OPENING THE FINAL PHASE

HISTORY is allowed to repeat itself only because the lessons of experience are so soon forgotten, or ignored. This month, which brings us into the sixth year of the war, also brings us within sight of victory, to the commencement, in fact, of the final round of our second war with Germany. Its predecessor, August, contained the anniversary of the outbreak of the first war against Germany, and of the victorious advance of the Fourth British Army, which included the Australian and Canadian Corps, on the day that Ludendorf described as the “Black Day” for Germany. Those of us who have sufficient sense of the historical to trace great events back to their primary causes, will easily recognise a similarity between the general situation of 1914 and that of 1939.

In 1914, there were political disturbances in India, civil war was brewing in Ireland. There were much racial animosity and active disaffection in South Africa. Even in Australia, the most homogenous of all British Dominions, there had been loose talk, in certain quarters, of “cutting the painter.” In addition to all this, pacifist propaganda was being circulated in all Empire countries and workers were being openly advised to shoot their officers rather than fire on their fellow workers from Germany or elsewhere. Fortunately for the future of civilisation, most of these agitations were more vocal than vehement, and the various factions, throughout the Empire, were able to sink their differences in the face of a common danger, or at least postpone their family quarrels until that danger had passed. Wiser men than the Kaiser and his advisers might have been excused for a faulty appreciation of the situation which, to them, appeared fraught with evidence that the British Empire was on the verge of disintegration, and that the whole evidence would crumble in ruin with the whine of the first German shell. The Germans themselves had been preparing for a war with Britain since the days of the Jameson Raid. The Kaiser’s ill-advised telegram to President Kruger, on that occasion, was a straw which showed which way the wind was blowing. A few years later, the Kaiser was with difficulty dissuaded from intervening on the side of the Boers, in the South African War. It was only the fear of the British Navy that imposed caution on the German leaders, and the colossal German naval building programme of the first decade of the century was a practical effort to overlay that fear.

In the years immediately preceding the present war, the same symptoms were present in a more aggravated form. From the very moment the Armistice was signed in 1918, Germany began to intrigue, first for lenient peace terms, and then to defeat or nullify the provisions of the peace treaty. The Kaiser’s picture of a vigorous young Germany prevented from expanding by jealous neighbours was repainted in Hitler’s representation of a Germany encircled by powerful and brutal enemies. The Kaiser’s demand for “a place in the sun” was but the forerunner of Hitler’s yelp for “living room.” The Treaty of Versailles, which was mild by comparison with the treaty dictated to Russia at Brest-Litovsk, was the special target of German propaganda. So persistent was this propaganda that men and women in the victorious countries began to agree that there was something iniquitous in a treaty which at an. make Germany pay for the damage she had done, and which tried to prevent her from doing further damage. Underlying this propaganda was the pseudo-ethical concept that the persistent demand for something constitutes a right to that thing. Germany’s chonic whine for the return of the lost colonies deceived many into thinking that perhaps there might be some justification for it. The German tactics were speedily copied by others. Italian wolf packs howled for “Corsica, Tunis, Jibuti.” Even Poland put in a claim for colonies.

It would be interesting to know how much of the pacifist propaganda of the past decade was directly financed from Germany. It is known that Hitler’s Government used to spend over £200,000 a year on propaganda within the British Empire. It is hardly likely that pacifist organisations, especially those which Hitler flattered abroad but refused to tolerate at home, were overlooked. What we do know, however, is that pacifist and disarmament agitations were more than usually active ten years ago and, if those who were carrying on these agitations were not the unwitting tools of Hitler, they were at least doing his work by opposing defence measures in the very countries whom Hitler had already selected as his victims.

The general political set-up in 1939 was also similar to that of 1914. Discontent in India and Ireland was even more explosive than it had been in 1914. In the overseas Dominions the older talk of separation had given place to something even more insidious — the pro-
nouncements in favour of neutrality in the event of Britain becoming involved in war. The neutral attitude was more pronounced in Eire and South Africa than anywhere else, and even Herbert Hoefitz's pronouncement in favour of neutrality in 1938 that influenced Mr. Chamberlain's attitude at Munich more than anything else. Rightly or wrongly, he shrank from the prospect that Britain might in which Eire would certainly remain neutral, and South African neutrality would deny Britain the use of the Cape route, when the Mediterranean could be closed against British shipping. In the two years that Lord Dudley, Munich, aggression thrived on aggression, while the system of defensive alliances and ententes that Britain and France had built up in a stern Europe fell to pieces, simply because, and as seen the other countries ceased to trust Britain and France.

Hitler, like the Kaiser, was deceived by superfluous appearances. Our political ineptitude and military impotence, which grew worse as Hitler grew stronger, brought us nearer to disaster than ever we have been before; but the inimicin of disaster has made us set the Imperial House in order, tidy and strengthen the rooms of the Dominions and Colonies, and united all the strong in determination to overthrow tyranny and make future aggression impossible. Hitler's initial successes were greater than the Kaiser could have anticipated in his wildest dreams. Hitler's ruin will be worse as Hitler's as蓄电池 envisioned in his downfall, and pointed out that we could not hope to hold the country with only seven million people. Unless every effort is made to fill the empty spaces, he said, Australia will be compelled to entertain uninhibited and unwelcome guests.

Lord Gowrie ended by expressing optimism in regard to Australia's future. May we, as comrades-in-arms, express the hope that Lord Gowrie's own future will be bright, and that the years of life that are left to him will be years of great happiness.

**PRISONERS OF WAR FUND**

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**To Correspondents**

BOW BELLS.—The B.B.C. news bulletins which you hear from local radio stations are broadcast specially for North American listeners. We get them because the wave-length and times suit us as well. Accordingly, when the reader tells us that the news is broadcast from "London, England," he makes it clear that it is not coming from London, Ontario, which, by the way, is also on a river called the Thames. Similarly, should American news ever be broadcast from Paris, one may expect that the reader will state that the broadcast is coming from Paris, France, which is not to be confused with Paris, Ohio.

C. ALLISTON and H. O. KILLICOAT.—No space. In any case, your letters merely re-hash views you have already expressed in other publications. As far as the suggestion of a debate is concerned, there will be sufficient scope for discussion at the forthcoming annual State congress.

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War Veterans' Home

The provision of a suitable home for war veterans is a subject which has exercised the minds of League members and the officials of our organisation for many years. At a recent meeting of the State Executive the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) gave a detailed account of what had been done in other States to provide homes for aged service men.

The State Executive authorised the setting up of a committee for the purpose of inquiring into the requirements of a suitable home. In Western Australia, the RSL has King's Home, and sub-branches endow the various sections and rooms for the purpose of maintenance and upkeep. When Mr. Anderson visited the Home about four years ago, he was impressed by what he saw. About 70 men were in the Home, and they had every facility for comfort. They helped in the gardens and grew most of their vegetables. The War Veterans' Home at Narrabridge, in New South Wales, is situated in beautiful surroundings. This is a Rehabilitation Home. Much money has been spent on it, and the Legacy Club has been responsible for much of the assistance required. The promoters of this scheme, Mr. Anderson considered, deserve great praise, and there were about the same number of men in the Home, when he saw it, as there were in the Queensland Home. Tasmania has another very fine Home at Launceston, in King William Street, but there are far fewer inmates, and the Home is under the same control. It was built out of funds raised by a committee headed by Sir John Gellibrand. The capital cost of this Home was £20,000, and the States have agreed to maintain it. The RSL has also donated £10,000 towards the maintenance of the Home, as aged ex-service men need help from other directions that will come within the scope of the fund, and all of them do not wish to enter homes. The amount in the fund is £24,000, and not £30,000, as stated by the writer of a recent letter to the editor of "The West Australian." One of the great problems after this war is how to get back from the service men who are serving with the forces at present. As Mr. Anderson pointed out, we are fortunate in having the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund to part of the solution of the problem. These men will now finance their own homes in many ways, it cannot be said to be that is. It has had the effect of bringing most of the inmates together, and a committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the State Executive to make extensions to the Home to the present time, to making extensions in anticipation of an added demand for accommodation.

