THE ALLIED INVASION BEGINS

As day succeeds day, events follow events with breath-taking rapidity, finding their culmination in the news that bursts upon an expectant world of the great landing of the Allied forces on the coast of Normandy. The invasion, as a host of commentators have pointed out, marks the beginning of the final phase of the war in Europe, the gradual constriction and the ultimate choking of the Nazi monster, and the liberation of the unfortunate countries whose peoples have groaned so long in the fell clutch of the most ruthless despotism that ever plunged a world into suffering and chaos. Successes in Italy, those blows at "the soft under-belly of the Axis," the sweeping victories of our Russian Allies, and the torrents of death and destruction rained from the air upon the enemy's production centres in Western Europe, severe blows though they have been, were not sufficient in themselves to end the war the way we want it to end. Each and every one of these events has been of great importance in itself, but the mighty blow struck on the beaches of Normandy is a fitting climax to all that had gone before. It proves that the Allies are now strong enough to take the initiative in what is, perhaps, the decisive point of the war.

Here again, the Allies have returned to the amphibious strategy of the wars of the eighteenth century, during which Britain acquired so much of her overseas Empire. The landing on Gallipoli, in the last war, was an effort to revive this strategy. The landings on the coast of North Africa, on Sicily, and on the Italian mainland, in the present war, might have been full dress rehearsals for the landings in France. They have transcended any similar operations of previous wars because of the addition of a third fighting service and the overhead protection provided by that service. The difficulty of the task confronting the Allies may be judged by the fact that, although France has often been invaded through her land frontiers, this month's invasion is the first successful invasion by sea since the days of the Plantagenets and the Tudors. One naval and military attack on Brest, in the reign of William III, ended in disaster. During the earlier part of the Seven Years' War, in 1758, three combined expeditions were sent against that part of France which is the scene of the present invasion. They were, however, more like what we should now call commando raids than actual invasions. The first, in the June of that year, is of interest if only for the names of the leaders. The two naval squadrons which took part were commanded by those distinguished Admirals, Anson and Hawke, while the land forces were commanded by Lieut.-General, the Duke of Marlborough, grandson of the victor of Blenheim and Ramillies, and direct ancestor of Mr. Winston Churchill. St. Malo, the objective of the attack, was not captured, but eight ships with 204 guns, 14 merchant ships and many smaller craft were sunk in the harbour, and £800,000 worth of property was destroyed for the loss of 12 men who were killed by a random cannon-ball fired from the Castle of St. Malo. Two months later another expedition destroyed Cherbourg, on whose fortifications and harbour Louis XIV had spent £1,200,000. A third expedition, during the next month, ended in the destruction of most of the land forces before they could be re-embarked.

Naturally, one is thrilled by stories of the valour of the men of all three services, who have taken part in the invasion. Naturally, too, one is buoyed up by hope and elated by the reports of the initial success. In calmer mood, however, one must wonder at the tremendous work of organisation and preparation that was needed to launch the mightiest invasion force put into action in any war. One of the greatest problems to be overcome, we are told, was that many different groups of vessels did not steam at the same speed. Most of the harbour mouths they had to leave were narrow, so that they had to leave in long procession, whereas their arrival on the farther shore must be in groups. Many of them had to arrive simultaneously. Most intensive training had to take place before this difficulty could be overcome. Another naval task was the protection of the many groups from the perils of the crossing. The job of the Air Force had similarly to be worked out and executed. Behind all this were the months of preparation, the stupendous task of working out details of supply and transport, of equipment and armament, and the safeguarding of a multitude of secrets, while even a slight leakage in any one quarter might have given away the whole plan.

As events have proved, the enemy knew the invasion was to take place. He could gather that merely by putting himself in his opponent's place. As for the rest, he knew neither when nor where and, to use a term made current by our American Allies, he was outfoxed. He was also out-maneuvered and out-fought.
We Fight for Preference

In his newsletter to sub-branches, dated June 1, the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) pointed out that we are not likely to achieve the degree of preference for returned service men unless we put up a hard fight for it. Mr. Anderson said: “My reactions to recent interviews with Dr. Coombs, the Director of Post-War Reconstruction, and Dr. P. Curtin, the Assistant Director of Post-War Reconstruction, were that we, as a League, and indeed every member, will have to fight hard for preference for our lads. The ‘jobs for all’ attitude is definitely going to leave our fighting men at the bottom of the ladder, and they will be starting from behind scratch against the man who stayed at home. This point was strongly represented to Dr. Coombs. I wrote my impressions to Sir Gilbert Dyett, and I know he is active in the matter. Last year, the League submitted a draft Bill on preference to the Prime Minister, and several inquiries have brought replies from him, stating that it is receiving consideration. If our men, who have been away on active ser-

vice for three or four years, are not given some extra consideration, then it will be gross ingratitude, and we should protest loudly.”

Those who were present at the reception which the State Executive accorded Dr. Coombs, can corroborate Mr. Anderson’s statement. In fact, many Executive delegates were left with the impression that Dr. Coombs had dismissed the representations made on behalf of preference in an airy and somewhat arbitrary manner. His attitude, which seems to be the official one, was that the Department of Post-War Reconstruction will bring about such a perfect world immediately the war is over that the preference we desire will not be needed. If that hope can be justified, there would appear to be something in the only real argument that has ever been brought against preference. Unfortunately, it would be wishful thinking of the woolliest kind if we were to accept the view that the millennium will dawn automatically when the bell goes the “Cease Fire.” Reconstruction and re-

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The annual “Anzac Eve” social, held at the Wembley Hall on April 24, was well attended, and all present spent a most enjoyable evening. The “dispenser-in-chief,” “Curly” Moore, was in good form, and was kept very busy during the intervals between vocal items and the ever-popular games of housey-housey. A cordial welcome was extended to visitors; also to a new member recently discharged from the 2/32nd Bn., who suitably responded. At the Anzac Day Dawn Ceremony the association was represented by Frank McKenzie, who laid a wreath on the War Memorial. In the absence of the president from the city, the general parade and march past at the Esplanade was led by the vice-president (Bill O’Shea) and Alf Trimble. There were 91 members on this parade. The Hon. Secretary (Jack Rutherford) enrolled ten new members on Anzac Day. All were lads from the 2/32nd Bn. The next association function will be the annual Reunion Dinner in July.

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habilitation plans are at best merely blueprints for the future. The social and economic perfection we desire can be attained only after we have passed through a long period of transition. The principle of preference is something more than the mere finding of jobs for retired men. It implies a recognition that these men, no matter how well they may be physically and mentally when they are discharged, will still be at a disadvantage in comparison with the man who has not been forced to lose some degree of his technical skill through his war service. This is not an admission, as some of the critics of preference blandly assert, that the returned soldier, sailor or airman is less efficient than he did not leave the home front. It is a demand that he be allowed to make up the technical leeway, without detriment to his professional or vocational prospects. In this respect, it is very significant that none of the opponents of preference have yet suggested that the principle of preference for unionists should likewise be scrapped on the airy assumption that there will be a Labour Government. Oh, no, that is a horse of another colour altogether.

The State President's remarks in his newsletter referred mainly to the official attitude, but it would be well for every member of this League to bear in mind that an organised campaign against preference has been organised by forces outside the League. It has manifested itself in two ways—one by letters to the newspapers, and the other by a sinister bit of fifth column work with the League, which has had the white-anting, or perhaps it would be more correct to say the red-anting of the preference plank, which is one of the most important planks of the League's policy. Members should be on their guard against, and should carefully scrutinise the bonafides and past history of individuals who come forward with motions suggesting that we should delete this important principle from our policy.

