made, and expressed his hope that he will be able to appeal to the State Executive, should he feel that he has been overlooked in selection for employment.

In our own State, the League is dissatisfied at the way the preference principle is being treated in actual practice. The matter was discussed by the State Executive, when the report of the Pensions and Employment Committee was presented to the meeting of the Executive on November 22. It was stated that a number of appointments made, or contemplated, in the service of the Government and of public bodies, all seemed to be against the returned soldier. After a long discussion, in which all delegates expressed dissatisfaction and regret that ex-servicemen appeared to be losing ground where jobs are concerned, the following resolutions were carried: (a) In view of the fact that the State and Federal Congresses have carried resolutions that the League press for direct representation on all committees which may be formed, under which the rehabilitation of ex-servicemen and women is concerned, this W.A. Branch now urges the Federal office of the League to take immediate action, and further that similar representations be made to the State Government. (b) That the Premier be again asked to receive a deputation to urge that a Preference Bill be immediately drafted for presentation to the State Parliament. (c) That all appointments of trade instructors at technical schools, under the Commonwealth
reconstruction training schemes, be submitted for ratification by the appropriate regional reconstruction committee.

It was pointed out that the Empire had fought for its existence and had survived only by the courage and endurance of the men and women who had enlisted in its defence. No provision has been made to place these people in any better position than persons who had stayed at home. Delegates considered that the same degree of preference that was shown to the men of the First World War should be given to those who fought in the present conflict.

THE NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Lieut.-Colonel John Chappell has been appointed Acting Assistant State Secretary of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L. He served with the 11th Bn. in the last war as a mere lad, being only 46 years of age today. Together with Dr. Chas Courtney, he formed the 16th (W.A. Cameron Highlanders) Militia Bn. (in which he enlisted as a private and held a commission when the present war broke out).

Having brought his military training up to date, he made himself very useful as an instructor during the early and formative stage of the Volunteer Defence Corps. He was then called up for full-time duty, which he has been performing ever since. At present he is in charge of a V.D.C. group and the Albany Fortress, but he is to be released from service at the end of the month. Lieut.-Colonel Chappell was president of the Press Sub-branch for two years, and was treasurer of the Perth Legacy Club for eleven years. He has held important positions in civilian life and prior to the war was secretary of the Master Printers’ Association in this State. He is a fluent speaker and a good writer.

Those who have served on committees with him can testify to his painstaking attention to the task in hand, and the ability with which he has carried it out. Those who have the interests of the League at heart will feel gratified that the League has secured the services of a very hardworking and capable man.

ASSESSMENT APPEAL TRIBUNALS

In the Senate on November 28, Senator Collett asked the Minister representing the Minister for Repatriation:-

(1) How many Assessment Appeal Tribunals appointed under the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act, are at present functioning?

(2) In what States do each Tribunal sit?

(3) How many appeals were heard and determined in each State during the year 1943-44?

(4) How many appeals are awaiting hearing in each State?

(5) What was the total cost of each Tribunal during the year 1943-44?

The Minister replied:

(1) Two. No. 1 Assessment Appeal Tribunal has been functioning since 1929. No. 2 has been functioning since March 1, 1944. Recently I approved of the creation of a third Assessment Appeal Tribunal, which will commence functioning at an early date.

(2) Before the appointment of No. 3 Tribunal, the States were divided between Tribunals as follows:-

No. 1 Tribunal: New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania.
No. 2 Tribunal: Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia.

In future the Tribunals will operate in such States as directed by me, having regard to circumstances. It is probable that No. 3 Tribunal will commence in Western Australia during December, 1944.

(3) —

New South Wales = 1,279
Victoria = 595
Queensland = 287
Western Australia = 236
South Australia = 99
Tasmania = 81

(4) As at October 31, 1944, the undetermined appeals were:

New South Wales = 915
Victoria = 469
Queensland = 108
Western Australia = 245
South Australia = 181
Tasmania = 58

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Since it was reported that certain categories of militiamen would be eligible for membership of the League, the State Secretary’s office has been busy. The resolution carried by the Federal Congress last month read: “That Rule 5 of the Federal Constitution be amended by the insertion therein, after Sub-rule H, of the said rule, the following Sub-rule (H H), namely, That any person, including C.M.F. attested, appointed or passed for active service, shall be eligible for membership as a full member of the League, providing that he or she has served in a theatre of war, as defined by the Federal Executive.”

The theatre of war, as defined by the Federal Executive are: The whole of New Guinea, Papua, Ambon, Timor, Nauru, Ocean Island and any island or territory outside the Commonwealth, as from January 4, 1942, and in that portion of the Northern Territory, north of 14°, south of the 16°, from February 19, 1942, to March 31, 1942, provided that members of the C.M.F., who, subsequent to that date and before November 11, 1944, while in that area, applied for transfer to the A.I.F., shall be eligible for membership. It was also resolved that such members of the A.I.F. and R.A.A.F. shall be eligible, provided they have served in that portion of the Northern Territory north of 14°, subsequent to that date and before November 11, 1944, in that area, applied for transfer to the A.I.F., shall be eligible for membership.

As the State President explained in his Newsletter for this month, this means that those members of the Volunteer Forces who served abroad from 15 degrees before November 11, 1944, will retain their eligibility, but from that date, the whole of Australia will be on the same basis. Apart from Naval personnel, it will be necessary for anyone to serve north of Thursday Island to be eligible for membership. The ruling of the Federal Executive has been forwarded to sub-branches. So far as members of the militia are concerned, they are in the same position as members of the volunteer forces, except in regard to service in the Darwin area. The militiaman must have served in a defined theatre, or above parallel 14° 5 between February 19, 1942, and March 31, 1942. He will also be admitted if he produced proof from his commanding officer that he applied for transfer to the A.I.F., subsequent to March, 1942, and before November 14, 1944. Here the State President corrected an error which appeared in previously published statements on the position, which gave the date of eligibility as from March 31, 1943. It should have been March 31, 1942. A point in connection with eligibility is that the 1939/40 Star is not a means of establishing eligibility for members of the Merchant Marine, as this medal has been issued to members of ships’ crews trading between Newcastle and Whyalla.

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CRITICISM OF PENSION TRIBUNALS

In the Eastern States, Pension Tribunals and their methods of operation have been under criticism, mainly from people who have little knowledge of what they are criticising. There has even been an attempt to challenge the legality of these tribunals, but one does not expect that attempt to go very far. What we as a League are concerned about is the suggestion which has been put up to the Minister for Repatriation that the sittings of the Tribunals should be open to the public, just like those of an ordinary court of law. That, of course, is far-fetched, because it is always open to the discretion of a magistrate to clear the court, and for a judge to hear a case in camera, or to hear argument in chambers. The departmental points of view, and, incidentally, that of the League, as stated last month by the Minister for Repatriation (Mr. G. Frost), he said that public hearings would not be in the best interests of the service. One only has to think a little to agree with that ruling. It certainly is not in the best interests of the service to have details from his medical history sheet made public, and with that point of view the League is in hearty agreement.

A PUBLIC NUISANCE

Diggers throughout the State will join in commending the action taken by Victoria Park Sub-branch in insisting on the removal of the sanitary site adjacent to the Kent Street State School.

Hundreds of Diggers, their wives and children have had to put up with this iniquity for two decades and more despite many efforts which have been made for its removal.

Aid has been enlisted of Prime Ministers, Parliamentarians, City Councillors and other civic authorities, all with a negative result. Why nothing has been achieved is beyond imagination. The site stinks both metaphorically and physically, and violates the Health Act in many ways. If controlled by private enterprise, a prosecution would have been effected years ago.

Is the Perth City Council to be permitted to flout the wishes of thousands of rate-payers indefinitely?

Is a public nuisance within the meaning of the Act to be allowed to remain?

Is the health of hundreds of school children to be endangered continuously by this nuisance?

Is a breeding place for myriads of germ-carrying flies to remain in the centre of a workers' suburb?

Definitely NO, and the action of Victoria Park Sub-branch should have the backing of every citizen in W.A.

Eleven thousand pans per week are dumped into this site, which is overworked and overloaded.

The Health Act requires the P.C.C. to cover its night-soil with six inches of sand daily, or alternatively, burn under supervision of a health inspector. Neither of these are done.

A health inspector's report on the site roundly condemns it in all ways. Imagine 750 school children at one school having to put up with the stench, flies and rattle of pans daily. A large majority of these children are Digger's children.

A proportion of homes in the locality are Diggers' homes. War Service Homes can never be built whilst this obnoxious thing is present in the Park.

The Workers' Homes Board have already rejected any ideas of building in the vicinity. May every success attend Victoria Park Sub-branch in its very public spirited endeavour.
In our last issue the record of a father and son joining a sub-branch on the same day was chronicled for Albany Sub-branch. The record with which the Hummerston family has provided the Mr. Lawley-Inglewood Sub-branch, however, will take some beating. Dick Hummerston, who served with the 10th Light Horse in the last war, and was once secretary of the unit association, has been back in khaki and is still serving in this war. He is a veteran member of the sub-branch. Dick’s two sons are members of the sub-branch, and so is his brother. The sons are both serving with the R.A.A.F overseas, and the brother back from the Middle East and still serving. The family group includes three Warrant Officers and a Corporal.