In our own State, we have the RSL Ward at Sunset which caters for most of the old soldiers in that institution. While the RSL Ward has been a success in many ways, it cannot be said to be all that is. It has had the effect of bringing most of the inmates together, and a committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the State Executive to make extensions to the Home to the present time, to making extensions in anticipation of an added demand for accommodation.

N.S.W. CONGRESS

Reports of the Annual State Congress of the New South Wales Branch of the League, which have appeared in local papers, have been necessarily brief. Nevertheless, sufficient space has been devoted to the proceedings of the New South Wales congress to show that the problems, which will be discussed at our Federal Congress this year, have also been exercising the minds of Diggers in other States. Foremost among these problems are the questions of eligibility for membership and the state of preference in employment. The New South Wales Congress was resolved to extend the same control to the Metropolitan Market, and the Federal Congress the opening of membership of the League to all members of the services who volunteered for service anywhere, and to members of the Militia, who have served a term of war. Only a score of delegates, out of more than 400, and mostly representing country sub-branches, voted against the motion to admit members of the Militia, who have served in a theatre of war, and to those who have extended membership to members of the state of Queensland.
Federal and State Governments establish hostels in Australia for those service men who, for the period of this war, happen to be visiting or domiciled in Australia.

A Serviceman Speaks

Hughie Leslie, M.L.A., a member of the State Executive, past president of the Wyakinitchem Sub-Branch, and veteran of the two wars, created a very favourable impression when he made his maiden speech in the Legislative Assembly last month. He first caught the Speaker's eye during the debate on the Address-in-Reply on August 8, a date, by the way, which has other favourable memories for Diggers. He expressed disappointment that the Lieutenant-Governor's speech contained no reference to the fine record the men from this State have established in every field in which they have been engaged. He considered that these men deserved some commendation from the Government, and from His Majesty's representative in this State.

His earlier reference to the new order was of especial interest. "I suggest," he said, "that we cannot find a better example of the needs of the new order than in the men who today are enabling Parliament to meet here in harmony and peace—the men of our fighting forces. I sincerely pray and I hope all Governments and people generally will pray, that our fighting men will bring back with them, when they resume civil life, the benefit of the lessons and experiences gained on the field of battle. If they do that, we will get somewhere with the new order. The first thing the soldier acquires are self-reliance and self-responsibility. Next, he is taught co-operation and, I am satisfied, and I believe he learns to practise self-sacrificing comradeship. That is what the new order should amount to. That is what would be our freedom. If men and women follow along those lines, we will have a real new order. I am satisfied about that, and I pray it will develop. There is a grave danger, however, that, in looking to this freedom, too many will try to escape from their responsibilities and, in consequence, the people may reach a state of complacency which will lend itself to exploitation from those who are determined to exploit others at every opportunity. If the individual is to realise the responsibilities he owes to himself and to his fellow, then he will realise that the new order for him will entail even greater responsibilities. I appeal to the people generally and to Parliament to awake to a realisation of this fact, and to educate our youth to the knowledge that the new freedom we anticipate will mean greater responsibility than that which we ourselves faced in our youth."

ARTILLERY COMRADES

Mr. T. Garth presided over a good gathering at the monthly meeting on September 2. It is hoped that the scholarship fund will be operating in time for a holder to be attending school in 1946. A letter to the Director of Education (Mr. Little) asking for particulars in regard to scholarships had not been replied to at the time of the meeting. It was decided to make arrangements for Gunners to get together after the next Anzac Day parade. It was also decided that, at next Gunners' Day, two wardens be placed at the Guildford Memorial during the laying of the wreaths. This will take the form of the old Gunner meeting the new. Mr. Frank Dvoretsky's offer to help the scholarship fund by running a dance was gratefully accepted. Messrs. Dave Whyte and H. Hall were elected to the scholarship committee. The secretary of the dance committee (Mr. Ern Henley) rendered his monthly report. This showed that the dances, are progressing very well, but greater support is needed. The next meeting of the association will be held in Anzac House on October 7.

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Pension Appeals

In a report presented to the State Executive at its meeting on September 13, the Pensions and Employment Committee expressed grave concern at the increase of delayed appeals to the No. 2 Pensions Assessment Appeal Tribunal. The report indicated that at least 180 appeals would be awaiting determination at the end of the present session of the Tribunal in this State; and that it might be another six months before the Tribunal could come to Western Australia again. The committee believed that the average number of applications received each month by the Repatriation Department was 50, and that the total number of cases awaiting hearing before the next visit of the Tribunal would be about 400. Assuming that the Tribunal remains here for four weeks, as is the usual practice, it will not handle more than about 200 cases, leaving a balance of 200 at the 50 that will accumulate during the month, in which the Tribunal is sitting here. On that reckoning, there will be 330 cases awaiting finality. After the position had been explained, the Executive carried the following resolution: "In view of the alarming lag in the disposal of cases before the Tribunal, and the certainty of a worse position following, this Executive believes that urgent steps should be taken for the creation of State War Pensions Assessment Tribunals."

Annual Congress

The 28th Annual State Congress of the League will begin with the Land Settlement section at Anzac House on Monday, September 25, at 11 a.m. This portion of the Congress will last until the official opening of the general Congress by the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir James Mitchell) on Wednesday, September 27, at 10 a.m. There are 253 items on this year's agenda. Forty of these will be dealt with by the land section. Nineteen land items deal with the repatriation of returned service men on the land. Eight deal with farming problems of a general character, seven with the sale and transfer of land, and six with wool appraisement and the marketing of primary products. The importance attached to the question of eligibility for membership is shown in the total of 34 motions on this subject. Twenty-six motions relate to the Constitution, 25 to pensions and repatriation, 19 to defence, 15 to administration, 10 to preference to returned servicemen, 10 to education, 10 each under the headings of War Service Homes and miscellaneous, 9 to Anzac Day observance, while other items cover a wide range of subjects relating to the more general interests of service men.

Lemnos Hospital

In reply to representations made by a deputation from the League some time ago, the Minister for Health (Mr. A. H. Panton) has advised the League that the recommendations in respect to the Lemnos Hospital are being discussed by the architectural officers of the Public Works Department and the Repatriation Commission, and the matter of equipment for gas or otherwise is now being dealt with. The water supply for the vegetable garden should be completed very shortly. The Minister added that certain replacements and reconditioning are being attended to and will be effected as soon as supplies are available. The best method of heating the meals for service is being inquired into, and the Minister assured the League representatives that all the matters raised by the League would be dealt with as soon as material is available.

"You can put this feather in the hat for the Red Cross," wrote the OC of an Army Surgical Unit from Lae. "To help our work with battle casualties, ample supplies of blood serum were available—thanks to Red Cross. They were giving it at the MDS within an hour and a half after the first troops landed. Accept my thanks, and the thanks of many of the patients, too."

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51st BATTALION A.I.F.

ASSOCIATION

All ex-members of the 51st Battalion A.I.F. are reminded that the Annual Reunion and Smoke Social will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 1944, at the Stirling Social Rooms, situated at the corner of Hay and Milligan Streets, Perth, at 8 p.m. An excellent programme has been arranged. Admission will be by payment of the annual subscription—3/-.

L. L. CHARLTON, President.

American War Service Homes

American War Service Homes are expected to be available for the larger number of returned service men. A secretariat has been established on the lines of the Sydney War Service Housing Office at 469 George Street, Sydney. The American War Service Commissioners have stressed the need for the appropriate authorities in this country of the availability of the American War Service Homes.

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Personalities

In our last issue we recorded the appointment of Mr. W. A. McL. Green to the post of Acting Town Clerk. Mr. Green served with the 2nd Tunnelling Company in the last war. It is now our pleasure to report the promotion of another Tunneller, this time of the 1st Company, Mr. J. S. Foxall, to the position of State Mining Engineer. John Foxall had been employed by the A.B.C. in this State. Mr. Foxall now produces plays for the Commission, and Roy was studio manager, the radio equivalent of 2/L.C. at the time of the war. He returned to civilian life with a delightful informal send-off given him by his broadcasting colleagues and friends outside the Commission was a night that will live long in the memory of those who were fortunate enough to be present.