Calwell Cuts another Caper

It is a great pity some of Mr. Calwell's Ministerial colleagues do not take him on one side and impress upon him that discretion is the better part of indiscretion, for he has a most unfortunate knack of saying stupid things. At a luncheon in Melbourne on May 3 he had something to say about the reasons why men enlisted in the Second AIF. According to him, members of the AIF were forced to join up because of the stress of war he imposed. It would have been a stupid statement even from that elusive character the May in the Street; but when it comes from a presumably responsible Minister of the Crown, and especially the Minister in charge of the expensive Department of Information, it constitutes a very serious slur on the patriotism of thousands of men who left good jobs for service in the ranks on a private's pay. When the Victorian Branch of the League registered a dignified protest, Mr. Forde, as Acting Prime Minister, offered the lame apology that Mr. Calwell was referring only to the economic system which

causes employment, and was not reflecting on the patriotism of soldiers. Neither the original statement, nor the grudging apology reflects much credit on the intelligence of those who made them; and Melbourne newspapers did not hesitate to state this very emphatically. A strongly-worded protest from the Albany Sub-Branch was read at a recent meeting of the State Executive, and delegates were unanimous in agreeing with the protest. It is indeed a pity for Mr. Curtin that the less intellectual of his colleagues should pick a time when he is out of the country to give such glaring displays of tactlessness and bad taste.

Anzac House and Club

Reports presented on behalf of the Anzac House Committee and the Anzac Club Committee at the meeting of the State Executive on June 7 were received and adopted with a considerable amount of gratification. In regard to Anzac House, it was pointed out that meetings of the Sub-Branch has a most unfortunate bit of other colour altogether. It has manifested itself in two ways—one by letters to the newspapers, and the other by a sinister bit of fifth column work with the League, which has had the white-anting, or perhaps it would be more correct to say the red-anting of the preference plank, which is one of the most important planks of the League's policy. Members should be on their guard against, and should carefully scrutinise the bonafides and past history of individuals who come forward with motions suggesting that we should delete this important principle from our policy.

... The report of the Club Committee showed that patronage remained normal, and that certain items of repairs to furniture, which was damaged during the course of the war, had been provided for at a cost of £16. This amount was approved.

The report also recommended that £1000 be transferred from the Club Fund to the Anzac House Redemption Fund. It was intimated that, under the present administration of the Club and the House, the amount of £4500 had been paid to the Anzac House Redemption Account. There was a burst of applause when the State Secretary announced that, with the McNe ss Bonds maturing early next year, the mortgage on Anzac House would be discharged.

ARTILLERYMEN'S COMRADES ASSOCIATION

At the June meeting a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Wallington for his donation towards keeping the dust down at the Saturday night dance. Members are asked to remember Gunners' Day, August 6, and make this year's party a success. The smoker will be held on August 11, at the corner of Hay and Milligan Streets. Every member is asked to come along and bring a friend. Members are also reminded of the Saturday night dances in the Ballroom of Anzac House. These are run in conjunction with the Gloucester Park Sub-Branch, and the association's share of the proceeds goes to the scholarship fund.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

"W.A.," Osborne Park: Many thanks for your contributions, which are all appreciated, although we have not space to use them all. We do like humorous interludes, but there is so much official matter that an official organ is obliged to publish that in these days of severe newsprint rationing, there is little space to spare for matter in lighter vein, much as we would like to have it. Anyway, let us have the report of that New Guinea service, and we'll see what can be done.

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The sudden passing of Lt.-Colonel E. L. Margolin, DSO, on June 2 came as a great shock to his many friends. Shortly before his fatall collapse he appeared to be in excellent health. The last rites were observed at the Karakatta Crematorium on June 5, where Mr. E. S. Watt conducted the ceremony, which was organised by the RSL. A military funeral was granted. A large gathering was present, including many members of the old 16th Battalion, the RSL, the Masonic fraternity and the Jewish community, the Crematorium Chapel not being large enough to accommodate all who attended.

The sad, solemn ceremony was very impressive. Mr. A. H. Panton reverently laid a poppy wreath on the coffin on behalf of the League. Members of the State Executive and others placed poppies on the coffin. A silence was observed, followed by all repeating "Lest We Forget," Last Post and Reveille was played, the ceremony finishing with a verse of "Abide With Me.

At the meeting of the State Executive held on June 7 the State President (Mr. Jim Anderson) and others spoke feelingly of the passing of the Colonel, and it was decided that Mr. Watt's funeral address be printed in the "Listening Post."

In the course of the address, Mr. Watt said:

"O valiant heart who to your glory came Through dust of conflict and through battle flame,
Transquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved."

It is always with a sense of numbness and shock that we read or hear of the death of someone who has been well known and well thought of in the community. When the news concerns the passing of one who has been a fellow-worker and a comrade and personal friend for many years, our sense of personal and public loss is all the more acute. The promotion to a higher duty of our dear friend and revered comrade, Colonel Margolin, did, indeed, take something valuable out of the lives of most of us, and especially of those who had served with him in one of the most famous battalions of the AIF. The 16th Battalion and the men who wore the navy blue and white shoulder patch of that famous unit always filed a very big place in Colonel Margolin's heart. He was intensely proud of his battalion and of his fellow Diggers in that battalion.

It is no exaggeration to say that Colonel Margolin, with all his unassuming manner, was a very distinguished soldier and a very distinguished citizen. He was born in a land which has again stood up to the shocks of war, and hurled the enemy back to the starting point of his treacherous and unprovoked attack on a nation and people with whom he was at a pact of friendship. Colonel Margolin was a native of Southern Russia, and those who have seen him under fire do not wonder at the fiery courage and the doggedness with which the Russian armies have smashed back the Nazi hordes. When he came to this country he was faced with the obvious difficulties that confront a stranger in a strange land. It is a tribute both to his character and his ability that he overcame those difficulties and even turned them to advantage. He belonged to that illustrious band of people from overseas who have come to Australia and put more into our social life than ever it was possible for them to take out of it. He was not long in Australia before he was wearing the King's uniform. He formed the Collie Company of the W.A. Infantry Regiment in 1911, and was in command of it when inspected by Lord Kitchener. He could see approaching the war with Germany, and was preparing himself and others so that they could acquit themselves well when the storm burst.

In all his business dealings he was accepted by a high code of ethics. Our State was not only his residence—he made it his home. In all his acts, both public and private, and in his habitual outlook on men and affairs, he became and remained a true and loyal Australian. As such, he was one of the first to volunteer for active service in 1914. An original member of the Old 16th, he was with that famous battalion on Gallipoli from the Landing to the Evacuation. He was wounded three times, and promoted to the rank of major and decorated with the Distinguished Service Order. He went to France with his battalion. When he was invalided out of the AIF, he remained in London and paid for specialist's treatment out of his own pocket, until he was fit to bear arms again. There came a time when the British Government decided to form Jewish battalions of the Royal Fusiliers for service in Palestine as part of the British Army. Colonel Margolin readily accepted an offer of leadership, and with great skill and devotion he carried out his task, taking part in the final advance in September 1918 which defeated the enemy and forced Turkey out of the war. I have just been told by a gentleman who was a member of this force that 15,000 ex-service men of these Jewish battalions will learn with sorrow of the passing of their great leader.
other distinction which came to him was that of being appointed Governor of Jerusalem.

When the war was over, Colonel Margolin devoted all the time and energy he could to the welfare of his fellow service men. He had been a member of our League since 1919. He was founder and first president of the Nedslands Sub-Branch. For many years he has been a member of the State Executive. He was chairman of the League's Finance Committee for about 14 years, chairman of the Hospital Visiting Committees, RSL representative on the Board of Visitors to Lemnos Hospital and the League’s Representative to the Red Cross Society. He was also a founder member of the Perth Legacy Club whose duty is that of looking after the welfare of the children of deceased soldiers. Any one of these activities would take up much of a man’s spare time. Attending to them all was the life-work of a devoted enthusiast. Less than a week ago he was still active in the cause of a devoted enthusiast. The following day, Wednesday, a few hours before his fatal collapse, he was discussing with me matters concerning the welfare of the League.