With deep regret we report the passing of Plt-Sgt. William Roy Hullett, who was killed during air operations over France on August 3, 1944. Several weeks ago he was reported missing and the hope was entertained that he might still be alive. That hope was shattered, however, by the more recent official statement. The late airman was the youngest son of “The Listening Post” old friend and Maylands correspondent. His father joined the 27th Bn., A.I.F., in the last war, and was a foundation committee man of the Anzac Club. To the bereaved parents, widow, children, brothers and other relatives of a gallant young airman, we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

At the annual reunion of the North-East Premantura Sub-branch last month, a presentation was made to Mr. Johnny Walker, who had been treasurer of the sub-branch for 25 years and, like his famous and popular namesake, is still going strong. In making the presentation, sub-branch president E. J. Tomlin referred to the wonderful work Mr. Walker had carried out for the League.

Colonel Nicholson has retired from the presidency of the Moora Sub-branch, after holding that office for the past five years. During his extended term, many important activities were launched and brought to a head. Chief among these were the formation and growth of the V.D.C. and the fight for the reduction of interest on soldier settlers’ farms. Some years ago, Colonel Nicholson was a member of the State Executive, and he has represented Moora many times at the annual State Congress. Throughout his service with the League, he has been a fearless fighter in the interests of the man on the land. He commanded the 1st Pioneer Bn. in the last war.

The biennial election for the growers’ representatives on the Commonwealth Dried Fruits Board will be held shortly, and Mr. Frank H. Yeates, son of Alf of that ilk, is a candidate. Frank has served with the 27th Light Horse and was three years with the R.A.A.F. During the 18 years that his dad was bandmaster, Frank managed his properties during his many absences, so he knows the game.

Mrs. Colley, of Mr. Lawley, has written in regard to the paragraph we published in the November “Listening Post” about the services of her daughter, Miss Hannah Colley, on Armistice Day. Following the newspaper account, we stated that Miss Colley received her musical training from her father, Mr. A. W. Colley. In doing so, we inadvertently did an injustice to an old friend. Mrs. Colley points out that Hannah’s father commenced teaching her at any early age, but she was with him only for six or eight months. All other credit for her outstanding success as a trumpeter goes to another old friend, Mr. G. Melior, who was bandmaster of the 51st Bn. in the last war, and subsequently of the R.S.L. Memorial Band. For many years, George has been trumpet in the Perth A.B.C. Wireless Orchestra. We thank Mrs. Colley for supplying added information.

A man who lived to see his country liberated twice, Joseph Caillaux, former Prime Minister of France, known defendant and strongly suspected traitor, died at Le Mans on Sunday, aged 81. Caillaux was notorious through his association with two sensational trials. He was Minister of Finance from 1899 to 1902, 1906 to 1909 and 1912. He was Prime Minister in 1911 and 1912, and was again Minister of Finance the year the armistice was signed. In that year, his wife assassinated Gaston Calmette, editor of “Figaro.” Madame Calmette was tried, but not convicted of this crime, very largely because French juries are reluctant to convict a woman, and seldom return a verdict of guilty in murder cases, which have a political background. Nevertheless, the scandal of the trial, and the unsavoury details that were brought out in evidence, forced Caillaux to resign from the Ministry, in which he had been a highly qualified and competent and capable Minister of Finance in his time.

It is pleasing to see Lieut-Colonel Jack Herlihy about again after a serious illness, during which his life was despaired of. He is now on the staff of one of the new sulphur drugs, the one that radiates good fellowship, left with the original 32nd in the last war and later was transferred to the 25th Machine Gun. Today he is O.C. No. 2 Bn. and 8th A.A. Group, V.D.C. He is a highly qualified accountant and has decided to commence in business in Perth on his own account as a public accountant, auditor and secretary. Perhaps a few of our readers would do with his services.

Mr. Hawthorn’s sick state shows that an old and esteemed member, Jock Stewart, has been a patient in Hawthorn Hospital and would be glad of visits from members of the sub-branch. Jock has done a good job instructing the S.S.L. in first aid, and has always been a hard worker for the Ambulance. Another member of the sub-branch in hospital is Charlie Joyce. Arthur Moritz has been confined to his bed. Bill Skates and Tom May would also welcome visitors.

Alan Coles, son of Sydney Coles, of the Albany Sub-branch, has had some varied and exciting experiences while serving with the Merchant Navy. He took part in the North African landing, his ship having gone there during the war, and was unloading supplies at Bonne, an enemy air-
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WAR GRATUITY

The Federal Congress formulated proposals to be submitted to the Commonwealth Government for the payment of a war gratuity. In brief, the provisions suggested by the League were one shilling a day for service in Australia, with an extra shilling a day from the time of proceeding overseas, serving in a combat area. The gratuity to be from the date of service, excepting that, after embarkation of entry into a combat area, there shall be a minimum of two years available. In the case of a widow, or dependants, if the personnel die on service, the minimum payment shall be for two years. The foregoing payments should be free of income tax and, in case of marriage, or necessitous circumstances, the gratuity should be paid in cash. During the congress discussions, it was considered that a board, on which the League has representation, should determine what are necessitous circumstances for the cash payment of the proposed gratuity.

VALE “FIGHTING CHARLIE”

A grand old soldier answered the last call, when Major-General Charles Frederick “Fighting Charlie” Cox died in Sydney on November 20, at the age of 81. He held a commission in the N.S.W. (now the Royal N.S.W.) Lancers back in the ‘nineties, and led the detachment of the Lancers which formed part of the contingent sent from New South Wales to England for Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee. In the following year he took another contingent of 100 Lancers to Aldershot for twelve months’ training with the British Army. The members of this force personally defrayed the cost of this training. They were due to leave England for Australia at the end of the twelve months, when the war broke out in 1899. The unit, with the exception of two who had to go home first to fix up family and business affairs before they came out again, broke the homeward journey at the Cape and went up to De Aar to keep a more pressing engagement with President Kruger and his merry men. In the South African War, the late General Cox served with Major, later Field Marshal, Allenby. While serving with the Lancers, and later in command of the 3rd New South Wales Mounted Rifles, he proved himself an enterprising and aggressive leader, and this earned him the nickname of “Fighting Charlie”. He was awarded the C.B. in 1902. When the Light Horse Regiments of the A.I.F. were formed in 1914, Lieut-Colonel Cox was given command of the 6th A.H. Regiment. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General on Gallipoli and commanded the 1st Light Horse Brigade until the end of the war. He was awarded the C.M.G. and the D.S.O. His last service on the Active List was as Major-General commanding the 1st Cavalry Division A.F. to which post he was appointed in 1921. General Cox entered the Senate in 1921. While in Parliament and in other spheres, between the last war and the present, he closely associated himself with the interests of returned soldiers.

The Senate Executive, with the valuable assistance of the women’s auxiliaries, entertained repatriated prisoners of war and their relatives and discharged servicemen of the present war in Anzac House on Sunday night, December 10. It was the first entertainment of its kind in Anzac House. Apart from the enjoyable nature of the evening, the night was one of happy reunions. About 900 were present at what is hoped will be the forerunner of many happy functions of this kind.

When members of the Senior and Silent Service do speak or write, they are brief and to the point. Said Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, on his arrival in Melbourne: “Our strategy can be expressed simply. It is to find and sink the Japanese fleet.” For blunt directness this is reminiscent of the despather written by Captain (afterwards Admiral) Sir G. Walton, after the Spanish fleet had been defeated off Cape Passaro in 1718. He wrote: “We have taken and destroyed all the Spanish ships which were upon this coast; the number as per margin.”

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In his newsletter for this month, the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) mentioned some interesting statistics that were given by the Federal President (Sir Gilbert Dyett) in his opening address at the recent Federal Congress. He mentioned that, in September, the total membership of the League was 177,087. He said that later that membership, at the date congress opened, was 175,000. During the war, 1,400 pensioners died, and there were 1,100 service pensioners. It will be remembered that suitably inscribed wallets were bought by the League for issue to members of the Forces. So far 68,750 wallets have been issued free to the Forces, and it is expected that another 20,000 will be issued before very long. Some can be issued by the State Branches and, for that purpose, 500 will be distributed from the Head Office on a pro rata basis. Many letters have been received, thanking the League for the wallets. According to figures supplied by the State Branches, the League has invested £276,764 in war loans. Next year, the Federal Congress will be held in Perth, provided the necessary transport is available. If the transport arrangements cannot be made congress will be held in Melbourne.

The Federal Congress gave much thought to the question of pensions and repatriation. It was decided to refer a number of items to the several States to obtain the opinions of their pensions committees. A special meeting of all State Presidents and a delegation from each State Branch, who is specially well-informed in repatriation matters, will be held in February. A comprehensive plan of amendments to the Repatriation Act, and suggestions, will be drawn up and submitted to the Government. It was felt that the Repatriation Act needs amendment, and the procedure adopted was thought to be the best way to obtain a co-ordination of ideas from all the State Branches.