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**Meehan,** both saw service in the Middle East, Ray as a sergeant of a Pioneer Battalion and H.Q. A.I.F. (H.M.), and his wife with the 6th and 7th A.G.H. and a member of the A.A.A. The couple never met being in Palestine and, after a twelve-months' engagement, they were married in Jerusalem, just a week before they returned to Australia with the 9th Division. Mrs. Brown received a tiny kitten as a wedding gift which was named 'Squizzy,' for the reason that the kitten was 'a very small size and not very pretty.' Mrs. Brown is also a well-known member of Perth No. 1 Ladies' Division, St. John Ambulance. The couple were enrolled as members of the League in June, 1943.

Undergoing treatment in the Repat. Ward is Bert Dawson, the genial and hard-working secretary of Perth Sub-Branch. He went into hospital after a sudden collapse. We join with his many friends in wishing him a speedy recovery.

We join with Bassendean Auxiliary in mourning the loss of their past president Mrs. H. L. Kirke. When the auxiliary was formed in 1922, Mrs. Kirke became secretary of its committee for eight years. Subsequently after service as an executive officer, she was elected president for several years in succession. Much of her work in the district was known only to those who received benefit of it. Although her work was in a different field, she was always on duty on "canteen" days. At the second State Executive conference in 1942 she became a committee member, and during the course of the war she had many ameliorating tasks. After retirement work required, Mrs. Kirke gave valuable service as a trustee. Our deepest sympathy goes to Mr. H. L. Kirke, her husband, who has done sterling work in past years as secretary to the sub-branch. He was also an early member of the State Executive.

Speaking at the Fremantle annual reunion, the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) congratulated the sub-branch president, Mr. H. G. Wilson, on his election for a third term in the chair. He mentioned that Mr. Wilson had become a valuable member of the State Executive. Despite the fact that he has to come all the way from Fremantle, he has never missed an executive meeting. Harry Wilson joined the Royal Navy as a younger in the days of Lord Charles Beresford, when Britannia really ruled the waves, and the warships of other countries were mostly Bantling stocks. Wilson has been a very active member of the League for many years and, if he got a bar to his League badge for every time he has represented Fremantle at congress, he would have to grow considerably taller to wear it.

We join with the Bassendean Sub-Branch in expressing deepest sympathy with Mrs. O'Rourke on the passing of her eldest son, Pte. D. O'Rourke, a turfed soldier from the present war.

Another valued member of the Bassendean Sub-Branch, Mr. J. Riley, passed away on September 6 after many years of suffering. The late Mr. Riley was a strong worker for the League, and had held office in many districts. In spite of ill health, he was always ready...
to do his best for fellow Diggers. We join with the Bassendean Sub-Branch in offering condolences to Mrs. Riley and family.

Congratulations to Ted Wall, the energetic membership secretary of the Mt. Lawley-Inglewood Sub-Branch. During his term of office he has seen the numbers more than double, the total now being about 600. And by no means the smallest feather in his cap has been the intrentness with which he has got on the trails of a number of unfinancial members and returned home with their scalps—or rather their subscriptions. But he has had to give up the position since the sub-branch elected him senior vice-president, and he is now chairman of the committee. Incidentally, as this should be a good omen, he has also been elected chairman of a big building scheme which the sub-branch is launching to acquire its own home.

For sheer pluck the record of Jim Ward takes a lot of beating. In the last war Jim lost the vision of one eye, but by means best known to himself he bluffed his way into this war, serving as a sergeant with the 2/26th Battalion through the siege of Tobruk. At Alam el he was wounded and captured by the enemy. As a consequence of maltreatment in a prison camp in Italy, Jim lost the sight of his other eye. On being repatriated home, he learnt Braille and the typewriter and has now opened a furniture shop at 875 Hay Street, Perth (next to the Amusement Palace), and we make no apologies in suggesting that his enterprise deserves the practical support of the public in general and members of the League in particular.

The President of the No. 2 Entitlement Appeal Tribunal at present in this State is Richard Thomas Unkles, a returned soldier of this war. Born in 1911 at Dandenong, Victoria, he was educated at a country State school, at St. Patrick's College, Sale, from which he won a university free place, and at the University of Melbourne, graduating LL.B. in December, 1934. He was admitted to practice in March, 1936, as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria; and he practised as a solicitor in Melbourne city until the present war. On release from the AIF in June, 1944, he read for a short time at the Victorian Bar pending taking over last month his present duties. Captain Unkles joined the Militia as a private in 1931, and after service as a private and in every non-commissioned rank he was commissioned lieutenant in July, 1938. He was selected as a lieutenant in the 2/5th Infantry Battalion, 6th Division, to which unit he was seconded on October 14, 1939, and with which he served until being severely wounded at Bardia in 1941. He was unable to walk for 15 months, but after 25 months in hospitals and convalescent homes his services were utilised as a general staff officer on Allied Land Headquarters until release from service in June of this year. Captain Unkles' two brothers are RAAF pilots; some months ago one was notified as missing from air operation in New Guinea, as a flight-lieutenant. He flew Wirraway machines in co-operation with the 17th Brigade (2/5th, 2/6th and 2/7th Inf, Bns.) during the whole of the fighting from Wau to Salamaua last year.

Also on the Tribunal is George James, who is well known in this State. George was badly wounded at Gallipoli when serving with the 10th Light Horse, and was on the original staff of the Repatriation Department in W.A. as senior pensions officer. Later he was a Deputy Commissioner for Tasmania and South Australia, and Chief Pensions Officer for the Commission. For the past few years he has been a member of the Entitlement Tribunal.

The RSL representative on the Tribunal is Mr. F. E. Cotton. Fred was born in Tasmania in 1897. He enlisted in July, 1915, and left Australia with a reinforcement of the 12th Battalion; joined the battalion at Tel el Kebir, but was drafted to the 52nd Battalion when the 4th Division was formed. He served in France with the 52nd and 49th Battalions and was wounded in Mouquet Farm, 1918. After the war he joined H.Q. Pay Corps, Horseferry Road, London, and returned to Australia in February, 1920, with the rank of sergeant. He was appointed State Secretary, Tasmanian Branch, RSL, in 1934, and retained this position until appointed to the No. 2 Entitlement Appeal Tribunal in June, 1944. For 10 years he was RSL representative on the Tasmanian State Repatriation Board. Fred is a qualified accountant and secretary. In 1924/25 he gained most of the honours places in the Federal Institute of Accountants examinations, and in 1927 gained first place for Australia and New Zealand in the Institute of Secretaries examination, and won the Gold Medal Award for that year.

Three Solomon Island boys, Solomon, Hugo and Silas, wanted to be the first to join in the fight against the Japanese invaders of their country. They were not allowed to, because they were at school in Fiji. Then, when the Americans and New Zealanders prepared for their attack on Guadalcanal, interpreters were needed. Solomon, Hugo and Silas volunteered for this service and were accepted. The boys gave valuable help and displayed outstanding courage. They went ashore with the first wave of United States Marines, and for just on three months they guided parties of Marines right up to within a few yards of Japanese camps. They did it with such efficiency that, in all that time, no Marine they guided was ever wounded, though, in the course of their surprise attacks, the Marines killed more than 300 of the enemy. Now that their job has been done, Solomon, Hugo and Silas have gone back to Fiji—to school!

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More than a generation ago, Kipling, the poet of Empire, asked: "What do they know of England, who only England know?" He said, of course, of that spiritual-isolationism, which is but hypertrophied parochialism and which, at that time, afflicted the Dominions as badly as it affected England. We can now afford to laugh at that complaint in the light of a knowledge which is widening every day. In the House of Commons last May, Mr. Churchill was asked if the Dominion Prime Ministers were discussing adequate machinery for the post-war dissemination of mutual knowledge among the Empire's peoples, and for the information of the outside world on British Empire affairs. Mr. Churchill replied that, in view of the wider range of subjects already under discussion, and the limited time available, he doubted whether it would be practicable for this question to be discussed usefully at the current meeting. "I may add," he continued, "that this knowledge about the Empire is growing at a pretty quick rate."