One might truly say of Colonel Margolin that he had all the qualifications of Wordsworth’s happy warrior. He was a man of outstanding physical and moral courage. He never flinched in action, nor was he ever afraid to speak his mind when speaking was called for. He had that rare combination of the man of action, who is also a reader and thinker. With it all, he had that modesty and unfailing courtesy which does so befit a man of war. It was his loyalty to the country of his adoption, his regard for his friends, and his consideration for his fellow-man which made Colonel Margolin take such a deep and active interest in our League and its work, particularly in those aspects of League work which we call welfare work. He lived for others to a degree that is rarely achieved by even the most self-sacrificing man. His passing has left a wide gap in our ranks. It has left us all with a deep sense of personal loss; but the years can never dim the affection and respect in which we will ever hold him. We revere his memory.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his sorrowing widow and relations. He died as he wished—with his boots on. He has left the world the better for having passed through it. We mourn his loss.

Farewell, “Marry” old pal. We are going to miss you.

“Sleep well, heroic soul, in silence sleep. Layed in the circling arms of kindly death,”

No ill can vex your slumbers, no foul breath of slander, hate, derision, mar the deep

Repose that binds you close.”

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**SOUTH AFRICAN WAR PENSIONS**

A resolution carried by last year’s Federal Congress advocated an amendment to the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act, in regard to pensions for South African veterans. In reply to the League’s representation, the Minister for Repatriation (Mr. Frost) said that the responsibility for pensions for the South African War is a matter for the British Government. The Commonwealth Government has decided, however, to extend to members of Australian contingents in the South African War the service pension benefits. These include treatment and service pensions for ex-soldiers suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. Mr. Frost added: “I have given the matter careful consideration, but do not think any further amendment to the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act is justified.”

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**EX-IMPERIALS AND SERVICE PENSIONS**

The Minister for Repatriation (Mr. Frost) has replied to representations made by the League, in an endeavour to secure Service Pension benefits for Ex-Imperials. The Minister said: “The basic principle of the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act is to make provision for members of the Forces as defined in that Act, and, although I have given the resolution careful consideration, I do not think that the benefits of the Act, or parts thereof, should be extended to all the Imperial or other Dominion forces. I might point out that the Act provides for the extension of benefits to members of Imperial or Dominion forces who, immediately before enlistment, were domiciled in the Commonwealth.”

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**SOLDIERS AND LAND SETTLEMENT**

Some time ago the League approached the Minister for Lands, suggesting that there be no further alienation of land until the troops have returned home again, and further, that men returned from the present war be brought into line with the men of the last war. The...
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Minister (Mr. Wise) states in reply:

This very important aspect of post-war reconstruction has not been overlooked by me, and that a thorough investigation has been in progress for some considerable time to ensure the suitability of returned
soldiers from this war.

Soon after this investigation was commenced, large areas were withdrawn
from selection, and recently vacant holdings in re-purchased estates have been
included in this withdrawal. This does not mean that land will not continue to
be sold to other than returned soldiers, but that careful investigation will be
made into each application to see that it does not interfere with the provision of
land for returned soldiers and that the granting of the land is otherwise justified.

A complete survey of all approvals for
the eight months ended February 29 has
been made, and it is thought that this principle has been complied with.

Lands granted have been mostly small
blocks or purely grazing land granted
to settlers in the vicinity to provide
them with an adequate living area.

The Agricultural Bank cannot deal with the abandoned holdings under its
control as if they were Crown land, as it is only a mortgagee in possession. The
Commissioners inform me, however, that in considering any offer for a property,
it does not necessarily prevent the
sale of the land if the applicant already owns sufficient
land, his offer is refused.

Consideration is being given to the introduction next session of an amendment to the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act to provide for discharged soldiers from this war.

**Personalities**

**Major E. K. Hatfield**, who broadcasts
an early-morning PT session over the ABC's national network every week morning,
commenced his military training in this State. He was a teacher in the service
of the Western Australian Education Department, and was actually the last
of a long line of teachers in all States to receive a commission in the permanent military forces of the Commonwealth. While a State School teacher,
he numbered among his seniors Mr. (now Sir) G. B. B运行way, the Immediate Past State President (Tom Edmondson). From the teaching profession he was appointed to the Physical Training Instruction Staff, which
had been formed on the introduction of University Training. He had served overseas with the AIF during the last war, and was one of 10 Australian Permanent Staff officers to do the first Long Gymnasium Course at Aldershot after the Armistice.  

At the beginning of the month Eastern States papers reported the death of Col. Wallace Brown, a veteran of the Boer War, who was once District Commandant in this State. The late Col. Wallace Brown was, in his day, one of the most popular officers in the Service. He was a man of kindly disposition with an un
falling flow of good humour. His one defect was an impediment of speech that
made him stammer on occasions, but, like many stutters, by way of compensa
tion, he could sing a good song. Once, when inspecting a country town military
company, somewhere in Australia, he
was in front of a private, asking:
"Have you cleaned your rifle?" The
bush-town warrior reckoned he had.
"Well," the inspecting officer replied,
"Don't you think it's time you cleaned it again?" On another occasion he was supervising the written part of an examination of young officers for promotion. He
advised them to read the questions
carefully, and to leave a wide margin on
the pages by your side. "If you make
a margin is where your marks are or
you get any."

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. W. Gray, a member of the 16th Battalion, who passed away in the Narrogin Hospital on April 8. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter, to whom we offer our
condolences. The Wickepin unit of the VDC, led by Lieut. Waltera, formed a
guard of honour at the funeral. The
Wickepin Sub-Branch, of which the late Mr. Gray was a member, was represented
by Mr. C. G. Russell.

Sister Despard, of the Gloucester Park
Sub-Branch, met with a painful accident
in her home recently. She is now on the road to recovery, but it will be some
time before she is herself again. Sister Despard took up the nursing profession
in this State some years ago. She was in
charge of hospitals throughout the country,
and was in charge of the Coolgardie
Hospital when she reached the retiring
age. She served with the AIF throughout
the last war.  

Is this a record? Fred Preston, of the
West Swan Sub-Branch, has held office
as treasurer ever since the sub-branch was formed 25 years ago. He is a
regular attendant at meetings and is always willing to help. We join with his sub-branch cobbers in wishing him good health and many more years of useful endeavour.

One of the many young men returned from the present war, who is taking an active interest in League affairs, is Leo P. Mayberry, who has just been elected as one of the vice-presidents of the Mt. Lawley-Inglewood Sub-Branch. It was for his service during the attack on Gona in New Guinea that he was awarded the Military Cross which, according to Hayden Lennard, the ABC war correspondent, should have been the Victoria Cross. Hayden Lennard, who was in Perth at the beginning of the month, described the many brave deeds of our men during that sharp little campaign which gave the Japanese their first re
built during their drive towards our shore.
He said that the bravest of the brave was Bill Gray, of Wickepin unit of the A I F during the last war, who
went through the middle of the lines of Japanese defences, ordered his men to
charge on, and wiped out four enemy machine-gun nests in the kula, often thrown
himself. He then got back
safely to his own lines. The major then
called on him, as the final attack was in progress. He was partly knocked out
in his previous experience, but he
went in for the last 20 yards.

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**Capt. Sid Maenamara,** of the VDC, and a very active member of the Subiaco Sub-Branch, has been laid aside with a severe attack of pleurisy. All his friends wish him a speedy recovery.