Another matter that was fully discussed by the Federal Congress was the question of soldier settlement. Representations are being made to have the full implementation of the organisation hurried on and an announcement of the details made as soon as possible. Congress felt that the Commonwealth should immediately set up its administration to allow the States to create their organisations. Although the scheme is a Commonwealth one, it is expected that the existing State organisation will be used. Accordingly, if action is not taken soon, there will be a delay in applying for work when the war is finished. It has been stressed that early operation is necessary, if efficiency is to be expected. Besides organisation, questions of stock and equipment need urgent attention, and continued pressure must be maintained to get results. The motions submitted by Western Australia were well received. Only eight were actually lost.

**SOLDIER SETTLEMENT**

**Motion Before Legislative Council**

Another effort to induce Governments to take action in the matter of soldier settlement was launched in the Legislative Council on December 8 by the Hon. James Cornell, who is chairman of the State Executive's Land Committee. Mr. Cornell moved that, in the opinion of the Legislative Council, the Premier should urge upon the Prime Minister the urgent necessity of the early ratification and implementation by the Commonwealth Government of the Soldier Land Settlement agreement, agreed to by the last Premiers' conference, and that a special session of the State Parliament be held early next year to ratify and implement the State's side of that agreement.

Mr. Cornell said that if the motion were carried, he would ask for its transmission to the Legislative Assembly. There was no need to stress the urgency for something to be done for soldier settlement in the fifth year of war, Mr. Cornell went on. Over two years ago, the R.S.L. in all States approached the Commonwealth to have something done on the matter. In February, 1943, a conference of the League formulated a plan for soldier settlement, and this plan was submitted to the Rural Reconstruction Commission. The Commonwealth published its report last February. A Premiers' conference, a few months ago, agreed to a definite scheme, by which the States were divided into principal and agents. The scheme, Mr. Cornell informed the Council, was that the proposed amendment to the Repatriation Act needs amendment, and the scheme was a Commonwealth one, it is expected that the existing State organisation will be used. Accordingly, if action is not taken soon, there will be a delay in applying for work when the war is finished. It has been stressed that early operation is necessary, if efficiency is to be expected. Besides organisation, questions of stock and equipment need urgent attention, and continued pressure must be maintained to get results. The motions submitted by Western Australia were well received. Only eight were actually lost.

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GREETINGS

The editorial "we" and the staff of "The Listening Post" reciprocate the Seasonal Greetings kindly extended by their correspondents, and thank them for their generous help during the year, and hope that in bearing in mind that by submitting their copy they are acknowledging the restrictions on the use of paper. May the year 1945 give to this sorry world peace and security.

ALIENS AND LAND

The League's policy of seeing that returned servicemen are not left out in the cold when they try to take up land for settlement has been expressed plainly enough in resolutions passed by both State and Federal Congresses. Some of those resolutions aimed at preventing aliens from taking up land, to the exclusion of servicemen. Both the resolutions and the policy they express have been criticised, and even misrepresented by interested parties, who profess to find in this desire to conserve the servicemen's rights in his own country something like a general hostility to aliens as such. Evidence of what the League is likely to be up against, and also the need of eternal vigilance on the part of all sub-branches, was provided by the report of a discussion at a meeting of the Bunbury Sub-branch on December 11. Complaints that the interests of returned servicemen were being jeopardised by the action of alien speculators in land were brought before the meeting. It was alleged that these speculators were buying land at controlled prices with a view to holding it until they could sell at an uncontrolled price. It was stated that a report had come before No. 1 District Committee that returned men were finding it difficult to obtain suitable agricultural blocks, and that, in post-war years, when price-control regulations were lifted, others would have to pay very high prices to obtain land on which to settle. The meeting decided to inquire into the complaints, with a view to protecting the interests of returned servicemen.

A CRITICISM WITHDRAWN

Mr. E. M. Barker, chairman of the Australian Federation of Commercial Broadcasting Stations (W.A. Division), has replied to a contributor who criticised the speech made by Edward Beeby at a Victory Loan Rally, arranged by the local commercial broadcasting stations. Mr. Barker said in his letter that the speech in question had been heard by himself and three other members of the committee. "These agree," Mr. Barker continued, "that Mr. Beeby's address was a very good one, quite suited to the occasion," and that the treatment which appeared in "The Listening Post" had absolutely no foundation. The matter was referred back to our contributor, who states that his criticism was based on a number of complaints made to him by other people who had heard the speech. As such complaints were taken, there would appear to be some differences of opinion about the matter, in fairness to all concerned we accept Mr. Barker's assurance that everything was in order.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

Messrs. A. Cruikshank and H. D. Mountjoy.—The League is not party political, but being a national organisation it must of necessity be political, but this does not mean that its official organ must not defend League policy when that is attacked by political or quasi-political organisations. If that principle is adhered to, it needs only some politician or some organisation to attack the League's principles, and one by one they will be whittled away until our organisation becomes little more than an Old Boys' Association. We are sorry to disappoint you, but "The Listening Post" will continue to uphold the League's policy, especially in matters where preference, defence, migration, land settlement, and so on, while ever these remain the policy of the League, no matter what individual or what political organisation holds and expresses contrary views. The rest of your letter is beside the mark and is further proof of how the State and Federal congress resolutions have been distorted in recent newspaper correspondence. The resolutions referred explicitly to enemy aliens and to friendly aliens, and only misunderstanding or misrepresentation can construe them into a general anti-alien sentiment. The council resolutions, also, were passed for the protection of men of the fighting forces and their dependants. We regret that a signature of this kind does not permit the publication of your letter.

State Executive

At the meeting of the State Executive on November 22 there were present Messrs. Anderson, Edmondson, Watt, Yeates, Mansbridge, Wood, Thorn, Paton, Olden, Mitchell, Macgregor, Elliott, Bateson, Zelfert, Ferguson-Stewart, Cornell, James, Eldon, Snodgrass and Race.

Hospital Advisory Committee.—Out of the report of the Hospital Advisory Committee, it was decided that Mr. Edmondson and the State Secretary interview the Collector of Customs, with the object of obtaining more tobacco for hospital patients. A case connected with children of T.B. sufferers is to be taken up with the Repatriation Commission, and the Repatriation Commission, and with the object of obtaining more tobacco for hospital patients. A case connected with children of T.B. suffers is to be taken up with the Repatriation Commission, and the Repatriation Department.

Anzac Club.—The operations of the Anzac Club for the preceding fortnight were reported, and mention was made of the difficulties of securing an increase of bulk supplies. The committee decided to alter the hours of trading for Saturdays to 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., commencing December 2. The committee is also endeavouring to secure additional furniture and renovations to furniture out of repair. The report was adopted.

Pensions and Employment.—The report of the Pensions and Employment Committee referred to cases in which the preference policy had been disregarded. The motions carried at the recommendation of the committee have been set out in another article dealing with the preference question. It was decided that the Premier be again asked to receive a deputation from this League, and that the deputation should comprise the State President, the two Vice-Presidents and Messrs. Thorpe, Elliott, Macgregor and Cornell. The deputation will urge that a Preference Bill be introduced in the State Parliament.

Visits.—Visits to sub-branches etc., were reported by the State President (R.A.A.P., Sunset Service and North-East Fremantle.

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Federal Executive Meetings.—The State President (Mr. Anderson) reported having attended the meeting of the Federal Executive on November 9, which was convened to select the chairman of the Additional Assessment Tribunal and for which the nominee of the W.A. Branch was Lieut.-Colonel R. Honner, D.S.O., M.C. Lieut.-Colonel Honner was selected. Another matter dealt with was the appointment of Air Commodore MacInnoly (the Hon Federal Treasurer) to be the League’s nominee on the A.M.F. Special Benefits Fund. Mr. Anderson reported that another meeting of the Federal Executive was held on November 14, when theatres of war were defined in accordance with Federal Congress resolution No. 438. The theatres of war, as defined by this meeting, were published in our November issue.

Rehabilitation.—A letter was received from the Perth Rotary Club, suggesting ways in which that organisation could help in rehabilitation matters. It was decided to reply that the League would be only too pleased to accept the offer of assistance, and would appreciate information and advice from this organisation.

R.S.L. and Universities.—The Claremont Sub-branch suggested that a representative should be appointed to the University Senate. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of Messrs. Thorn and Cornell.

At 9.30, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, November 28. The State President then welcomed Chaplain-General C. L. Riley, the Commissioner of War Service Homes (Mr. H. H. Richardson) and Mr. F. E. Cotton, of the Entitlement Tribunal.

November 28, 1944

At the adjourned meeting of the Executive on November 28, there were present Messrs. Anderson, Watt, Mansbridge, Wood, Ferguson, Olden, Cornwall, Davies, Elliott, Sneddon and Reece.