If ever "The Warwicks got drunk on a Fizzler," members of that famous regiment were certainly entitled to when the news was published that General Montgomery had been prompted to the rank of Field Marshal for the new Field Marshal's regiment was the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Quite a number of famous men served with the Warwicks in the last war. Among them was Bruce Bairnsfather, who composed drawing funny sketches to while away the tedium of the trench warfare period of 1915, and made himself famous as the creator of "Old Bill." Another was the well-known writer of children's stories and verses, A. A. Milne. One who has leapt into more recent fame is Peter Cheyney, who commenced his working life as a law-student and then dallied with the stage before he joined up at the ripe age of 18 on August 4, 1914. He served with the 1st Battalion of the Warwicks and took severe wounds in the Somme fighting in 1916. Cheyney is now well known to radio listeners as the author of the Lemmy Caution stories, but, like many another writer, his first literary efforts were in verse. His song, "The Ginchy Road," was written on the back of an envelope in a trench on the Flers Ridge, on the Somme.

The rank of field marshal was created, as far as the British Army is concerned, by George II, and the first to hold it was George Wade, a general who commenced a respectable rather than a brilliant career under William III and Marlborough, and whose last experience of active service was against the Scottish Jacobites in 1745. Incidentally, Wade is mentioned personally in the National Anthem. Among the many verses of "God Save the King," which are not sung today, is one inciting General Wade to wreak dire vengeance on the Scottish rebels. Even such a great soldier as Marlborough was never a field marshal. When he commanded the Allied forces during the War of the Spanish Succession, his official designation was Captain-General. Wellington, though a marshal of the Portuguese Army did not become a field marshal of the British Army until after his victory at Vittoria, towards the end of the Peninsular War. Among the spoils of victory at Vittoria was the baton of the French commander, Marshal Jourdan. The story goes that Wellington sent the baton to the Prince Regent (afterwards George IV), and the Iron Duke's promotion was the immediate sequel.

The annual reunion of the 51st Battalion will be held in the Stirling Social rooms, at the corner of Hay and Milligan Streets, on Friday, October 6.

A uniform worn at the Battle of Waterloo was seen at this year's Anzac Day commemoration in Warwick (Qld.). The uniform is owned by Mr. F. T. Scrymgour, and was handed down to him by an ancestor, Capt. James Rollo, who served with the 76th Regiment of Foot, now the 2nd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Own, West Riding Regiment.

The South African and Imperial Veterans' Association will hold their annual Memorial Service in King's Park on Sunday, November 19, at 3 p.m. The annual Christmas social will be held in Monash House on Tuesday, December 5, at 8 p.m. These notices have been published well in advance so that country members may make their plans for being present.

The annual reunion of the 44th Battalion will be held at Stirling Social Rooms, Milligan Street, on Monday, October 2, at 8 p.m. President Morrie Lewis, of the R.S.I. Trading Co. Ltd., is anxious to obtain a copy of Eggs a Cook, by Sid Longmore.
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By Pip-Tok

Certain United State Senators, who cavilled at Field Marshal Montgomery's well-deserved promotion, have achieved little beyond covering themselves with ridicule. If an anomalous position has been created by a British field marshal serving under an American general, that can easily be corrected by the Senators themselves. One of the defects of the United States military system is that all promotions, in the higher ranks, must be approved by Congress before they can be confirmed. If Congress can do that, surely it can create the rank of field marshal which, at present, does not exist in the United States Army. Unfortunately, the United States Congress has never been generous in the treatment of distinguished American soldiers. Than Grant, whose capture of Vicksburg, during the American Civil War, did more than anything else to break the back of the Confederacy, did not attain the full rank of general until near the end of that long and fratricidal war.

About two months ago the Army Minister (Mr. Forde) told a gathering of ex-service men in Sydney that the Federal Government, about the following majority of Australians stood for preference to returned service men. That gathering, by the way, was in the electorate of Mr. Forde's Ministerial Colleague, Mr. Ward, who has twice told Perth audiences that preference will be unnecessary in the earthly paradise that will be created after the war. Another of Mr. Forde's colleagues, Senator Keane, recently stated in Perth that there was a "good deal of humbug about preference." It may be claimed that these gentlemen spoke as individuals, and not as members of the Government, but the Government's attitude was expressed clearly enough by Mr. Curtin in the House of Representatives on August 7. In answer to a question, Mr. Curtin declared: "I make it quite clear that the policy of this Government is preference to returned soldiers." Mr. Curtin added that the policy of the Government was the law of the land, and the law, so far as the Commonwealth was concerned, was preference to returned soldiers. That law, Mr. Curtin said, was passed some years ago and, more recently, it was included in the Repatriation Act.

At odd intervals the Army authorities have advised friends and relatives to make their letters to soldiers at the front as cheerful as possible. It has been expressly stated that men who have a big war ahead of them do not want to be bored by details of such trifles at home. Letters which nag about the children's behaviour, or the rigours of the rationing system, are both irritating and depressing in their effects on men who have such a serious job in front of them. At the same time, the authorities might well have issued a word of warning about certain bright ornaments of the vernacular Press. Officers and other rankers, who have come back from New Guinea, were taught to speak most scathing terms about a certain type of week-end paper which specialises in lurid stories of crime, and the more unsavoury details of divorce court proceedings. Imagine the effect of such bile on young married men at the front, especially when unforeseen delays in the transportation of mails have left them without letters from home for an unusually long period. It is not that such a man cannot trust an absent wife, but the effect of such trash on even the least imaginative of men can not fail to have an adverse effect on morale. What is more, divorce details, as published, are not likely to improve the friendly relations that happily exist between our men and their Allies. Sowing distrust between members of two Allied forces was a favourite propaganda method of the Huns during the last war, and it is the present. In both wars, French soldiers were told that they were holding the line, while the British carried on with their wives and daughters behind the lines. Sensation-mongering newspapers, which specialise in, or go in for, the "Bluey and Curly" type of snobbery, uniform, are doing a great job for Germany and Japan, if their editors were only educated enough to know it.

The French kings of the eighteenth century were very arbitrary. They imprisoned their critics and rebels in the gloomy fortress of the Bastille, and kept them there indefinitely; but provided a man was not tortured or knocked about, as he would be in a German concentration camp. Prisoners were not starved under a tropical sun, or forced to work like convicts, as the divorce details, and, glorify the "Bluey and Curly" type of sacerdote uniform, are doing a great job for Germany and Japan, if their editors were only educated enough to know it.

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It's Starting Again

By FRANK BROWNE

During the week came news from America of a book by a certain Pte. Kahn who alleged to have fought with the AIF and made it clear his book appears to perform the almost incredible feat of describing the Buna campaign without mentioning the AIF more than twice—and both the references were mildly disparaging. Coupled with this the press has been getting on with the film which tells of a film and a book dealing with the Greek campaign, which never once mentions the Australians.

Now when I read these items—like most other Diggers, I said a few rather rude words. I thought of the graves in France, and the graves of the Lidice, and that little bit of the Old World which will be forever Australia—Monastir Pass, and in my mind's eye I can see the rain pouring down on the bomb and shell blasted remains of that well-beside the sea called Buna. And I can hear the roll-call after the din of battle died—and an AIF roll-call that showed battalion reduced to companies and companies to platoons.

Yet up pops some goon to say we weren't in either place.

But when I come to think of it we were there. It all happened before. I have read histories of Galipoli which knew not the Anzacs. I have read accounts of how the Hindenburg Line was broken by (a) Yanks, (b) British, (c) AIF troops. I've read accounts of Allenby's Palestine campaign which never mentioned the Light Horse. So I'm hanged if I am going to be shocked when I hear we weren't at Buna, in Greece, or Tobruk, or any other place the AIF has sanctified with its blood.

It all boils down to this: We are the most played-down people in the world. We seem to like effacing ourselves, disparaging ourselves, and generally apologising for our existence on the face of the earth. And because we don't seem to care much for the glory that we have won—then other people who want it for themselves can't be blamed for picking it up where it lies.