**Mosman Park Sub-Branch is mourning the death of Wilt Bartlett. Wilt was well known in spite of great physical suffer ing, and did a grand job in assisting the POW effort. What an example he was to many people who, with health and strengths do nothing for anybody but themselves. We join with Mosman Park in extending sympathy to Mrs. Bartlett and family.**

**We regret to learn from our Mt. Hawthorn correspondent of the death of Mr. Allen, a member of the Mt. Hawthorn North Leederville Sub-Branch. We join**
with the sub-branch in extending sympathy to his family. Bill Rowles, of the same sub-branch, has taken over his old job of treasurer, after his long absence owing to sickness. Con Masters is still in the Home of Peace and would be glad to see any of the boys. Bill Skates and Tom May would also welcome visits from fellow members. Other members of Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville on the sick list are J. Bain and Sid George. We join with their sub-branch friends in the wish that they will soon be restored to normal health.

A regular visitor to Hollywood Hospital for the State Executive is Jimmy Cornell, who spends each Thursday with the boys there. With two short breaks Jim has been on the State Executive since 1917, where he has done a great job, particularly for the Digger on the land. He is the GOM of the Executive, having recently reached the allotted span of three score years and ten, but looks ten years younger. We congratulate the Honourable James on his re-election to the Legislative Council.

The death during the month of Mr. W. G. Angwin removed and old friend of the League. Mr. Angwin was a long-serving member of the League before he was Minister for Lands when the League's main task was in assisting returned men on the land who were fighting to maintain the sub-branch headway under the Soldiers' Settlement Scheme, and although Mr. Angwin and the League were often as cross purposes, it was always conceded that the Minister was genuinely anxious to assist. Mr. Angwin suffered a severe blow when his son Ben died as the result of his war service within a year or two of the armistice. Ben had served as a lieutenant in the 28th Battalion.

It was pleasing to learn that the Federal Government's appointment to the No. 2 Entitlement Appeal Tribunal was a W.A. Digger of this war in the person of Mr. Michael Hickey, the secretary of the Red Cross Society in this State. Prior to the war Mr. Hickey was on the staff of the Vacuum Oil Co., where he held a senior executive position. He enlisted in June 1914 as a private and gained a commission during service in the Middle East. He served with the 2/28 Bn. at Tobruk during the siege, later being wounded and captured at Alamein, being repatriated after nine months as a prisoner of war in Italy with the loss of an eye. Mr. Hickey was born in Western Australia, and has numerous accountancy diplomas. He was half-way through a Commerce course at the University when he went to the war. Mates who were with him at Tobruk and Alamein speak highly of his bravery and leadership, and we think that the choice of the Government was a very good one.

Flying-Officer Ken Davies, a nephew of Eric Davies of the State Executive, has just arrived back in Perth after 2½ years' service overseas. He was attached to Bomber Command in Great Britain, having taken part in 29 raids over North-West Germany, the Ruhr and Turin. He smiles at the moans at rationing here, and says we do not know what rationing is. His admiration for the people of the Old Country in their quiet stoic perseverance is not. It of all the great sights he has seen, to, him, the sight of the Rhine with the tracer bullets showering through it, was the best of the lot. By the way, he has joined the North Perth Sub-Branch. We wish him the best of the lot. By the way, he has joined the North Perth Sub-Branch. We wish him the best of the lot.

Brig.-General Raymond Lionel Leane, CB, CMG, DSO, MC, VD, retires from his post as Commissioner of Police in South Australia at the end of the month. He is well known in this State, having held a commission in the Goldfields Infantry Regiment before the last war. He left Australia in 1914 as a captain in the 11th Battalion, which he commanded for a while after the evacuation of Gallipoli. Then he was made commanding officer of the newly-formed 48th Battalion, which he led through the strenuous days of the Somme, Flanders and the German break-through in 1918. He was eight times mentioned in despatches, received the Military Cross and the Distinguished Service Order in 1916, a bar to the DSO in 1917, the CMG and the Croix de Guerre in 1918. He was severely wounded on Faschikala in 1918, he was promoted to command the 12th Brigade, with the rank of brigadier-general. Appointed Commissioner of Police in South Australia after his return to Australia, he has held that position 24 years. During the present war he has directed the destinies of the VDC in South Australia. A big man physically and in every other aspect of bigness, Brig.-General Leane was a disciplinarian who could command the respect and the affection of everyone who ever soldiered with him. He did not suffer fools gladly, but he never asked a man to do anything he would not do himself. At Pozieres, for instance, he was with rifle and bayonet in the front line with his boys, waiting for the big German counter-attack. "The Bull," as he affectionately known to the troops, could be hard, but he was always just, and with him the welfare of his men came first. A man of great courage and outstanding leadership, he was one of the most virile-looking commanding officers of the whole AIF. Every man, not only of the 45th; but of the whole 12th Brigade, and will sincerely wish him long years of health and happiness in his retirement.

Peter Cassey, whose contribution to the Kaiser's downfall was his service with the 5th Pioneer Battalion in the last war, put up a splendid fight for the North Province of the Legislative Council during the recent election. To be beaten by only 15 votes by such a redoubtable opponent as Mr. G. W. Miles, MLC, was no mean feat indeed. Peter intends to be a candidate at the next opportunity. In the meantime, the election being over, he is in harness again in the fight against the Powers Referendum as secretary of the Save Our State League.

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A novel means of raising cash for the Osborne Park Sub-Branch's POW Fund has been used by Mine Host Joe Datich of the Osborne Park Hotel, who is also an active and popular member of that sub-branch. In the front bar is a large framed Red Cross, in the centre of which is a five-shilling piece. Round the glass is a collection of silver currency. On one side of the cross are gifts of one-shilling coins. On the other are sixpenny pieces, on the top two-shilling pieces, while the bottom is reserved for the tray-bits. All the coins are gummed to the glass, and can easily be separated when the glass is filled. At present the picture shows about £12 in silver coinage. A similar effort was made by Joe when host of an up-country hotel. This realised a large amount. The promoter is naturally sympathetic towards the fund, as he had the bitter experience of being a POW in the first war against Germany.

Mr. E. S. Watt writes: Several sub-branches have written to me asking if I would accept nomination for the position of State President. I am grateful for the compliment, but I think it advisable to state that I will not be a candidate for this important position this year, but will be happy to serve in any other position desired by Congress.

At the request of the American Legion the League represented that organisation throughout Australia on American Memorial Day, the day on which our Allies commemorate the fallen. The observance arose out of the American Civil War, and now it applies to the fallen in all of Uncle Sam's wars. The Senior Vice-President (Mr. E. S. Watt) and the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) attended Memorial Day services, one of which was an early-morning service in the Karrakatta Cemetery, when poppies were laid on the graves of 42 American service men. Both services were attended by many members of the League. Appreciation of this tribute to the memory of American comrades was expressed by Capt. P. G. Nichols, Chief of Staff, USN.

Just before Colonel Margolin's funeral, an Army band paraded outside Karrakatta Cemetery and asked the permission of Brigadier Hoad to lead the cortege to the cemetery gates. It was explained that the band was on its way to Fremantle to take part in the Foundation Ceremony there. The bandsmen, however, had anticipated permission by turning up with the drums muffled in the traditional manner. This was a splendid gesture from the present-day Army which is greatly appreciated by our League.

An ancient ceremony, dating back to the time of the Knights of Malta, was revived on Candlemas Day this year in the island fortress which the combined might of Osman-at-Ardly could not reduce. Candlemas is a church festival which is held on February 2 to commemorate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. In Malta this year the priests of Malta's 59 parishes each presented a candle to the Governor (Viscount Gort). The ceremony had last been held in 1941, when blitz and siege caused a break with tradition. Accepting the candles, Lord Gort said that war was purging and cleansing the British Empire of the greedy materialism of the past, and the luxury which caused people to live selfishly.