Management Committee.—Arising out of the Management Committee’s report, it was decided to ask the Carlisle Sub-branch to make a recommendation on certain matters submitted to the Executive by a special committee. Appreciation was expressed of the informative report submitted by the Special Committee to the Executive. It was decided also to appoint a Reception Committee consisting of the State President, Colonel Mansbridge and Messrs. Zeffert and Williams, and that the women’s auxiliaries be represented by Mesdames McKinnlay and Henderson. The State President reported that 11 applications had been received for the position of Assistant State Secretary. These will be classified by a small committee and a recommendation will be made to the Executive.

29th Federal Congress.—The State President then submitted the report of Mr. Cornell and himself on the recent Federal Congress. The report was a long one and was exhaustively discussed. Appreciation of the services of Messrs. Anderson and Cornell was expressed. It was resolved that the report be printed for circulation amongst sub-branches, as was done last year.

December 6, 1944

At the meeting on December 6 there were present Messrs. Anderson, Edmondson, Watt, Yeates, Mansbridge, Wood, Ferguson, Elliott, Mitchell, James, Davies, Macgregor, Craig, Elliott, Bateson, Harvey, Sneddon and Reece.

Broadcast Roster.—The following roster of speakers for R.S.L. broadcasts was approved:

December 14, Mr. Macgregor; December 21, Mr. Elliott; December 28, Mr. Watt; January 4, Mr. Davies; January 11, Mr. Sneddon; January 18, Mr. Wood.

A broadcasting committee, comprising Messrs. Mitchell, Elliott, Zeffert and Harvey was appointed.

Reports

Hospital Advisory Committee.—This report referred to a delegation which waited upon the Customs authorities in connection with cigarettes and tobacco for hospital patients, as mentioned and the Customs authorities promised to make further inquiries.

Poppy Day.—The State President reported on a recent meeting of sub-branch representatives, in which this year’s organisation came under review, and recommendations were made for next year. It was decided that 150,000 imitation poppies be ordered from the Maimed and Limbless Association immediately.

Land Committee.—A long report presented on behalf of the Land Committee traversed a great number of matters submitted to the Minister for Lands (Mr. Wise) and other authorities, and the replies thereto. Most of the replies have gone to the sub-branches concerned.

Club Committee.—The Club Committee’s report referred to action taken to try to secure further bulk supplies, and representations made on behalf of a country sub-branch in connection with its reunion in the New Year. The secretary pointed out that the sub-branch quota had already been exceeded. It was decided to make representations direct to the Minister for Customs.

Reception Committee.—The State President intimated that the Reception Committee had been called for the purpose of extending a welcome to repatriated prisoners of war. It was decided to co-opt Mr. H. G. Wilson, of the Fremantle City Sub-branch, City Hotels, City Cafes, City Cafeterias, Suburban Stores, Country Stores and now again Australian Military Camps and Royal Australian Naval Units have selected

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and Mr. E. J. Tomlin, of the North-East Fremantle Sub-branch. It was decided also that prisoners of war and other repatriated men be extended a welcome on Sunday evening at the Mechanics Institute. Arrangements of securing nominal rolls of P.O.W.'s were emphasised. The State Secretary reported that he had, that day, attended at the Perth railway station, when a further batch of P.O.W.'s were welcomed home. He referred in appreciation to the Army arrangements for their return home.

House Committee.—The report of the House Committee mentioned that the committee would be meeting delegations from the different associations early in the New Year.

Staff: Acting Assistant State Secretary.—The State President reported that 12 applications had been received for this position, and the sub-committee, after a review of all the applications, unanimously recommended that Mr. J. Chappell be appointed to the position on the conditions already announced. The report was adopted and inquiries are to be made as to when Mr. Chappell can commence duties. The other applicants for the position were thanked.

Rehabilitation and Rotary.—The State President reported that a special committee from the Rotary Club waited upon League representatives, offering their services in an advisory capacity in connection with discharged personnel. The League representatives appreciated the helpful attitude of Rotary representatives, and it was agreed that a panel of Rotary personnel be drawn up to whom discharged personnel would be referred where special information was required.

Visits.—The following visits were reported: Mr. Edmondson, Army Education Council and Sunset; Mr. Bateson, Perth Hospital and Home of Peace; Colonel Olden, Lemnos; Mr. Watt, South African and Imperial Veterans' Union; Mr. Davies, Murray and Swan View-Greenmount Sub-branches (to the former he was accompanied by Mr. Ferguson-Stewart, and to the latter by Mr. Thorn); Mr. Craik, Victoria Park and Canning Districts; Mr. Anderson, Toodyay and Calingiri Sub-branches (accompanied by Mr. Thorn), and the P.O.W. reception luncheon.

Business Left Over from Last Meeting

(a) Quairading Sub-branch: re playing of the National Anthem at picture shows, etc., and the reminder that “God Save the King” must be sung. The Executive endorsed the views of the Quairading Sub-branch and decided to then give publicity and to send a copy of the letter to the Federal office.

(b) Bunbury Sub-branch: re method of appointing delegates to State Congress. It was decided to thank Bunbury Sub-branch for the suggestions, and to refer the matter to the Constitutional Committee.

(c) No. 14 D.C. submitted certain recommendations which were referred to the Constitutional Committee.

(d) Koorda Sub-branch submitted a recommendation in connection with housing. It was decided the reply be left to the State Secretary.

(g) Rehabilitation: Extensive recommendations made by the New South Wales Branch in connection with rehabilitation were tabled, and it was decided to defer consideration until all delegates had been supplied with copies of the report and recommendations.

Housing.—The State Secretary read copy of a letter from the Prime Minister's Department, wherein the justification was claimed for the reduced height of ceilings, and made reference to the reference to the conditions in other States.

Preference.—The State Secretary submitted a copy of the Bill on Preference now before the Queen's Park Parliament. A letter was also read from the Premier in connection with appointments and promotions within the Civil Service. This referred to the P. and E. Committee.

It was also resolved to write to the Premier again and press for an early appointment with League representatives on the question of preference.

Letter was read from the Under-Secretary, Public Works Department, pointing out that although the road board had agreed to the appointment of a non-soldier, the Minister had deferred the matter back so that a returned soldier with previous road board experience should be appointed.

New Sub-branch.—Approval was given to the formation of a new sub-branch, to be known as the Toodyay Sub-branch.

Youthing Sub-branch submitted recommendations in connection with improved educational facilities. It was agreed that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Minister for Education.

Victoria Park Sub-branch submitted the minutes of a recent meeting calling for the formation of a district committee. It was decided that this be referred to the Constitutional Committee.

Appointment of Officials.—Appointment of officials of the following sub-branches were confirmed: South Perth, Fremantle City.

Eligibility.—The secretary read a letter from the O.O. of a battalion, recently discharged, in which he urged that the eligibility clauses of the League's Constitution should be further enlarged. The reply was left to the State Secretary.

Senator Collett.—The State Secretary read a letter from Senator Collett reporting an action taken by him as a protest against the appointment of a non-soldier to the Mechanic's Department. and it was resolved to notify Colonel Collett that all such positions, whether they are permanent or temporary, should be advertised in service papers and referred to any General Orders.

A further letter was received from Colonel Collett in connection with the League's building activities in New South Wales.

Malaria Cases.—Collie Sub-branch forwarded certain recommendations in regard to the reception and treatment of malaria cases. It was decided that this matter be referred to the Repatriation Department.

Taxi Licenses.—Reference was made to a Kalgoorlie case which had been before the Emergency Transport Board for some time. The board had now advised the League that the date line for new licenses could not be extended beyond August, 1943. It was agreed that a copy of the letter be sent to the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch.

War Ribbons.—A letter from an ex-soldier was read, protesting against the withholding of ribbons from men who had served in battle areas. It was decided that the reply be left to the State Secretary.

Mr. Lawley.—Approval was given for the Mr. Lawley Sub-branch to register the name "Boomerang Club" for proposed new premises. A complaint in connection with the Antz Food Club was referred to the Club Committee. Mr. Lawley expressed appreciation of the services of the pensioners' officers.

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Rumour has it that the Old Sixteenth Association is losing its punch since the sad loss of their respected president, the late Colonel E. L. Margolin, D.S.O.; but don't you believe it. Tradition shows it takes more than that to stop the old Battalion. A new and energetic committee has been elected, headed by the popular Walter Lillyman as president, with vice-presidents C. Taylor, P. Fox, F. Birkhill and S. Wedderburn. F. C. Downe, the hon. treasurer, and the one and only Ted Massey as hon. secretary. The general committee are W. Newick, W. Martin, H. Kloppe, E. J. Judd, Aubrey, F. Downey, J. Oxenham, R. Maher, R. May, J. Conney, H. Wyman, and G. Martin. A social committee of four was formed from the general committee, and their job is to keep the secretary and treasurer busy counting the cash raised from social functions, such as card parties, house parties, dances, etc. The committee are also very anxious to get in touch with all members of the old battalion, so that those who are not dead and are still able to write, drop us a line. Tell us where you are, how you are, and what you are doing. Your friend and aching to hear of you Address present at the Hon. Secretary, C/o W. Lillyman, Hairdresser, Barrack Street, Perth, or The Hon. Secretary, Harvey Street, Victoria Park.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

The 15th annual reunion social of the Air Force Association (late Australian Flying Corps Association) was held recently at the Air Force Rendezvous, National House, William Street, Perth. The principal guests were Air Commodore J. J. Brownell, Lieut.-Commander F. F. Anderson (Ret.), president of the ex-Naval Men's Association; W. W. Abbot, chairman of the R.A.A.F. Comforts Fund; Major Gillespie, representing Western Command; Dr. Gelle (French Consul), D. Joanies (Greek ex-Service Association), and Mr. A. Yeates, past president of the R.S.L., and several others. Mr. C. A. Hine (president of the Air Force Association) presided, and Mr. J. G. Paterson (past president) presided. The principal toast, the " Fighting Services of the Empire and her Allies." One hundred and forty members of the Association were present.