There's nothing about our educational system which does anything to promote a national spirit—a pride in our achievements. During the interval between the last war and this, there was no effort made to fire the rising generation with the spirit that the men of Anzac, the men of Mouquet Farm, Tragia Line, Ypres, Arras, Breslau and other great battles before the Menin Gate, were fired with.

And in this war—compare the American spirit—national spirit with ours. Do you think that one kid in any American school would be ignorant of any detail of the Bataan campaign? Of course he wouldn't. But ask Australian kids a few questions about Greece, Kokoda, or even...
Tobruk—and see how you get on. His ignorance will amaze you.

So that before we worry too much about spending money on setting up Information Bureaux all over the place, why not start at the bottom? Place the development of a national spirit No. 1 on our educational list. When we do this—it will be time to spread ourselves in an international sense. After all, what good is there in sending a few journalists who may have been parlour pinks abroad to try and sell people on us, our traditions and way of life? Why, the average Australian journalist abroad usually tries to be as un-Australian as he possibly can be—with the result that the country that he happens to be in takes us at his valuation—a pretty cheap one.

So before we can really get to work on telling the world—we have to tell ourselves—and now is the time to do it. Otherwise we will get so much propaganda about other people—and other ways of life that we will never be able to develop the spirit that we need—the spirit that we possessed once—when our fathers used to sing proudly, "This Bit of the World Belongs to Us!"—and were quite ready to stanch anybody who disagreed with them!

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Supplies of Quinine

In reply to a resolution passed by last year's congress in relation to supplies of quinine, the Minister for Repatriation has written:

I have to inform you that, through the Commonwealth Department of Health, ampoules of quinine hydrochloric are being distributed to all medical practitioners, other than certain specialists, throughout Australia, for the urgent treatment of cases of malaria requiring intravenous injection of quinine. The Commonwealth Director-General of Health has also circularised medical practitioners throughout the Commonwealth, giving full particulars regarding types of malaria, diagnosis, treatment, etc.

As you are doubtless aware, antimalarial drugs are in short supply and are under the direct control of the Army. It is, therefore, not practicable for the Repatriation Commission, at this juncture, to make supplies of other antimalarial drugs available to all Repatriation Local Medical Officers. However, arrangements have been made for such drugs to be obtained promptly by Local Medical Officers who require them from time to time for the treatment of departmental patients.

I might mention that special arrangements have been made to enable treatment to be given without delay to ex-members of the forces who suffer from malaria or a recurrence of malaria. Even in cases where there is no record of malaria having been suffered on service, if a medical officer considers an ex-member is suffering from this complaint, treatment is provided at departmental expense without awaiting determination of the question of attributability to war service.

Recently an English broadcaster described the Army as a projectile fired by the Navy. In these days, when Allied Armies, Navy and Air Forces work together as one, in great combined operations, this is still as true as it was in the days when our warships needed only wind in their sails to take them to the shores of their enemies.

Sentences of anything up to ten years' penal servitude continue to be imposed in Germany and Austria, as punishment for listening to the B.B.C. In April this year a provincial paper, published in South-Western Germany had this to say, during the course of an attack on rumour-mongering: "If you take the trouble to trace the rumour you come across, you will find a peculiar informant at the end of the trail. It has an aerial and five valves and a few knobs, which can be turned round until you get the right wave-length. Broadcast propaganda has become a weapon which, if it is not met by suitable counter measures, will prove more paralysing and deadly than guns and machine-guns. For if, from the start, the fighting morale of the people, their will to resist, and their belief in victory, are sapped and broken, the best weapon will be of no use." A young student, who managed to escape from Czechoslovakia to London has described how people in the occupied countries listen to the broadcasts by the B.B.C. "Between twenty and thirty people gathered in a room round a radio set," he said, "while eight to ten sentences were posted outside. The listening-room had been made sound-proof by stuffing eiderdowns between the windows, and filling the cracks beneath the doors."

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When she arrived in Perth, Mrs. Silverman, the lady who spoke so eloquently on behalf of Jewish victims of persecution in European countries, declared that Palestine was the only adequate home for the Jews. We always did think Mr. Lawley was somewhat restricted for this purpose.

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At the meeting of the State Executive on August 16, there were present Messrs. Anderson, Edmondson, Yeates, Watt, Smith, Mansbridge, Paton, James, Olden, Collett, Zeffert, Harvey, Bateson, Wilson, Wood, Cornish, Collins and Wilkinson.

Trades Dilution.—The Secretary to the Prime Minister's Department replied to representations made on behalf of returned soldiers being trained under the trades dilution plan. The reply stated that the engineering industry is not at present considered to be the one offering the most suitable opportunities for the permanent rehabilitation of returned men. It was decided to send a copy of the reply to the Subiaco Sub-Branch.

In a further communication, the Subiaco Sub-Branch recommended that the League be represented on any committee set up to decide on a method of retirement of men transferred under the dilution plan, and added tradesmen. It was resolved that this matter be taken up with the Federal Office.

League Badges.—In reply to questions raised by the State Secretary, the League solicitor advised that, in his opinion, the Rules fully cover cases of ex-members who, whilst unfinished, continue to wear the League's financial emblem. The League solicitor considered that, where an ex-member ignored a demand for the return of the badge, he could be summoned before a court, but the State Executive must approve of and issue the summons. It was decided to forward this information to sub-branches in the next Head Office circular.

North-East Fremantle.—North-East Fremantle Sub-Branch advised that an option had recently been taken over certain land at Fremantle, and asked for the necessary endorsement of the League's trustees on an agreement which was submitted. It was decided to refer the matter to the trustees for their consideration.

A.C.P.—The State Secretary read a letter from the Australian Comforts Fund, referring to a street appeal on August 25, and asking for the support of the League in the appeal on October 6. Correspondence between the A.C.P. and the League was referred to the Management Committee for inquiry and report.

At the meeting of the State Executive on August 30 there were present Messrs. Anderson, Edmondson, Yeates, Watt, Smith, Mansbridge, Thorne, Paton, James, Cornell, Zeffert, Harvey, Bateson, Wilson, Davies, Maegregor, Wilkins and Wilkinson.

Welcome.—The State President welcomed Mr. H. Wilkins, Country Vice-President, and congratulated him on his improvement in health.

War Memorial.—It was agreed that Colonel Mansbridge be appointed to the vacant position on the State War Memorial Committee.

Soldier Settlement.—Arising out of the report of the Land Committee, it was resolved—

(a) That the Land Committee deplores the further delay as a result of no decision being arrived at in respect of Soldier Settlement at the recent Premiers' Conference in Canberra.

(b) That the Referendum proposals have no bearing on Soldier Settlement, the reasons of rural rehabilitation being the main reason why the greater proportion of the Rural Reconstruction Commission's recommendations should not be given immediate effect.

(c) That the Committee wait on the Minister for Lands on his return to the State, with a view to ascertaining the existing position, and to urge the claims of discharged personnel, who are needing immediate assistance on the land.

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The committee endorses the following resolution carried at the recent meeting of the Federal Executive: "That the committee, in answer to a proposal for transferral of land to other than returned soldiers should not be granted, but that all such land should be acquired for soldier settlement." A number of other matters submitted to the Land Committee by sub-branches were dealt with, and appropriate action is being taken.

Trustees.—Reports of meetings held by the trustees on August 21 and 25 showed that the principal business was the proposed acquisition of land by the North-East Fremantle Sub-Branch in connection with which the trustees made certain recommendations. After discussion of the report and a letter on the subject from the Fremantle City Sub-Branch, it was decided to refer the matter to the State Executive for further advice.

Federal Executive Meeting.—A long report was submitted by Mr. Davies, who represented the W.A. Branch at the meeting of the Federal Executive on August 8. Mr. Davies was thanked for his services.

Regional Committee.—Mr. Zeffert submitted a report on meetings of the W.A. Regional Training Committee, which was given slightly.