When the South African Parliament was discussing the Union's scheme for social security last February, Field Marshal Smuts informed the House that the Union's immediate liability was not to provide social security, which would cost a lot of money, but to look after its returned soldiers. "We are in honour bound," he said, "to do everything we can for the men who volunteered to support the honour of South Africa and the cause of freedom. To this it is our duty to give the highest priority. Housing, education, unemployment and health are more important than social security in the narrower sense." But he approved of the limited scheme of the Social and Economic Planning Council, which is due to come into operation in 1947, a scheme which, he said, would be within the country's capacity.

At the meeting of the State Executive on June 7 the State Secretary reported that the total figures for the metropolitan street appeal on behalf of the POW Fund on May 19 amounted to £2432, which exceeded the League's record total for 1943. The Waratah Concert Party at the Capitol on Sunday, May 28, added another £414/17/ to the fund. Reference was made to the valuable work of Mr. Jim Newton, a former member of the State Executive, who had paid for all the advertising and provided supper for members of the concert party. It was resolved to record appreciation of Mr. Newton's services.

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In reports of the commemoration of Memorial Day, which, to Uncle Sam's servicemen, is what Anzac Day is to ourselves, photographs were published of a U.S. Naval trumpeter sounding "Taps." "Taps" is the American equivalent of our "Last Post." While the British name refers to the routine call, the American sticks closer to the origin. The "Tattoo" of "First Post" was according to tradition introducted into England by William III's Dutch Guards. It was the seventeenth century equivalent of The Barmuid's Song, "Time Gentlemen Please." It warned inn-keepers to put their taps to, and all soldiers that they had a summons to turn adrift that they get back to their quarters before the Last Post was sounded. In earlier days the whole half hour period was called "Taps-too," which was corrupted into "Tattoo." The Americans have retained the name "Taps" for the final call.

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What amazes one in these days is the persistence with which a section of the Press and certain, or uncertain, hazy radio commentators continue to refer to the invasion of France as "The Opening of the Second Front." There were already three European fronts in operation before the great invasion was launched, to say nothing of three fronts in Asia. The disclosure of the tremendous preparations for the invasion makes the second front whiners of an earlier period look very foolish, but some of the very papers which have published these details were just as bad as the furtive fools who used to sink round under cover of darkness and scribble notices on pavements in their outcry of "Start the Second Front Now." Nothwithstanding the unsavory light in which these people appear today, they did not lose the opportunity of exploiting events by pushing themselves into the limelight. What the promoters called a "Second Front Rally" was held in Perth by members of the Communist Party and the so-called "Anti-Fascist League." Between them all they collected a whole £2715/ for prisoners of war.

Remote sub-branches of the League, in sparsely populated areas, have done far better than that, without any of the publicity or expensive advertising. When one considers that it costs at least £40 a man to furnish a soldier for the "Second Front," the donation seems very paltry indeed.

In Italy the Allied spearhead is still pushing back the Axis square-head.

In a recent effort to be clever at all costs, even at the cost of journalistic decency, "The Sunday Times," tried to smother the service custom of saluting with an ink-cloud. The soldier of average education knows that there is nothing servile in the salute, but "The Sunday Times," tried to show that the man giving it came unassembled and in a friendly spirit. It had its origin in the days when only the free man was privileged to bear arms. As in the service, the salute was the senior and the senior returned the salute. What, in the name of commonsense, can be the objection to a service custom which is observed by both the giver and the receiver of the salute? Most commissioned officers of the AIF in the last war, as well as in this, had some of their service in the ranks, and it is an even money bet that they did not find it irksome, as rankers, to salute commissioned officers, any more than they found it irksome or derogatory to salute senior officers after they had attained commissioned rank. What is more, the Australian soldier in the last war saluted just as much as the soldier at the M.E. H.Q. The alleged reluctance of the Digger to salute his officers is a remarkably fostered by lesser literary weeklies like "The Sunday Times" and "Smith's Weekly." As for saluting being a waste of time, every Digger knows that salutes were not given by working parties, or in the front line. But then, the "Saturday Times" know-alls had no opportunity of the turner of an earlier period, when the lines were close enough for the troops on either side of No Man's Land to shove placards above the parapet, inscribed with cheeky messages. The Tommies in one part of the line shoved up the notice: "Mr. Lloyd George will visit this trench at 11 a.m. this morning." Promptly at 11 a.m. a top hat was put on the end of a rifle and paraded along the trench, so that it could be well and truly seen by the Germans, who promptly riddled it with bullets. When the hat was blown to smithereens, the Tommies raised another notice, which read: "You don't damn fools. You've shot Algy." Poor Mr. Asquith was the man whose mantle descended upon Neville Chamberlain.

The excuses put up in court by counsel defending returned men accused of crime do not always reflect much credit on the intelligence of the counsel. In a recent murder trial it was pleaded before the judge that the accused had been in the war, and that experience of war makes men cruel and callous. Apart from the weakness of the defence, the statement was both idiotic and insulting to the great body of men who went away and fought in the present and in past wars. There is no evidence to support the theory that the returned soldier is more callous than the chap who stays at home. A recent community will show that war veterans are just as humane as anyone else. In any case, it is time lawyers discarded the defence of war service—and it is high time that certain newspapers ceased making a song and dance about defendants being service or ex-service men. When a civilian is "up" for anything, the fact that he is a civilian is not given special publicity.

A NAVAL OCCASION

So many distinguished men have been the guests of the State Executive in the Board Room at Anzac House in recent months that it has now become quite an occasion to be honored by them for the League. The happiest function of its kind was the reception given to Captain J. A. Collins last month in honour of his recent promotion. In the absence of the Governor of Western Australia, who was in England, the reception was presided over by the Vice-Admiral, who was in New South Wales, and a high-ranking officer of the Navy, Army and Air Force were among the guests. Captain Collins said: "A lot of water has passed under the keel in the two years or so since Vice-Admiral Glassford, USN, and myself were in this very room and talked to you of the situation as it was in the South-West Pacific, following the fall of Java. We had been pushed out of Java, and the outlook was black. But now, we are on the offensive." He went on to describe the landing operations along the coast of New Guinea, in which the cruiser Shropshire, which he commanded, and the former ship of his, the Gloucester, USN, and myself were in this very room and talked to you of the situation as it was in the South-West Pacific, following the fall of Java. We had been pushed out of Java, and the outlook was black. But now, we are on the offensive." He went on to describe the landing operations along the coast of New Guinea, in which the cruiser Shropshire, which he commanded, and the former ship of his, the Gloucester, USN, and myself were in this very room and talked to you of the situation as it was in the South-West Pacific, following the fall of Java. We had been pushed out of Java, and the outlook was black. But now, we are on the offensive." He went on to describe the landing operations along the coast of New Guinea, in which the cruiser Shropshire, which he commanded, and the former ship of his, the Gloucester, USN, and myself were in this very room and talked to you of the situation as it was in the South-West Pacific, following the fall of Java. We had been pushed out of Java, and the outlook was black. But now, we are on the offensive." He went on to describe the landing operations along the coast of New Guinea, in which the cruiser Shropshire, which he commanded, and the former ship of his, the Gloucester, USN, and myself were in this very room and talked to you of the situation as it was in the South-West Pacific, following the fall of Java. We had been pushed out of Java, and the outlook was black. But now, we are on the offensive." He went on to describe the landing operations along the coast of New Guinea, in which the cruiser Shropshire, which he commanded, and the former ship of his, the Gloucester, USN, and myself were in this very room and talked to you of the situation as it was in the South-West Pacific, following the fall of Java. We had been pushed out of Java, and the outlook was black. But now, we are on the offensive."

Another speaker, who was in happy vein, was Rear-Admiral R. W. Christie, USN. "If I am glad to be here," he said, and when we leave Western Australia I am glad to see you all." This was greeted by cries of "No, No!" and cheers. He spoke of the hospitality extended to Allied service men. "It is as well to remember, he went on, "that men you see in this city are on leave, and that when they are not here, they are doing a job to help win the war." The Admiral went on to say that U.S. submarines were
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We regret that lack of space prevents us from publishing the list of donations received during the month, but these will be included in our July issue. The donations received during the month amounted to £6410-18-11, making the total to date £8608-7-1. Many excellent contributions have been received, the acknowledgments for which would take a page of this journal. It is certain that last year's total of about £12,000 will be considerably exceeded.