Sub-Branch Activities

**MOUNT MARSHALL**

The members turned out in force at Ben-cubbin for the October meeting. At a very happy gathering officials were elected as follows: for the ensuing year: President, Mr. W. H. Wright; and, of course, the energetic secretary, Vic Hamence was re-elected; treasurer, Mr. "Chips" Smallwood. Later the boys enjoyed song and dance and the cup that cheers. A few visitors from Koorana have contributed to the funds. The Mount Marshall sub-branch mean to make the ball on December 30 an outstanding success, and arrangements are well under way to that end.

**WEST LEEDEVILLE-WEMBLEY**

At the December meeting another high attendance was recorded. General satisfaction was expressed at the continued progress of this sub-branch. Membership is increasing. The funds are in a very satisfactory condition, and we have been able to make several contributions to the war effort. We congratulate our retiring president (Mr. C. A. H. Taylor) on his efforts and example set in the firm of Bolton's Limited. Bolton's are giving over £130 for the sub-branch during the past year for our prisoner of war fund. It is pleasing to know that our president will be in the chair for 1945, as no opposition was indicated when nominations were received for the position. Mr. George Newton, who will remain in harness in the role of secretary is genial George Newton. George has done an excellent job over many years, and will be assisted next year with a full-time treasurer, who has yet to be elected. Elections for other positions will be held at the first meeting in 1945, which will be on January 8.

We were pleased to welcome visitors from the Royal Navy in Messrs. Mawson and Clerk. New members were welcomed in Messrs. C. Anderson, our pigeon king, London, Clifton and Bridgen, and last, but not least, Nicholas, of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. Satisfactory progress reports were received on our annual smo and also a visit to the Manchester Unity Lodge in Poppy's Market, which held on November 25 proved a success, with the result that the sub-branch and the women's auxiliary each benefited to the extent of some £26. The sub-branch will assist in a part of the Xmas day's work and will pay a visit to Hollywood Hospital on Christmas Eve. The final report on Poppy Day was adopted, and the sub-branch can congratulate themselves on their effort. It seems to improve each year. The secretary reported on the V.D.O. and the 2/3rd which he adjudged as being an outstanding success. The sub-branch would like to thank those ladies who assisted us so nobly on the occasion of our annual smo, particularly Mrs. Kinsman and Mrs. McCulloch. It is hoped to see our old friend Jimmy Everett looking so fit again after that long bout of illness. Jim was recently able to take a trip to Bunbury, and naturally attended a meeting of the local sub-branch, and with, they say, most satisfactory results.

WILUNA

The president (Mr. Sweeten) presided over an attendance of 20 at the monthly meeting on November 12. Mr. Dobson was welcomed as a visitor, and an interesting motion was moved by Mr. Dobson in defence of the sub-branch by the Australian Comforts Fund in forwarding a large number of chairs and other furniture and sporting and games material. The meeting endorsed the secretary's letter to the government asking for help to the Commissioner of the A.C.F. The president reported that the sub-branch had invested £75 in the 2nd Victory Loan. The money was invested on behalf of the Disabled Soldiers' Fund. Much discussion concerned the appointment of Mr. Hume to the Rest Room. It was regretted that difficulties in rebuilding the floor, and in providing lighting and other facilities would prevent the acceptance of the offer of the loan of a billiard table by Mr. Des. Gee, of the Wiluna Hotel. Mr. Gee, however, the loan of a piano was gratefully accepted. Arrangements were made for a farewell social to Mrs. Philippon, of the women's auxilary, who is leaving the district. This function was held on November 18, in appreciation of her great work over many years.

RETURNED ARMY NURSES

At the annual meeting on December 7, the following office-bearers were elected—President, Miss Clifton; vice-presidents, Mrs. Tressider and Miss Dunn; treasurer, Miss Ashton; secretary, Mrs. Langley; committee, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Biddle, Miss Downes and Miss England; patriotic committee, Miss G. Brown, Mrs. Graham Brown, Miss Gibbins, Miss Dunn, Mrs. Gibbs and Miss Jeffrey. The patriotic committee has made the following donations: Mission to Seamen, £21/15/4; P.O.W. Fund, £10/14/5; Australian Comforts Fund, £15/4; Red Cross Fund, £12/13/9. Total, £51/8/5.

VICTORIA PARK

The November monthly meeting with President Alf Nicholls in the chair, was very well attended, and many new members were among the gathering. Guest visitor was Mr. Craig, of the State Executive. Mr. Craig spoke of the function of the State Executive, preference and rehabilitation and items of general interest. This was the first visit of Mr. Craig, who was one of the 2nd A.I.P. Diggers to be elected to the Executive at the last congress. Our financial position is sound, and plans for the extension of our hall are soon to be drawn up. Poppy Day was the usual success, and the hon. secretary (Ray Brown) wishes to thank all those members and the women's auxiliary for making 1944 equal to other years. The popular girl competition comes to a finale on Tuesday, December 19. A nice cheque should be handed over to our State P.O.W. fund as a result. Members are reminded that Crowns for 1945 are available, and the hon. secretary is open for receipt of subs. for the ensuing year. During the month the sub-branch was responsible for calling a meeting of local organisations with a view to the formation of a Victoria Park of the greatest possible support. The impetus was given by civic authorities, namely, the sanitary site adjacent to the Kent Street School. A delegation, resulting from the meeting, awaited on Dr. Park, Commissioner of Health, who sympathetically heard our case and promised to try and accede to the delegation's demands.

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MOSMAN PARK

Our meeting held on November 30 was fairly well attended. A gratifying report was made by the Poppy Day appeal committee indicating that all poppies on hand had been disposed of, and expressing the opinion that a further 1,500 could have been sold had they been available. A hearty vote of thanks was passed for the splendid effort put forward. Various matters dealt with during the evening produced much animated discussion, and it was refreshing to hear the younger members expressing themselves so vigorously. A motion for the formation of a young people's club was postponed indefinitely. Members expressed the opinion that there was still a lot of work to be done completing our own organisation before we embarked on new enterprises. Pressure of work made it necessary for Bill Slothard to relinquish his job as social secretary. Dave Baxter assumes that responsibility, and we all feel that Dave can be depended upon to produce the same fine results as resulted from the efforts of his predecessors. Ladies of the auxiliary expressed displeasure at a reference to the late arrival of their annual figures appearing these notes of October, in consequence of which this scribble was reprinted. The ladies are assured that the mention was only intended as a friendly tip, and not in the nature of adverse criticism. Keith Woods, our elected secretary, was present at the meeting and by the time these notes appear will probably be at sea again on R.A.N. duty. The best wishes of all members accompanies him wherever he may be.

At our meeting to be held on Thursday, December 14, details will be arranged for our forthcoming Christmas visit to Hollywood Hospital. Time is telling on some of our older members. The latest to come under notice are Frank Harrison and Billy Weeks. Bill had the misfortune to lose some of his fingers whilst at work. Ted Lewis is about again and looking well.

MT LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

A number of new members were welcomed at the December meeting, but the attendance was not as large as usual. If only members would realise that meetings nowadays have regained some of the interest of olden days before they would attend. The gradual infusion of young blood is having a very livening effect. The main business discussed was Anzac Club, considerable dissatisfaction being expressed not only with the present administration but also with the organisation. A month from now the previous letters from the sub-branch had been treated. It is hoped that the further representations will have more satisfactory results, as members do not intend to let the matter drop. After the general business, a bomb was dropped into the meeting when Olly Williams' resignation as president was read. The wait —it was more than a pause—before any member moved that his resignation be accepted was a wonderful silent compliment to him and the work he has done for the sub-branch. But he was definite this time, and members had no option but to elect a new president, and when the votes were counted the poll was headed by Roy Alexander, of the 2nd A.I.P. Good luck to you, Roy.