Visits.—Visits to sub-branches, associations, hospitals, etc., were reported by the State President (Mons Day and Boulder and Kalgoorlie Sub-Branches); Mr. Edmondson (Hollywood, Sunset, Army Education, Soldiers' Children Scholarship Fund); Mr. Davies (Mt. Hawthorn and Victoria Park); Mr. Wilson (Ex-Naval Men); Mr. Wilkinson (Anzac Buffet); Mr. Wilkins (Corrigin, Bruce Rock and Narembeen); Mr. Bateson (M. Hawthorn and Victoria Park); Mr. Wilson (Ex-Naval Men); Mr. Wilkinson (Anzac Buffet); Mr. Wilkins (Corrigin, Bruce Rock and Narembeen); Mr. Bateson (M. Hawthorn and Victoria Park); Mr. Wilson (Ex-Naval Men); Mr. Wilkinson (Anzac Buffet); Mr. Wilkins (Corrigin, Bruce Rock and Narembeen).

Priorsities in Business.—In connection with the establishment of discharges service personnel in business and the arrangement of priorities, the Minister for Supply has advised that he has ordered an investigation of the position.

University Accommodation.—A reply has been received from the Universities Commission to representations made by the League in regard to accommodation for the training of discharged service personnel at universities after the war. It was decided to forward a copy of the reply to the Guild of Undergraduates of the University of Western Australia, and to notify the Secretary that the State Executive is not satisfied with the reply, and that an approach should be made to the Minister for Post-War Reconstruction.

Presentation.—The State President indicated that presentations would be made to Miss Mary Meares on the following day, as the time had been fixed for her departure overseas.

29th Annual Congress.—It was decided that this year's Annual Congress, attended by General Deane, would be held at the Guildhall on September 31.

Hospital Visiting.—The following roster was approved for hospital visits: September 17, Messrs. Cayte and Magregor; September 21, Messrs. Collins and Davies; October 5, Messrs. Mansbridge and Smith; October 19, Messrs. Thorn and Zeffert; November 2, Messrs. Panton and Olden.

Constitution Amendments.—Col. Mansbridge submitted a number of amendments to the W.A. Branch Constitution. It was decided to refer these to the League's solicitor for his comments, and to provide each member of the Executive with a copy.

Lennon Hospital.—The Minister for Health advised that a number of matters submitted by a recent deputation in regard to improvements at Lennon were either under consideration, or in course of completion.

Trainees and Tradesmen.—A letter was received from the Secretary of the Employers' Federation, notifying that a date would be fixed for matters to be discussed with the Employers' Executive.

Nedlands Sub-Branch expressed dissatisfaction on account of the policy of the State Government in making permanent appointments to the Public Service, this being detrimental to the interests of many civil servants at present with the Forces.

It was decided that certain inquiries be made and that the Premier be approached.

Hollywood Hospital.—Nedlands Sub-Branch notified that they had paid the first visit in accordance with the proposed scheme and that no fewer than 12 members were necessary to do the job properly.

Pindelling Sub-Branch.—Re Soldier Settlement and Pensions: The State Secretary reported that a recent deputation to the Minister for Works was sympathetically received, and that action is being taken to find suitable land for a permanent building site for the Pindelling Sub-Branch.

Memorial Site.—Maylands asked for approval to erect a memorial hall site in the name of the W.A. Branch. It was decided to notify this sub-branch that such application for vesting suitable land would be sympathetically received.

D.D.G. Manpower.—A letter from the D.D.G. Manpower explained the reasons for non-completion of an Advisory Committee and referred to the sympathetic way in which League representations were received.

Sub-Branch Employment Officer.—The Sub-Branch Employment Officer, The West Leederville-Wembley Sub-Branch, recommended that every sub-branch appoint a member to act as employment officer and to maintain close co-operation with Head Office. The recommendation was endorsed and the suggestion will be passed on to all sub-branches.

Confirmation of Officials.—Appointment of W. G. Haylett and T. J. O'Neill as Deputy Secretary, and of T. J. O'Neill and F. A. Smith as State Treasurer, was confirmed.

Soldiers' Dependents' Appeal.—This committee examined the difficulty of securing information from country districts and asked for sub-branch co-operation in furnishing confidential reports. It was decided to ask sub-branches to extend all possible assistance.

At 10.40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to 5 p.m. on Friday, September 4.
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and set of parlour bowls were greatly appreciated by members. The offer of a keen auxiliary worker to form a Shenton Park auxiliary was unanimously accepted. Visits to the Hollywood Hospital were made on Sunday, September 3.

It was evident that the patients were very appreciative of the interest being taken in them by League members. Membership has increased to such an extent that the sub-branch is discussing the question of getting its own hall for a meeting place. Further developments in this direction may be expected. The next meeting will be held on October 4.

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BUNBURY

At an exceedingly well-attended annual general meeting the following were given the responsibilities of local control: President, Mr. R. John Moore; vice-presidents, Messrs. Harry Ryall and Fred Davies-Moore; hon. secretary, Mr. Sam T. Lowth, who has since resigned; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Hickling; committee, Messrs. Bill Freeman, W. S. Ames, Jack Gibson, Herbert H. Sherry, Vin Cooper, J. Thompson, Arthur E. Murray and T. Bennet. While the committee now meets on the evening of the first Monday in each month, the general meeting takes place on the second Monday of the month.

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**BASSENDEN**

The month has been a busy one for the sub-branch. Among the activities were organising the Waratahs programme at the Princess Theatre for the P.O.W. Fund, items for the annual congress, and the annual reunion. The Waratahs gave a programme which the people of Fremantle greatly appreciated, and which realised £60 for the P.O.W. Fund. The reunion was an outstanding success. The guests included the State President (Mr. H. G. Wilson), high-ranking Navy and Army officers, and the presidents and secretaries of several neighbouring sub-branches. Harmony was provided by the Waratahs, special entertainers from Perth, and a swing band. The State President, who received a great ovation, gave an outline of League policy. He congratulated the sub-branch president (Mr. G. H. Wilson) on being elected unopposed for the third year. Speaking for the sub-branch, Mr. W. Anderson, however, in that year, the dance had produced £645 for soldier comforts and amelioration, and over £400 for the P.O.W. Fund. Assets, at present, are valued at more than £1000. Mr. Anderson spoke of the sub-branch's aspirations in regard to the foundation of a club in Fremantle. Geo. Gilmore was the official bugler for the function.

**SUBIACO**

Many new Diggers were included in the record attendance at the annual meeting. The president welcomed all new members in the traditional Subiaco style. The president reported on a very successful year. Membership increased to 123, and very few are unfinancial. During the year the overdraft on the hall was reduced by £315, leaving a very small balance over £100. Collections during the year for the Building...
Poppy Day and P.O.W. Funds realised a total of about £700. Meeting night is now the last Wednesday of the month. Cliff Sadler, V.C., was re-elected president. Other officers elected were: Vice-presidents, Messrs. Alf Buggins and Ted Laine; secretary, Bill Fullerton; treasurer, Ben Williamson (re-elected); auditors, Messrs. Wilkins and Turney; sports master, George Wilson. Sporting activities during the month have been another success. Increased attendances are noted, and a very active committee has been elected. The visit to Hollywood Hospital on Sunday, August 20 was an outstanding success. Members visited every ward and distributed flowers, sweets and reading matter. The annual reunion will be held in the King’s Hall, Subiaco, on Friday, October 20.

MIDLAND JUNCTION

Owing to increased membership, it has been found necessary to meet on the first and third Thursdays. Keenness of debate in all matters appertaining to the welfare of the League augurs well for our future activities. New members continue to come along, and are proving staunch supporters of the ideals that their fathers upheld. The sub-branch is proud of the fact that a father and son in the persons of Jimmie Cole and son Alf are members. Our oldest member and youngest member—old Tom Gill and Ptyk Rea—are on the sick list, and all hope for their speedy recovery. This sub-branch is well represented in civic affairs in the persons of Bert Stevens, Jim Cole, Arthur Jurton, Jack Sheppard, and Bert Swann. Many members are active in patriotic funds in the district and other kindred societies. Much of our success is due to the energetic activities of our hon. secretary, Len Wilkinson.