48th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

A well attended reunion of the 48th Battalion Association was held on June 7. This was the first meeting of the association since 1941, when, because of war conditions, it was decided to go into recess. The toast of "The 48th Battalion" was proposed by Capt. C. R. Collins, who served with the 47th Battalion alongside the 48th in France and Flanders, and whose brother was MO of the 48th for about 18 months. A fine musical programme was arranged, to which the following artists contributed: Messrs. Bob Donaldson (piano and two songs), Fred Miller (three songs), Jack Stacey (two songs), H. Hopperton (two monologues), W. A. Green (song), and Jimmy Gordon gave a fine imitation of an early recording of Harry Lauder. Two returned men of the 2/48th were welcomed during the evening. One of them supported the reply to the toast of the Battalion, which was commenced by the president (Mr. J. J. Mackenzie) and carried on by Col. Fairlie. To date, the 48th Battalion has five Victoria Crosses. The first was won by Jimmie Woods in the last war. Of the four won in this war, two were won by men from this State, who, unfortunately, did not live to wear them. They were Stan Gurrie and Gratwick. The president of the association is Mr. J. P. Mackenzie, of Glyde Street, East Fremantle, and the secretary is Mr. H. N. Dean, of 24 Bruce Street, Nedlands.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS

Empire Day, May 24, was celebrated by the South African and Imperial Veterans by a simple but impressive wreath-laying ceremony in King's Park. In accordance with long-established custom, a wreath was placed by the General President (Brig.-General Bessell-Browne), and one on behalf of the Navy on Queen Victoria's monument in the Park. Mr. A. H. Pantoon, a veteran of both wars, represented the State Executive.

Finally, the President, the Lieut.-Governor (Sir James Mitchell) and the Lord Mayor of Perth (Dr. T. W. Meagher) were present at the ceremony. The latter placed a wreath on behalf of the citizens of Perth. The annual social was held in Monash House on May 30. In the absence of the president (Major J. Colpitts) vice-president Fred Bateson presided. Incidentally, this was the last official appearance of the late Col. Margolin, who ably represented the State Executive. Major Colpitts was forbidden by his medical adviser to be at the reunion, but that did not prevent the reunion, or part of it, from going to him. Members, bearing good wishes and good cheer, found their way across to the major's room, so that he may be credited with a long-distance attendance. A fine musical programme was presented, and the guests included representatives of kindred associations.

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Land Committee.—Arisng out of the report of a meeting on May 15, it was resolved that the attention of the Minister for Lands be drawn to conflicting statements made recently by Professor Currie, and that the Surveyor-General be asked for his comments, and that these comments be referred to the Land Committee.

POW Committee.—It was resolved that letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. McKinnlay for the good work done by the auxiliary on the occasion of the street appeal.

Visits.—Visits were reported by Mr. Bateson (all wards, Perth Hospital); Col. Collett and Mr. Wood reported on their visit to Heathcote and Edward Millen Home; Arising out of complaints mentioned in the report, it was decided to make the following alteration to paragraphs 10 to 12 of the report: "The Executive is satisfied that the matters mentioned therein have already been investigated. Further, having had the benefit of the views of Messrs. Panton, Thorn and Bateson, the Executive is convinced that there is no basis for the complaints.

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Land Committee.—Arisng out of the report of a meeting on May 15, it was resolved that the attention of the Minister for Lands be drawn to conflicting statements made recently by Professor Currie, and that the Surveyor-General be asked for his comments, and that these comments be referred to the Land Committee.

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The Late Colonel Margolin.—The State President referred to the great loss the Executive in particular, and the W.A. Branch of the League in general, had suffered through the death of Colonel Margolin, who had been a member of the Executive for many years. Several delegates supported the State President’s remarks, and it was resolved to record in the records of the League appreciation of the wonderful work carried out by Colonel Margolin, and to recommend that the address by Mr. Watt, at the Karrakatta Cemetery, be published in the "Listener’s Post.”

Welcome.—The State President then welcomed Mr. H. Wilkins (Country Vice-President) who had secured temporary leave from hospital.

Reports.—Reports by the POW Committee, the House Committee and the Anzac Club Committee are published in other parts of this issue.

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habilitation and Reconstruction. It was agreed that as many members as possible attend.

RAAF Overseas.—The State Secretary read a letter received from a rating in the Middle East pointing out that RAAF overseas were likely to become a lost legion and that everything in respect to promotion was stagnating. Col. Collett said that he had many similar complaints which he had taken up with the Minister, and suggested that this letter be forwarded to the Air Board, which was agreed to.

General.—A petition was received from patients in No. 11 Ward, asking for the retention of a sister’s services in the ward. It was agreed to approach the hospital authorities.

It was reported that Mr. L. Wilkinson was next on the list for duty, and the State Secretary was directed to invite Mr. Wilkinson to a seat on the Executive, vice Col. Margolin (deceased). The question of appointments on committees consequential on the death of Col. Margolin was referred to the Management Committee.

Broadcast Roster.—Mr. Macgregor will broadcast on June 25.

Sub-Branch Activities

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT

Mr. J. Williams presided over the meeting on May 8, when there was a long discussion on old members. It was decided to appeal to all former members to rejoin the sub-branch. The Anzac Day service was well attended, and the sub-branch thanks all who assisted.

GLOCESTER PARK

Seventeen new members were enrolled at the meeting on June 1. Old members have rejoined, and several are back off the sick list. George Tomlinson, who met with a painful accident some time ago, will not be able to resume work for a while. The dances in the Anzac House Ballroom are proving successful, and much credit is due to the joint committee who arrange these functions. On June 28 members will entertain their womenfolk and friends to a social evening. Members are asked to keep this evening free, and roll up in force.

WEST SWAN

A special meeting to discuss arrangements for the POW Fund appeal was held on May 16. Thanks to the splendid organisating of secretary Frank Adams and the co-operation of the ladies, the local effort was a huge success. The day finished with a balance of £169, with a few sundries to come in. It is very encouraging to see the younger Diggers attending meetings. Their attendance is always welcome.

WICKEPIN

The Anzac Parade was a great success, being well attended by members of the sub-branch, the VDC and the general public. Lieut-Commander Prideaux gave the address and was assisted by Mr. Seddon. Wreaths were laid by Miss Heather Ebsary and Master Neil McCracken. Miss Shirley McCracken sang the first verse of “Land of Hope and Glory,” and the school children and members of the congregation joined in the chorus. The president and committee thank all who helped to make the parade such a huge success, and especially Mrs. Ben Turner, who again supplied the flowers for the wreaths.

RETURNED ARMY NURSES

The sub-branch entertained nurses from the present war to a social evening in the clubrooms on June 1. The president (Mrs. Clifton) welcomed the guests. Also present were members of the State Executive and representatives of the Women’s Auxiliary. Mr. Edmondson explained the objects of the League. Miss Kenny (Matron-in-Chief) returned thanks on behalf of the returned nurses.

OSBORNE PARK

Our Osborne Park correspondent supplies a few additions to the report of Osborne Park’s jubilee. In addition to the presentation to the foundation president, the 1944 president (Mr. A. Dans) was the recipient of a silver sugar bowl, as a token of appreciation for the years of service he has given to the sub-branch. Members thank the ladies’ committee, who provided the supper on the occasion. Preparations are being made for the annual meeting on June 28, when all members are expected to attend. A strong committee is to be formed to carry on the fight for the recognition of returned men.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

At the June meeting the election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and the following were elected: Vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Wall, L. P. Mayherry and H. Ward; management com-
committee, Messrs. J. E. Aylett, R. Annear, F. Cutler, J. K. Craze, C. G. Ferguson, C. Lyons, J. Lyons, L. Matthews, W. Newick, E. F. Slavin, W. Walker and W. Whitworth. Sufficient nominations were received to make up the sub-committees, and these duties will be allocated at the next meeting. Next meeting will be the annual meeting, and will be held in Wallish's Hall on July 4 at 8 o'clock.