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The November meeting was again well attended, and it was pleasing to see many new faces, particularly as our new members are taking a keen interest in sub-branch affairs. Twenty-seven new members were enrolled, making a total of 65 during the past three months, and bringing membership up to 418. Th president (Cliff Sadler, V.C.) reported on the month's activities, which included the entertainment of troops on Sunday afternoon and evening at the Anzac House, in conjunction with the women's auxiliary. There was a good roll-up of committee men to help the ladies and a very enjoyable evening was spent by the troops. During the month, members were entertained at a dart tournament by the Returned and District Association at their Colin Street hostel. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and our sports master was pleased with the excellent roll-up. The M. and L. boys finished in front. Arrangements are being made for Christmas hospital visits, and for a visit to Hollywood as usual in force during the festive season. Other entertainments include a children's party on December 16 and a ball in the evening. The building fund should benefit greatly by the effort. As the date of the December meeting falls on the 27th, the sub-branch will now go into recess for this month, but there will be a social meeting on Wednesday, December 20, for the usual "Christmas Cheer."
and a visit is thoroughly appreciated. All spoke well of the care that is being afforded them during their enforced idleness. The annual reunion was well attended. Approximately 500 members took their seats. The beer supply and entrees were sufficient to meet the demand. Actually, it was a great feat of organisation by secretary Alf Doyst. The guests included the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) and representatives of the fighting services. Mr. Johnny Walker was presented with a pedestal in token of the faithful and accurate work as treasurer of the sub-branch. As the president (Mr. E. J. Tomlin) mentioned, we couldn't give Johnny enough to compensate for the sterling work he performs. The Kookaburra Concert Party gave a wonderful hours' entertainment and the talent was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Twenty-six new members were enrolled at the November meeting. Mr. Wheeler presented 46 from the mechanical branch of the Fremantle Harbour Trust for the P.O.W. fund. This is only one of many donations by these patriotic chappies. Members are reminded that the next monthly meeting is to be held on December 18 instead of the usual date.

SHENTON PARK

The last general meeting for this year was held on Wednesday, December 6. There was a good attendance of members and the evening's business was concluded with games and refreshments, arranged by the treasurer-secretary, Ernie Bishop. Poppy Day sale return showed a very fair result, very nearly the same as 1943. It was decided to skip the usual monthly meeting in January and meet on the first Wednesday in February; all members are advised that it is our turn to visit Hollywood Hospital on Monday, January 21. Reading matter was much appreciated. Time: 10 a.m. sharp. The question of the tobacco ration for the discharged members of the forces was brought up, and as there seems to be much uncertainty on the matter, it was decided to refer it to the State Executive for their attention. The January meeting will include nomination and election of officers; also subs, due. The sub-branch members tender their sincerest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lechmere, of Nicholson Road, on the reported loss of their son on active service. Harry Bolton has been discharged from Repat. Hospital and we wish him better health for the future.

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FIRE MARINE ACCIDENT

BOYANUP JUNCTION

On December 6 the local sub-branch held a special meeting. There were four new members, Frank Carthew, Glen Reilly, Eric Smith and Cyril Triggwell, all of this war. Our president (Mr. A. M. Bryce) congratulated them on their safe return and welcomed them. The young men returned thanks, and at the festive board which followed also related stories of their thrilling experiences while on active service. At this meeting, it was agreed to ask the authorities to prepare a better street route on either side of the bitumen roads in these parts. In addition to heavy timbered laterals, there are many other dangerous obstructions as well, a menace to stockmen and their charge. Motorists, too, would welcome the change. It was also agreed that certain soldiers' memorial trees at this centre be pruned into shape. Our annual general meeting takes place on January 9.

GERALDTON

Charlie Luff is on the sick list and is at present an inmate of the Victoria District Hospital, and all members will join in wishing this live wire member of the sub-branch a speedy recovery. The annual R.S.L. ball took place at the Geraldton Town Hall on November 19 and was a great success, and unstinted praise is due to all who assisted in this important social event. A darts tournament at Nabawa recently was won by a Nabawa team with the R.A.A.F. team as runners-up. Both teams very generously donated their prize money back to the P.O.W. fund, which gained a useful sum. Thanks are due to Mr. Roberts, Miss. Harvey, owners of the Nabawa Hotel, and to Messrs. Vai Brown and Pomeroy, who have joined the sub-branch for their efforts in this tournament. At the November committee meeting it was decided to forego the December committee meeting, as it was due to fall on Christmas Day. The annual, general meeting will be held in January. The Saturday evening games at Birdwood House are still going well and bringing in quite handy profits to the sub-branch and the women's auxiliary, but it would be appreciated if more members of both the above organisations patronised these evenings.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The December meeting was held on 7th at Wembley Hall, 61 members being present. The usual two-minutes' silence for fallen comrades was followed by a further two minutes in memory of the late fellow member, Jim Whittaker, whose passing took place during the month. Thirteen new members were admitted, together with five transfers from other sub-branches. Vice-president Owen introduced Mr. Fred Bateson, of the State Executive, who was attending on an official visit. This well-known official spoke at length on Executive matters, particularly those relating to ex-servicemen in hospitals. He is also a strong supporter of the sub-branch's desire for a home for aged ex-servicemen. The following were elected to office for 1945: President, Cliff Lambe; vice-presidents, W. Fisher, G. Owen; secretary, W. Reed; assistant secretary, J. Blake; minute secretary, T. Scott. The sub-branch also welcomed a visitor from Kalgooorie, Mr. G. Wilson. The meeting closed with musical honours to the Shaw Brothers, six in all, who have joined the sub-branch, and in particular to the youngest, Sid, recently returned P.O.W.
CALINGIRI

The State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) and Mr. L. Thorn, M.L.A., were the guests of honour at the reunion on November 25. The toast of the State President and the Executive was proposed by the sub-branch president, Mr. Trumman. In response, Mr. Anderson outlined the proceedings of the recent Federal Congress. Mr. Shedden proposed the toast of the visiting sub-branches. Mr. Burbridge (Toodyay) responded. Mr. D. K. Fowdham proposed the toast of the invited guest. Bob McGill, who is on final leave after four weary years of training, was wished good luck and a safe return. Another of the invited guests was Mr. Rogers, a discharged soldier of the present war, who represented the local road board. Messrs. McGill and Rogers responded.

The toast of the Calingiri Branch was proposed by Mr. L. Thorn, M.L.A., and replied to by Mr. J. McGill. In proposing the toast of the Press, Mr. C. Martin said that the Press always gave the League a fair deal and brought the views of the R.S.L. well before the public. Mr. Harrison replied. At the conclusion of the evening, the State President answered a number of questions. The toast of the ladies was proposed by Mr. Trumman. In seconding the toast, Mr. Shedden hoped for the formation of an auxiliary.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

November meetings were well attended by both old and new members. At the meeting on November 30, the president (Barney Keeley) had the pleasure of giving the secretary (Cuth. Richardsoo) a welcome home after his tour of the country on business. Cuth. thanked Tom Campbell, Edgar Logan and Bill Rowles for the way the business of the sub-branch was carried on, and the acting sports director (Roy Peterson) for the work he put in running games, during the absence. During the early part of November, members were very keen in making Poppy Day a success. Members of the auxiliary attended a sub-branch meeting and spoke about making a record sale. To the credit of everyone concerned, a new record was established. Among those to whom special credit is due are Len Vivian and Mrs. Shepherd. Another pleasing November function was the ladies' night arranged by the social committee. There was a big attendance. Bill Kay did a good job as compere. Les Longbottom was a happy winner of the Weetie competition. The hat race resulted in a dead-heat by those rivals, R. Thomasson and E. Hinchcliffe. The Kookaburra Concert Party, L. Gordon with his xylophone and the orchestra which played for the dances, all contributed to a most enjoyable evening. Nominations for next year's office-bearers close on January 11, and the annual meeting will be held on January 25.

BUNBURY

In spite of the public holiday, 34 members attended the November general meeting. Those present included an appreciable number of the younger returned men. A welcome was extended to Mr. Bert Chambers, president of the Waroona Sub-branch, who was appointed by congress to be the South-West member of the Land and Marketing Committee, and to Mr. J. S. Everett, of the West Leederville-Wembley Sub-branch. Members of the women's auxiliary established a new record by selling 1,500 tokens on Poppy Day. They invited members of the sub-branch to attend a Christmas party on December 9. The thanks of the sub-branch are again extended to Mr. Geoff Shuard for his services as 'bugler' on Armistice Day. Supper and a spirited debate, in which the debaters were Messrs. H. Sherry, Harry Ryall, J. Elsom, Vin. Cooper, John Moore and Wm. Roach, concluded a most enjoyable and interesting meeting. With the appointment of Mr. H. Sherry to the amalgamation committee, Messrs. Lea. Freeman was elected to fill the vacancy on the local executive.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

Proposing the toast of the sub-branch at the recent annual reunion, the State Secretary (Mr. Benson) stated that, just 11 years ago, he attended a Sunday morning meeting of the sub-branch. There were then seven members, six of whom were present. The sub-branch had no money and no assets at the time. This year's annual report and financial statement showed that the sub-branch is now in a flourishing financial position. Last year, business dealings entailed a total of £1,242, and the manner in which every financial transaction had been recorded was a credit to the sub-branch and its treasurer (Mr. J. Walker). There were about 600 present at the reunion, which was held in the Fremantle Town Hall, and a first-class programme was presented by an Army concert party.