MOORA

A general meeting of the sub-branch took place on September 2 under the chairmanship of its president (Col. Nicholson), and took the form of a social evening, in which business was combined with pleasure. The chairman, in welcoming new members from the present war, dwelt on the good work the League has so far done, and asked them, when their turn came to take over the reins of government, to uphold the prestige that the League now enjoyed. The following business was transacted: Colonel Hill referred to the annual congress; a land committee comprising Messrs. W. Boyce, C. Prior and G. L. Gardiner, was formed to advise any soldiers desiring to settle in the district as to local conditions, and to, as far as possible, secure the same from paying more than fair prices for any farm they wished to purchase. It was resolved to contact the right authorities as to the wearing of Australian uniforms by natives. It was decided to form a women’s auxiliary in conjunction with the local R.S.L. In future, with the idea of bringing the soldier of this and the last war together, and of getting prepared for the return of the soldiers still away, it was decided to hold a general meeting on the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. The next meeting will be on Saturday, October 14, at the Amenities Hall.

COTTESLOE

The September meeting being the annual meeting, there was a record attendance. The president (Mr. S. H. Hubbard) welcomed visitors from the British and Australian services. The election of officers resulted as follows: Patron, Lt.-Col. Athol Hobbs; president, Mr. S. H. Hubbard; vice-presidents, Messrs. Pool and Wishart; treasurer, Mr. A. Hyde; secretary, Mr. E. Laycock; auditor, Mr. H. Scott; committee, Messrs. Newsom, Harvey, Currie, Mills, McIntyre, Dyer, King, Gunn, Hodder, Flannigan and Kennady.

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August meetings were well attended, and many new members were enrolled. The arrangements for the annual social were a credit to the social committee, led by George Black, and the hard-working ladies who looked after the laying of the tables. Members were particularly gratified by the strong representation from other sub-branches, and from the State Executive. There was not a dull moment, and the president (Barney Keeley) kept things moving without a hitch. The toasts were interspersed with musical items. W. O. Forbes officiated at the piano and accompanied the community singing. Geo. Gilmore sounded the customary calls, and showed the boys a number of other things that can be done with the bugle. One of the best features of the night was the way the toast of the R.S.L. was proposed by two returned men from the present war, Messrs. Syd Pyman and S. Conlon. Among the special guests were three members of the Perth City Council, Crs. Caddy, Spencer and W. Beadle. The State Executive was represented by Messrs. M. E. Zeffer, F. Bate son, and E. O. Davies. The services were also strongly represented. The community concerts are going well. Much hard work is being done by the committee, and the concerts are held on Sunday nights in the Hollywood Theatre.

WEST LEEDEIVILLe-WEMBLEY

The attendance at our meetings remains highly satisfactory, and we are now approaching the 100 mark. This sub-branch meets in the West Leederville Town Hall on the second Monday.
in each month at 7.45 p.m. September 31 was no exception to the rule when the president (Mr. Cecil Bolton) welcomed further new members in Messrs. Davises of the Royal Scotch Fusiliers, and Fisher of the 2/7th Field Ambulance. It can be stated that excellent progress is being made in this sub-branch, and much enthusiasm is indicated. It will be a great day when we are housed in our own premises. The sub-branch strongly supports the idea of the establishment of homes, single and collective, for veteran returned men. We visited Hollywood Hospital in force on the 10th. A further contribution has been made to the Australian Comforts Fund, and we continue to send in all we can to the P.O.W. Fund. It is with much regret that we record the loss of a valued member in Mr. C. R. Silverlock, and a tribute was paid to his memory at the attendance of members at the graveside. Our local V.D.C. unit turned out in force also. We offer his relatives our deepest sympathy, as we offer the deepest sympathy also to Hughie Peters, who has just lost his wife, and a fitting tribute was also paid to his memory by members. During the evening Colonel Donaldson gave a most interesting address to members, which was much appreciated. Arrangements are now under way for the holding of the annual scone social, which will be held on Friday, November 17. A Paddy’s Market is also being organised, and further information will be available later. We are pleased to hear that our good friends Messrs. Pyke snr. and Mat Epi are making good progress after serious illnesses. Community concerts continue to be held in the Luxor Theatre, every Sunday night. These are conducted by Cr. E. Caddy, and they are run in conjunction with the Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch. Members are specially requested to support this movement.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

One hundred and forty-one members signed the attendance book at the general meeting in August. The committee’s proposal to purchase town property under option to the sub-branch was adopted. The 1944 Victory Show was held in the Fremantle Town Hall on August 30, in aid of the P.O.W. Fund. It was a novel entertainment for Fremantle people and was well patronised. Delegates will represent the sub-branch at this year’s congress are Messrs. D. W. Paton, A. E. Dow, G. D. Finlay, F. W. Cann, A. J. Jaggs, W. P. Griffiths and F. Wayman.

BOYANUP

The P.O.W. Fund appeal is receiving good support from all quarters. The grand finale took place on September 16. Results will be published later. The drive opened on August 31 with a grand ball. An amount of over £50 was taken at the door. Three leading members of the sub-branch, Messrs. A. M. Bryce (president), E. P. Eccleston (past president) and G. Scott (secretary), who, like the rest, are working untiringly, say their financial target is well into three figures. At the moment the prospects of success seem very bright.

VICTORIA PARK

The monthly meeting was held on August 18 with the president (Alf Nicholas) in the chair. The guest of honour was Mr. E. O. Davies, past president of North Perth, who had just returned from a meeting of the Federal Executive. Mr. Davies gave a very illuminating address on matters affecting the League. Membership is rapidly increasing, and many young Diggers of the 2/A.F. are joining. The sub-branch social function was held on August 11, when the Stan Gurney V.C. Memorial Shield was presented by Mr. M. Zeffert to this year’s winner, Bert Fisher, a member of the 2/A.F. Mr. Zeffert remarked on how pleasing it was to find members of the 2/A.F. taking an active part in activities and gaining top marks in open competition. Mr. H. Leslie, M.L.A., who was on the platform also, endorsed Mr. Zeffert’s remarks. Thanks are due to all the ladies who generously made available their services to make the social a success. Carlisle Gloucester Parks and South Perth Sub-Branches were represented. Delegates selected to represent the sub-branch at congress are the president (Alf Nicholas), Fred Matthews, B. Portsmouth, and the hon. secretary (Ray Brown). The sub-branch is staging a popular girl competition to assist the P.O.W. Fund and the Hall Extension Building Fund. Nominations for candidates close with the secretary on October 1. An aged ex-serviceman, Mr. Joe Barnet, has been on the sick list, and members wish him a speedy recovery. A cheerio to all members at the Edward Millen Home also.

MOSMAN PARK

Many new members were in attendance at our August meeting, which was presided over by Geo. Ashworth. Three members of the Merchant Navy were welcomed during the evening. In the absence of Keith Woods, on R.A.N. service, Bill Craze capably carried on the duties of secretary. Messrs. Ashworth, Craze and Thomas were appointed delegates for the forthcoming congress. A “Search for Talent” quots competition at the

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close of the meeting attracted a moderate field, and one of the younger brigade, Arthur McDonald, ran out winner, closely attended by the old-timer Jim Strickland, who appeared short of a gallop. At our next meeting the search will be for table tennis talent. A sing-song around the piano was a very happy finale to the evening. This promises to be a regular and popular feature of future meetings, and the boys are all out to catch up on the songs they used to know as well as those they would like to know. Ted Mcdavitt and Bill Kidner were prominent in the field during the evening. Our sports meeting held on the second Thursday in each month is proving popular. Coffee is provided, but members provide their own other liquid refreshments, which is dispensed as required by our social secretary, Bill Stothard. We regret to report that our old battler Wally Dous t is again on the sick list. Our annual smoke was an unqualified success, and much credit is due to Bill Stothard and his band of helpers for the sterling night they put on. Entertainment was good and drinks frequent. It was a compliment to those responsible that everything was under control right to the conclusion. A request from the ladies for assistance with their canteen effort at Anzac House on October 22 was received and will be dealt with at our next meeting. Many members have signified their intention of participating in our turn to visit Hollywood Hospital on November 12.