GERALDTON

Membership is still increasing, mainly as the result of enrolment of members of the services of the present war. A sum of about £181 has been raised by the women's auxiliary in aid of the POW Fund. This is an excellent effort, and the ladies and their helpers deserve every praise on obtaining such a good result. The snooker tournament is in full swing. Another tournament is mooted, and it is hoped that entries will this time be appreciably greater. The bridge evenings are still being successfully carried on each Thursday at Birdwood House. The president (Syd Freeman) has not been in the best of health lately, and it is the wish of all members that he will soon be his own self again. Vice-president Lock will be the chair at the May committee meeting. The sub-branch is still keenly feeling the want of a caretaker for Birdwood House, but it is hoped to fill this important job in the near future. At the last committee meeting a letter was received from the Busselton Sub-Branch thanking members for hospitality extended to members of the forces from Busselton whilst in this district. This acknowledgement was greatly appreciated by members.

FREMANTLE CITY

The president (Mr. H. G. Wilson) presided over a well-attended meeting in May. Col. Hyman, the chairman of the Pensions Entitlement Tribunal, was the guest speaker of the evening. He told members many interesting things about Repatriation Regulations and the problems of post-war reconstruction. Mr. A. Brack, supported by Mr. T. Brennan, called for the vote of thanks. A motion was carried asking the State Executive to urge the Army authorities to make secondhand tyres available for civilian drivers of commercial cars and trucks. It was stated that many returned men could not make efficient civilian avocations through lack of tyres. The sub-branch's POW Fund appeal was a big improvement on last year's effort. Heartly thanks were accorded to the ladies of the auxiliary for their work in this direction. The sub-branch's next POW effort will be on June 30, when a boxing tournament will be staged in the King's Theatre. Mr. Jack Spence and the secretary (H. E. Hobbs) have this in hand. Reserved tickets can be obtained at Shepherd's Newsagency in High St. Members learned, with deep sorrow, of the death of Col. Margolin.

CALINGIRI

At the meeting on April 26 the president (Mr. Truman) reported that he had attended the children's Anzac Service at Calingiri. He complimented the teachers and children of the community. Mr. D. Fordham moved a vote of thanks to the secretary (Mr. J. McGill) for the able organisation of the Anzac Day service. A vote of thanks was also tendered to Mrs. Fields, who provided the flowers for the wreath. It was decided that the sub-branch should approach the Road Board in an effort to stimulate greater support for the Victory Loan. Messrs. T. Dobson and P. Fry, two returned men from New Guinea, were welcomed as new members. During discussion of a letter from a primary producers' association calling for railway services, and asking for the support of the sub-branch in a move to secure some improvement in the present state of affairs, it was agreed that the sub-branch should approach the Road Board in this matter. It was decided to give the support requested and to ask for that of the Road Board. It was agreed that the secretary and several members should go to Toodyay and help in the formation of a sub-branch at that centre. It was decided to form a building fund for the purpose of erecting a sub-branch rooms, as soon as this work can be put in hand. A donation of £10 was sent to the Northam Sub-Bran to assist in Northam's good work in entertaining sick and wounded soldiers.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

Despite the inclement weather, a very large attendance was again recorded at the June meeting. President Mr. Cecil Bolton presided. The following have joined the sub-branch, and others were welcomed by the children's committee: J. Plynting, N. C. Selater, K. E. S. Miller, L. C. Aylng, J. J. Mather, K. H. Wilson, J. Devlin, A. H. Dixon, A. Hosie, F. A. Lee, C. T. Rocke. The attention of readers and their friends is urgently called to the community concerts that are being held every Sunday at 8.45 p.m. in the Hollywood Theatre, Perth. These are run in conjunction with the Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch, and programmes are conducted by our energetic friend Cr. E. Caddy. Five concerts have already been held, and the series will continue. The proceeds are for the POW Fund, and full support is asked for. The sub-branch is very grateful to the staff of Boltons Ltd. for another large subscription of £10 towards the POW Fund. These collections have been made pos-
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**MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEDERVILLE**

Recent meetings have been well attended. It is pleasing to see so many older members taking a greater interest in things, and to see so many sons of members enrolled in the sub-branch.

Members have had the pleasure of visiting West Leederville-Wembley for a games evening. Forty-two members turned up, and the visitors succeeded in winning five games to two. From both the sporting and the social points of view, the evening was a most enjoyable one. Mr. Bolton, president of the West Leederville Sub-branch, gave the visitors a cordial welcome, and their president (Barney Keeley) suitably responded, giving the hosts a hearty invitation to Mt. Hawthorn. The sub-branch has had a visit from the Police dart team. The Police won by 5 games to 2. The sub-branch is still going on with community concerts in conjunction with West Leederville. The community concerts are held every Sunday night in the Hollywood Theatre.

**DALWALLINU**

Th monthly meeting was held on June 1 at the Dalwallinu Hotel. A cheque for £5 was forwarded to the POW Fund. The sub-branch raised £5 nett for the hospital appeal by means of a card evening. The secretary is receiving good support in the popular bachelor competition.

**ALBANY**

There was a big attendance at the monthly meeting on June 6. Two new members, Messrs. D. Roenfeldt and H. F. Ware, were welcomed. Members were advised that a letter resenting the remarks of the Minister for Information (Mr. Calwell) about enlistments in the 2/4th had been considered by a meeting of the State Executive, and that members of the Executive fully endorsed the views expressed by the sub-branch.

Messes. Howells and Barnesby were appointed to represent the sub-branch of the Albany District Development Committee. It was unanimously resolved to nominate Mr. E. S. Watt for the office of State President, provided his consent to the nomination can be obtained. The final total raised this time by the sub-branch for the POW Fund was £62 1/2. Information was also received that in the appeal made in Albany last month an amount of more than £6 45 was raised. This total included donations made since March. The district has, therefore, provided over £607. It was resolved that a letter be sent to the headmaster of the State School thanking the children for their efforts. Altogether they raised £6 9/7, of which £3 1/ was raised by the girls of Class 6B at a concert. Mr. T. Brown (3/7th Field Ambulance) was unanimously elected president. The election of other office-bearers will take place at the annual meeting on July 4.

**MAYLANDS**

There was a good attendance at the meeting on June 1. It was resolved that money invested in bonds should be known as the building fund, for the purpose of erecting the sub-branch's own building. The secretary (Alf Cook) was granted two months' sick leave. During his absence his job has been taken over by E. Adamson. The committee has decided to hold a big fete in the Town Hall in support of the fund for the "Race to Berlin." A large sum

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has been raised already. During the meeting the president presented the League's Certificate of Service to treasurer Dave Tobin. Dave is vacating this office, which he has held for years, through pressure of business. Word has been received that efforts to establish a new kindergarten in the district have been successful. The sub-branch was thanked for its good work. The weekly dances continue to attract good patronage. There will be no meeting on June 20, as the Midland Junction Group will be holding a dance that night in aid of the POW Fund. The former sick officer (Les Johns) is himself on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery.