MOORA

Colonel Nicholson presided over a good attendance at the annual general meeting on November 11. The president's report and the financial statement disclosed a satisfactory position. It was decided to adopt two British war orphans, in support of a scheme for helping war orphans in Allied countries. It had been brought to the notice of the sub-branch that a farm, which belonged to the Agricultural Bank, and was previously

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YEALERING

The thirteenth annual meeting was well attended, about 25 members being present. It was unanimously decided that "Bill" Honeymay should occupy the presidential chair for another twelve months, and Wally Dawes, a vigorous champion of the returned men of both wars, was elected secretary. Both officials saluted with the 28th Bn. Arthur Kelly, as auditor, will keep a watchful eye on the balance sheet. During the evening Mr. Lindsay moved that the Education Department be approached with the object of providing better educational facilities for school children of the present day. Sub-branch members think it is about time the Government woke up and tried to bring things up to date, instead of being content with the same old school, the same old training and the same old red tape. The public of the district have been long suffering, but it is thought that in future they will come to look forward instead of backward.

NANNUP-JARRAWOOD

The monthly meeting on November 21st was held at the residence of the president, Mr. Frank Baderick. There was a good meeting of Nannup members, and a hearty welcome was given to members from Jarrahw ood. By a happy thought of the chairman, representatives of the sub-branch and the auxiliary were called together, and companionship predominated. The business of the sub-branch was in order, and instructive. The State President's Newsletter (No. 7) and Circular 8/44 were read with interest. An appeal has been given for a sub-branch memorial site, and the building fund has been raised. Mr. Fred Pearson successfully moved the following resolution: "That this sub-branch determine the State Executive to introduce a more comprehensive official organ "The Listening Post," and to expedite sufficient means to place its publication on a sound and satisfactory footing." The next meeting will be held at Jarrahwood in a month's time. The secretary, Mr. Longbottom, has reported a hundred per cent financial membership.

ALBANY

Before the meeting on December 1 opened the president introduced Mrs. E. Muir, who made a donation to the sub-branch Amelioration Fund. Mrs. Muir spoke of the work of the spinning circle which worked after the last war to assist the families of returned men. Mrs. Muir said she had conferred with the remaining two members of the circle and they had agreed to take over the balance of their funds, £11/16/11 in all, to the sub-branch Amelioration Fund. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Muir and the other two members of the spinning circle. In regard to the wheelchair lent by Mr. Lawson, the past president reported that Mr. Lawson had donated the chair to the sub-branch for the use of members as required. It was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the sub-branch be conveyed to Mr. Lawson. A letter was received from the secretary of the Textile Workers' Union, forwarding a donation of two guineas to the sub-branch Amelioration Fund. Membership reports also showed that 118 new members were enrolled during the month. A letter from Captain Parry was read, conveying greetings and showing that he is still as interested in the sub-branch as ever. All stickers and poppies were sold on Poppy Day. It was unanimously resolved that Mrs. P. Handley be thanked for organising the sales, and that she be asked to convey the thanks of the sub-branch to her helpers. It was decided to continue the present monthly tenancy of the Institute. A recent Press report that certain amounts were allotted to the State Branch for employment purposes was discussed, and it was resolved that the State Secretary be asked how the grant was to be distributed, and what amount would be available for Country branches in case of need. Congratulations were extended to Mr. A. H. Richardson on his promotion to the rank of Major. Many glowing tributes were paid to his work for the V.D.C. since its inception. Mr. S. Howells was congratulated on his election to the State Council. He is the first returned man to be returned to the Council for many years.

Women's Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

A meeting of the State Executive of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary was held on November 20, 16 members being present. Mrs. Mc Kinlay (State President) presided, and the business of the meeting was discussed. Mrs. Howells for all Diggers in various homes or hospitals. Gifts will be taken to the inmates by members of the executive on behalf of those auxiliaries who have sent money for this purpose. The luncheon also will be arranged at Anzac House on December 20 for convalescent service men and women from military hospitals, this function being made possible by a donation from Southern Cross Auxiliary.

Armistice Day has come and gone, once again leaving behind a splendid record of service by members of auxiliaries, who devoted their time to the sale of poppies, and associated with this day is the luncheon given by the State Executive R.S.E. for service personnel from military hospitals, the catering for which was in the hands of executive members.
The Anzac Buffet held each Sunday in Anzac House still maintains its popularity, and metropolitan auxiliaries have done excellent work in catering for the needs of the boys.

An innovation since conference has been the weekly broadcast every Tuesday afternoon at 3.15 p.m., by courtesy of Station 6IX. These commenced on October 10, the initial one being given by Mrs. McKinlay; others by members of the executive in turn.

The allocation of districts has been arranged by the president, and secretaries will be notified in due course the name of their representative whom they may contact by writing to Anzac House. A letter received by its representative from a country sub-branch expressing their thanks for service rendered was read at the meeting, and members expressed their appreciation of this fine gesture.

The State President visited Pingelly in October, and with the State Secretary attended North Perth birthday party, Nedlands Lemnos Day, Subiaco birthday party, Bayswater social to Naval personnel and the meeting of the Girls Club.

Christmas greetings are extended by the president and all members of the executive to all auxiliary members, both near and far, and coupled with these greetings are our sincere wishes that the coming year will bring peace to our land and happiness to you all.

F.U.S.W.

The Christmas party was held at Anzac House, where Mrs. H. Dean presided over a large gathering. Commander Miers, V.C., D.S.O., and Bar, of R.N., was the speaker. Mrs. T. C. Wilson thanked the Commander for his interesting address. Miss Ida Geddes arranged a musical programme. Mrs. E. Jones thanked Miss Geddes for her lovely afternoon of music and song. The children's party is to be held at Anzac House on December 21 at 2 p.m. Parents are asked to send in names of children wishing to attend. The Scarborough shop is now open and workers are urgently required.

BULLSBROOK AND DISTRICTS

The final meeting of the year was held on December 2. It was followed by a social evening in the form of a birthday party to mark the ninth anniversary of the formation of the auxiliary. Musical items and dancing made up the programme. A doll, donated by Miss J. Scott, and dressed by Miss B. Pickett, and a pair of slippers made and given by Mrs. Cunningham, were disposed of during the evening. They brought in £7/12/-, which will be invested in War Savings Certificates. Sausage rolls were made and donated by Mrs. Derby. The birthday cake was made and iced by Mrs. Cunningham. As the cake was being cut, appropriate tunes were played by the pianist, Mrs. H. Tucker. The auxiliary has gone into recess until February.

VICTORIA PARK

The November meeting presided over by Mrs. Hodgkiss was well attended. Arrangements were made for dispensing Christmas Cheer to hospital patients and other deserving causes. The candidates for the popular girl contest in aid of the P.O.W. (Miss Hannah Colley and Miss Sylvia Hodgson) are still working hard. The contest will be decided at a social evening to be held at the R.S.L. Hall, Salford Street, Victoria Park, on December 19, at 8 p.m. Miss Farley, the Munition's girl candidate, is also competing. Cakes, lollies and literature were distributed by the auxiliary during the month. The Paddy's Market held on November 30, in the hall at Salford Street, was a great success. The president (Mrs. Hodgkiss) thanked all concerned for the good work put into the effort. The auxiliary will go into recess until the fourth Friday in February, and sends greetings to all other auxiliaries.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

The president (Mrs. Richardson) presided over good meetings during the month. A Paddy's market on November 22 raised £20 for the funds. The popular baby competition was finalised at the last meeting. This brought in more than £39. The three finalists were (1) Donald Charles, (2) Brian Payoda, (3) Terry Longbottom. The regular monthly visits were paid to Sunset, Glen-dalough and the Repatriation Ward. Members took their turn in staffing the canteen at Anzac House. Record poppy sales were established this year. The auxiliary's veteran selloet, Mrs. Shepherd, sold £18 worth. Monthly bridge is still played in the R.S.L. Hall.

NANNUP-JARRAHWOOD

The newly-formed auxiliary is functioning well. The following are the office-bearers: President, Mrs. L. McNcoss; vice-president, Mrs. E. Longbottom; secretary, Mrs. K. Stallard; treasurer, Mrs. H. Harrison; social secretary, Miss D. Dunnett; committee, Mesdames Blythe, Donovan, W. Dunnett, Mowday and Widdison. The ladies have finalised their arrangements to provide Christmas cakes, lollies and literature to every member of the services from the district, to the value of 7/- each. A donation of three guineas has been made to the Christmas Cheer Fund, under the direction of the auxiliary State President (Mrs. McKinlay). The Merchant Navy got a direct hit in the form of a cheque for £4. The Archer has been asked to handle this with care, as it is also one from the ladies of the Nannup auxiliary.
### ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