SUBIACO

The June meeting was well attended, including a good sprinkling of new members. Cliff Sadlier, VC, presided, and welcomed the young Diggers in his usual good style. We were pleased to welcome back Lieut. Bill Lonnie, on leave from New Guinea, and Harry Kopper, MC, from the Old 16th and also from this show. Amongst our visitors was P/O Allan Abbott from the Senior Service. Our sports night with Mt. Lawley-Ingleswood was a great success. We finished all square, which was the intention of both captains who were enjoying themselves. Our bridge parties very Saturday night are proving a great success, the attendances are increasing, and the finance is helping to reduce our hall overdraft considerably. We are looking forward to a good night when we meet our friends from the M.L. Association in a dart tournament. We admit their bowling capabilities, but they will have to go flat out on darts. We have received an invitation from Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch to a sports night on July 31. We have always enjoyed our games with Mt. Hawthorn, and are sure that this date will be up to the usual standard.

BOULDER

As a result of the appeal on behalf of the POW Fund held on Saturday, May 20, a cheque for the sum of £444 has been forwarded to the State Secretary of the League for the purpose of erecting new clubrooms, was discussed, and the matter is being taken up with the council so that the position can be clarified. President Bill Rourke paid us a flying visit and was welcomed at the last meeting of the executive committee at which he presided, past vice-president Fred Hadden who has just arrived from Darwin being also welcomed at the meeting. It is hoped that our old members in outback centres will support the sub-branch in connection with the proposed new clubrooms when the appeal is made; in fact, several offers of assistance have already been received. The annual meeting and election of officers will be held next month, and it is the intention of members to nominate several of our young Diggers to executive positions, many of whom are already taking a keen interest in the affairs of the sub-branch.

MOSMAN PARK

The May meeting was well attended, and many new members were enrolled. The important business of the evening was the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year. Nominations for all positions except that of secretary were numerous, and it is a good augury for the future of the sub-branch that so many of the senior brigade are already evincing sufficient interest to flow their names to go forward. That our president of the last nine years should find competition this year indicates a healthy interest, and none appreciates this more than the genial Geo. Ashworth himself. The position of secretary was found no problem, and he is our No. 1 difficulty. This job keeps bobbing up like a hardy annual, and the fact that there are no takers seems to indicate that the lofty standard set by occupants of that post for the last few years makes it look a difficult one. Dick Thomas has done yeoman service for the sub-branch for the last four years, and whilst none will begrudge him a well-earned rest, none can imagine the dynamic personality being content with a back-seat job. The re-election of Bill Stotthard as secretary is welcome. Bill can be relied upon to do a good job, and those who knew him when he last did the job look forward to the future with confidence. Election of officers will be the chief business at the next meeting, and at the conclusion of business Bill Watersons will give a short of his experiences as a POW guest and Host Adolf Hitler. The inaugural intermediate sports night held on Thursday the 8th was a success, and many prospective champions at darts, quoits and bowls were unearthed. When new blood is discovered with which to back-up centres will support the table tennis and rifle shooting, it is proposed to arrange meetings with neighbouring sub-branches. Arrangements are in hand for a night of this description with members of the Allied services who are stationed within reach of the Hall.

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A letter of appreciation from the RSL State Executive has been received by Mrs. Mc Kinlay, thanking the Women's Auxiliary State Executive for their preliminary work for Appeal Day, and also the sellers and country auxiliaries for their valued assistance. It is good to know that once more created a record in badge-selling of £2500 in one day. Auxiliary branches are continuing to send in handsome donations to the POW Fund. On behalf of Wagin Auxiliary, our State Executive members visited Edward Millen Home on May 29. A special afternoon tea was served. Mr. Fricker introduced us to the patients.

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many of whom were busy with tapestry, leather and felt work, the materials being supplied by the Red Cross. Fruit, cigarettes and sweets were distributed. There was a splendid response by the auxiliaries to the CRC card afternoon held in the PDH on June 7. Donations totalled over £20, and the entire proceeds for the function will reach more than £40. Mrs. Judges, the organiser, wished her thanks to be conveyed to all those responsible for so fine an effort.

During the month Mrs. McKinnay visited Bunbury Auxiliary and addressed the members at two functions. She was presented with a further donation of £20 for the POW Fund. Four members of Busselton Auxiliary were also present.

Auxiliary branches have been formed recently at Pithara, Coolgardie and Kalan. The State Executive has been represented during May and June at the following functions: Salvation Army Women’s Rally, Mosman Park Birthday, RSL Victoria Park Hall Anniversary, FUSW Birthday, Returned Nurses’ Evening, YMCA Centenary Reception, South Perth Tea at Lemnos. A presidents’ and secretaries’ meeting was held on June 7, at which preliminary arrangements were discussed for the entertaining of service men and women (and also those wearing the discharged badge) in Anzac House Supper Room on Sundays. Auxiliaries were unanimous in their support of the scheme.

**SUBIACO**

The senior vice-president (Mrs. Strue) presided over the recent monthly meeting in the absence of Mrs. Sadlier, who was too ill to attend. The auxiliary’s effort in the street appeal for the POW Fund on May 19 had splendid results.

On May 24 members visited the Repatriation Ward at Perth Hospital. They entertained patients and distributed comforts. Members are again rostered to visit King Edward Hospital to sew and mend linen. The monthly entertainment of convalescent patients from Hollywood Hospital was the biggest function of its kind yet carried out by the auxiliary. On May 29 members entertained the Cottesloe Auxiliary at a social sports evening. The points scored were in favour of Subiaco. During the month visits were made to neighbouring hospitals. The men at Sunset beat the visitors in another games of bowls, but the ladies had a decisive victory at darts. Large parcels of knitting have been delivered to the ACF and Merchant Seamen. Euchre parties are held each Wednesday evening in the RSL Hall. Mrs. Cribb is ever ready to welcome new faces. Sports practice is held in the RSL rooms every Monday evening.

**VICTORIA PARK**

The May meeting was well attended. On May 24 members were again entertained by the sub-branch, the occasion being the ninth anniversary of the opening of the Memorial Hall in Salford St. A non-stop concert party provided the entertainment for the evening. During the interval Mrs. Haigh was presented with a medallion in token of appreciation of her work with the Thursday evening card evenings. A shopping bag donated by the men in the Edward Millen Home was won by Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Barnett reminded members of the election of office-bearers on June 23. A successful Paddy’s Market was held on June 1: Stall-holders are to be congratulated on their efforts. Mesdames “Coleman and Haigh reported on their visit to Edward Millen Home. They were pleased to receive the wool-winders made for them by an Old Digger in answer to an appeal made at a previous meeting.

**FUSW**

Mrs. Dean, MBE, presided over a very large gathering at the annual meeting. Among those present were the Lieut.-Governor (Sir James Mitchell), representatives of the Navy, Army and Air Force, Mr. A. H. Pantan, MLA, the Lord Mayor (Dr. T. W. Meagher), Mr. Bridgeman (RSL Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust), Mr. Lefroy (chairman, Red Cross Society), Mrs. Lefroy, Col. and Mrs. T. C. Wilson, Mr. Bourke, MHR, and Mrs. Bourke, Mrs. Carrell-Oliver, MLA, and Mrs. V. Stockmin (Women’s Auxiliaries). The annual report showed that 132,000 beds were made every year by voluntary workers for the Citizens’ Reception Council, at the various hostels for the fighting services. The Lieut.-Governor congratulated Mrs. Dean on the marvellous work done by members. He said it would be necessary to keep the organisation going for another 29 years to help re-establish men and women from the services in civil life. The Lord Mayor also paid high tribute to the work done by members in connection with the activities of the CRC. Similar tributes were paid by other speakers. There were no elections, as a previous meeting had decided that all office-bearers should retain their posts for the duration of the war. A musical programme arranged by Mrs. Lynch included items by the following artists: Misses Phyllis Everett, Joy Busions, J. Dwyer, Mrs. Clear, and Mrs. B. Clear (jun.). Mrs. Wilson thanked the artists.
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<td>Town Hall—Lesser Hall</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday (pension days), 7.30 p.m.</td>
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