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<td>RAAF Rendezvous, National House, William St., Perth</td>
<td>4th Thursday each month</td>
<td>C. A. Hine, Howard Hill (off Howard Hill's Tea, Perth)</td>
<td>A. Harris, c/o Foot's Garage, Stratford Street, Leederville</td>
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<td>ARMY COMRADES' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>First Saturday each month</td>
<td>Jack Kenny, 138 Sixth Avenue, Ingoldwood</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 32 Coldstream St., Leederville</td>
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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Annual Reunion</td>
<td>December</td>
<td>M. W. Cragg, 79 St. Leopold's Avenue, Leederville</td>
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<td>EX-MACHINE GUNNERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Gregson's, 32 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>Friday before Anzac Day, 2nd Friday in October</td>
<td>Mr. Andrew Glass, Main St., Osborne Park</td>
<td>E. D. Rogers, 65 Fairfield St., Mt Hawthorn</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES UNIT ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Rodington, 5th Floor, Golden Buildings, Perth</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>Dr. C. H. M. Johnson, Chairman, A. D. Hood, 39 Tote St., West Leederville</td>
<td>E. J. Massey, 41 Harvey St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>44th ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>W. L. Wilmot, 66 Barrack St., Perth</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruislip St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>16th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>3rd Monday</td>
<td>H. J. Edwards, 37 Hamilton Street, Baywater</td>
<td>J. Rutherford, 5 Elizabeth Street, North Perth</td>
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<td>26th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Nearest Saturday, July 19</td>
<td>R. A. Geddes, c/o Millers' Timber 6 &amp; Trading Co., St. George's Terrace, Perth</td>
<td>A. Cook, 168 Railway Terrace, Maryland</td>
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<td>32nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>E. O. Davies, 77 Mobel St., North Perth</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Moosham House, corner Hay and King Streets</td>
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<td>PARTIALLY BLIND SOLIDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Room 53, 5th Floor Gledden Buildings, Perth</td>
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<td>Morris Nelson, Colpitta, Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>SOUTH WESTERN IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>I. F. Davies, 27 Dunbar Rd, Claremont</td>
<td>E. S. Pearson, Atlas Building, Perth, Telephone WM312</td>
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<td>TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>ARMADALE</td>
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<td>Spencer Gwynne</td>
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<td>BASSENDEN</td>
<td>Town Hall – Lesser Hall</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday (penancy days), 7.30 p.m.</td>
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<td>BAYSWATER</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>1st Saturday in each quarter, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>Bidford Memorial Hall</td>
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KELMSJOE-ROLEYSTONE | Kelmscott every third month | 2nd Monday in each month | G. Martin, Kelmscott | W. Hart, Roleystone
KOORDA | Koorda | Quarterly (committee first Friday) | Chas H. Smith, Koorda | W. H. Moore, P.O. Box 11, Koorda
KUKERIN | Kukerin Hotel | Last Monday of the month | D. Hamilton, Kukerin | C. E. Davidson, Kukerin
KULINA-MOLLERIN | Alternate Kulina, Mollerin RSL Institute | Alternate Thursday, 7.30 p.m. | F. Hodgson, Kulina | T. Richardson, Mollerin
KULIN | Kulinn Road | First Wednesday in month at 8 p.m. | H. H. Pelham, Lake Grace | N. W. Arnebrecht, Lake Grace via Newdegate
LAKES DISTRICT | Lake Grace Road | 2nd Thursday each month | Geo. A. E. Major, Manjimup | J. E. Shearer, Boddington
RAINHAM | RSL Hall, Rainham | 1st Sunday in month, 8 p.m. | E. G. V. Fisher, Rainham | A. Cook, 168 Railway Terrace, Maylands
MANJIMUP | Manjimup Road | 1st Tuesday in month | J. C. Scarlett, Manjimup | A. E. Mayo, P.O. Box 72, Manjimup
MARRADONG-BODDINGTON | Boddington Road | First Wednesday in month at 8 p.m. | L. N. Kuhl, Boddington | J. Wray, Boddington
MAYLANDS | Peel Street, Town Hall, Maylands | 2nd Saturday, 7.30 p.m. | H. H. Pelham, Lake Grace | R. G. Flight, Northam
MECKERING-CUNDERIN | Central Hotel, Cunderdin Hotel, alternatively | Alternate Thursday, 7.30 p.m. (pension week) | F. R. Neilsen, Cunderdin | T. J. Touchell
MIDLAND JUNCTION | Railroad Hall, Midland Junction | 1st Tuesday in month | G. H. Ashworth, Bond St., Mosman Park | J. H. Wylie, Bond St.
MOLESKIN | Moleskin Road | Last Saturday, 8 p.m. | A. H. Wilson, Narrogin | P. G. O'Mara, 18 Northwood Street, Narrogin
MORRIS PARK | Kids Mill Road, Morris Park | 2nd Monday in each month | R. W. Wilson, 32 Archdeacon St., Nedlands | J. A. Jeffery, 6 Thomas Street, Nedlands.
MOORA | Moora Avenue, Moora | 2nd Thursday each month | G. W. Caldwell, Newdegate | Phone W 11977
MOORABING | Moorabing Road | 1st Thursday in month | E. J. Tomlin, 36 Windsor Rd., East Fremantle, Phone L1184 | J. H. Kane, Newdegate
MOUNT SAINT BERNARD | RSL Hall, Mount Saint Bernard | 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m. | J. McPhail, Mount Saint Bernard | E. G. E. Curletts, 145 Fitzgerald St., Northam, Phone 63
MOUNT PERTH | Perth Road, Mount Perth | 2nd Saturday, 7.30 p.m. | H. G. Ashworth, Bond St., Mosman Park | A. R. Broadwick, 125 Gosnerven Rd., North Perth, Phone 174
MOORANG | Moorang Road, Moorang | Alternate Thursday (pension week), 7.45 p.m. | W. R. Alexander, 11 Sexton Road, Maylands | S. Goodchild, Moorang
MOUNT ELIZABETH | Mount Elizabeth Road | 1st Wednesday in month | T. J. Touchell | G. E. McCann, Darlington
MOUNT PERTH | Mount Perth Road | Executive meetings, 1st Monday each month; Branch meetings, Quarterly by notice | A. H. Wilson, Narrogin | J. K. Jeffery, 6 Thomas Street, Nedlands.
MOUNT PERTH | Mount Perth Road | 2nd Tuesday in each month | G. S. R. Williams, South Fremantle | Phone W 1184
NARROWAY | Narrawa Road | 2nd Tuesday in each month | G. H. B. Smith, Narrawa | J. J. Woodward, Narrawa
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NEWEDEGA | Newdegate | 1st Saturday in month | A. E. Desouza, 66 Street, Newdegate | Phone W 11977
NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE | Railway Hotel, East Fremantle | 1st Wednesday in month at 8 p.m. | J. H. Wylie, East Fremantle | J. W. D. Borthwick, 32 Archdeacon St., Nedlands.
NORTHAM | Northam Memorial Hall, Oxford Street, Northam, Northam | 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. | H. G. Ashworth, Bond St., Mosman Park | A. R. Broadwick, 125 Gosnerven Rd., North Perth, Phone 174
OSBORNE PARK | Osborne Park | 2nd Wednesday each month | W. R. Alexander, 11 Sexton Road, Maylands | S. Goodchild, Osborne Park
PERTH | Perth Road | Wednesday of Soldiers' Pension Week | T. J. Touchell | G. E. McCann, Darlington
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PRESS | At Luncheon, YMCA, Murray Street | 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | C. Sexton, 13 James Street, Narrowa
PITHARA | Pithara Road | 3rd Sunday, 3 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
PUBLIC SERVICE | Swinburne Street, Public Service | 3rd Tuesday, 3 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
QUIRAIDING-DANGIN | Quairading Hall and Dangin Hall | 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
SAFETY BAY | Safety Bay Hotel | 2nd Friday, 8 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
SHANTON PARK | Shenton Park | 2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
SHACKLETON-KWULIN | Shackleton Hotel, Kwoolin | 2nd Monday, 7.45 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
SOUTHERN CROSS | South Perth | When called | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
SOUTH PERTH | South Perth Road | 1st Saturday in every third month from June, 1946, at 8.15 a.m. | J. E. C. Beach, School House Road, Southern Cross | Phone W 11977
SUBIACO | Subiaco Road | 1st Sunday each month at 10.30 a.m. | A. H. Bader, 100 Douglas Avenue, South Perth | S. S. W. Smith, 205 Saltern St., Subiaco
SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT | Swan View Progress Hall | 1st Monday each month at 8 p.m. | J. E. C. Beach, School House Road, Southern Cross | Phone W 11977
TRAYNING-YELENI | Trayning Hotel, Yeletina | 1st Sunday in month | A. H. Bader, 100 Douglas Avenue, South Perth | S. S. W. Smith, 205 Saltern St., Subiaco
VICTORIA PARK | Victoria Park Road | Every 4th Sunday | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
WEST LEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY | Wembley Hotel, Wembley | 2nd Saturday, 6 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
WUBIN | Wubin Road | 2nd Saturday, 6 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
WYALKATEM | Wyalack Road | 2nd Saturday, 6 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
YARROON, HAMEL | Yarrunga Hotel | 2nd Saturday, 6 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
WILUNA | Wiluna Hotel | 2nd Saturday, 6 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
YARLOP | Yarlop Hotel | 2nd Saturday, 6 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
YELLEERING | Yelleting Hotel | 2nd Saturday, 6 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
TOORINE | Croydon Hotel | 2nd Saturday, 6 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell
YORK | York Hotel | 2nd Saturday, 6 p.m. | T. J. Touchell | T. J. Touchell