GERALDTON

After a long delay through the illness of competitors, the darts tournament has been completed. It resulted in a win for L. Pomeroy, with president Pop Freeman as runner-up. On September 8 a ball was held in the Town Hall in aid of the women's auxiliary. This ball will be followed by another on November 17 in aid of the R.S.L. funds, and, as it is being arranged that debutantes will be presented, this should also be a social highlight. During August the Geraldton War-time Football Association paid to the sub-branch a sum of £274 odd to be donated to the P.O.W. Fund, and this splendid donation was greatly appreciated by members. The children's dances, held every Tuesday night at Birdwood House, are still attracting good attendances. The proceeds from these go to hospital teas. The bridge evenings on Thursdays are also holding the interest of a goodly number of supporters. On September 6 the monster darts tournament was brought to a successful conclusion. There were 42 teams of four players to a team competing, and all heats and finals were played off in two nights. The winning team was Freemasons No. 1, with the Railway Dept. team as runner-up. On both nights Birdwood House was crowded out, and it is estimated that a profit of approximately £150 will go to the sub-branch funds. Val Brown and the social committee who organised the tournament are to be congratulated on the success that attended their efforts. Congratulations to committeeman Ern Eaton on the birth of a son. Ern is one of our new members from H.B. Vice-president B. Lock and secretary Jack Rogers have been appointed as delegates to the forthcoming congress.

BOULDER

A special meeting of the Executive committee was held on August 20 for the purpose of meeting the State President (Mr. Anderson), who received a warm welcome. Mr. Alf Lydon, of the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch, was also present. The main business of the meeting was to discuss plans for the proposed new club, the ground for which has already been secured, and many suggestions were put forward by members present. Mr. Lydon, who is in the Architectural Branch of the Public Works Department, has promised every assistance when final plans are drawn up. The State President's address on League problems was listened to with interest, and before the conclusion of the meeting his health was drunk with musical honours and he was sincerely thanked for his advice and attendance at the meeting. A series of community concerts is being conducted in the Boulder Town Hall in aid of the Distress Fund. Charlie Logan is to be complimented for the good show he puts on. Executive member Artie Wells is the proud father of bonny twin boys; and since the happy event, there has been quite a lot of celebrating at Tattersalls Hostel, and much quipping, but Artie takes it all with a smile. New members are being steadily enrolled.

Women's Auxiliaries

The first birthday of the auxiliary was celebrated after the annual meeting on August 7. Members of the sub-branch were invited, and an enjoyable supper was served. The president (Mrs. Davey) cut the cake, which was made by a member, Mrs. Warren, and beautifully decorated by the vice-president (Mrs. Braun). The following officers were elected at the annual meeting: President, Mrs. Davey (unopposed); vice-presidents, Msdaumes Braun and Butler; secretary, Mrs. Trotter (unopposed); treasurer, Mrs. Campbell; trustees, Msdaumes Heeps, Warren, and Kerr. The auxiliary now has 36 members. During a successful year, parcels were sent to members of the forces, and various sums of money were donated to patriotic funds. A special effort on behalf of the P.O.W Fund was responsible for raising £54/17/3.

WEST LEEDERVILLE

The August meeting was well attended, despite very inclement weather. Two representatives of the sub-branch were present and desired the co-operation of the ladies in a fete to be held in the West Leederville Town Hall early in December. All members were willing to do their utmost to make this effort a financial success. We are very grateful to Mrs. Blackwell, one of the younger members, who, by personal effort, contributed a very substantial amount to our funds. Two new members were enrolled. Bridge
evenings are held in the West Leederville Town Hall every Friday at 8 p.m.

OTTESLOE

The annual meeting and election of officers took place on July 3, 1944. All officers were elected unopposed. They are: President, Mrs. Newson; vice-presidents, Mesdames Lowick and Blenkinsop; secretary, Mrs. Brenner; treasurer, Mrs. Weatherall. The auxiliary's main effort for the last year was the raising of £145 for the R.S.L. P.O.W. Fund. Fortnightly bridge evenings raised £6/5/10. As well as canteen and bed-making work, Sunset and Lemnos were visited regularly. A most enthusiastic younger set has been formed. The War Savings Group continues to flourish. New members will always be welcomed.

CARLISLE

The election of officers took place in the Bickford Memorial Hall on June 12, when Mrs. C. M. Hood was elected in place of Mrs. Geraldine Harrower as president. Mrs. Crofts was re-elected hon. secretary, Mrs. M. Turnbull treasurer, Mrs. N. Gilssenall senior vice-president and Mrs. Monkhouse second vice-president (she has since resigned owing to other duties, Mrs. Geraldine Harrower being elected to take her place). During the year we have run various entertainments for funds, and had a "mile of pennies" for the P.O.W. Fund, which raised £12/1/-. We have all responded to all calls on our members for helpers at Sportsmen's House, Phyllis Dean and Snack Bar. We made a good job of the collecting on Poppy Day, and have always responded to calls for collectors for all street appeals. We closed the year with quite a splendid bank account, and hope in the coming year to add to it. We have subscribed to the Scholarship Trust, the Blanket Fund appeal, the P.O.W. Fund, and the Woorooloo Sanatorium appeal for garden improvements. Mrs. Boland and Mrs. Sweetman regularly each Sunday, take tea to the Edward Millen Home.

F.U.S.W.

The monthly meeting was held in Anzac House. The president (Mrs. H. Dean) expressed pleasure on the return to Anzac House, after holding meetings for five years in other places. The State President of the League (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) gave an interesting talk on League matters. Vice-president Mrs. T. C. Wilson thanked Mr. Anderson. The following artists contributed to the musical programme arranged by Mrs. E. Lynch; Miss Moran (accompanist), Miss Carmel Burrows (violin), Mr. V. Walsh (song), Miss Zoe Lenegan (song). Mrs. Dean thanked the artists. Mr. H. W. Rigg (vice-president of the T.&P.D. Soldiers' Association) was welcomed. He thanked the union for past help, especially the wonderful gift of a clock for the association's rest room. Workers are wanted for the Scarborough shop and the various canteens.

SUBIACO

The president (Mrs. Burgess) presided over a moderate attendance at the meeting on August 16, at which two new members were nominated. The month's activities included the tenth anniversary tea, which was taken to Sunset in conjunction with Manjimup, the annual Lemnos tea, a picture outing, and the R.S.L. ball. Among those present who were present at the Lemnos tea and pictures were the State President (Mr. Anderson), the State Secretary (Mr. Benson), the Auxiliary State President (Mrs. McKinlay), and the Auxiliary State President (Mrs. Henderson). The R.S.L. ball, on August 18, in aid of the building fund, was another successful function. At the monthly entertainment of convalescent patients from Hollywood and the Lady Mitchell Home. The Repatriations at Perth Hospital were visited, and musical items were provided by Mesdames McMahon and Thomas. The visiting committee has made the regular round of hospitals. Sports practice and euchre on Wednesday evenings retain their popularity. Mrs. Cribb can still find room for players. There was another large party at Sunset on September 6, and the monthly visits to Lemnos continue to attract a good attendance of members.

VICTORIA PARK

The general meeting on August 25 was well attended. Mrs. Hodkgiss (president) presided. Mrs. Coleman reported on her visit to the Edward Millen Home with Mrs. Haigh, when sweets, cakes and books were distributed. There were 35 patients at the time of the visit. The war loan group continues to flourish, and Mrs. Matthews' report shows that finances are in a healthy condition. It was decided unanimously that owing to the need which may arise in future for assistance to be given to members whose husbands may be returning unfit for work, an amelioration fund should be started. Mesdames Hodgkiss and Coleman are representing the auxiliary at conference, with Mrs. F. Matthews as proxy. The date of the birthday party has had to be altered to September 29 at 8 p.m. Two ladies volunteered to go and do some mending at the Edward Millen Home. On Sunday, September 3, the auxiliary was on duty at Anzac House to entertain members of the various services.
## ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

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<td>E. S. Wood, 226 South Perth Road, South Perth</td>
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<td>E. H. Pike, 226 South Perth Road, South Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
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<td>Pithara</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>D. F. Barr, Shackleton</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Monash House, Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday in each month</td>
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<td>PUBLIC SERVICE</td>
<td>Presbyterian Hall and Dargan Hotel, alternatively</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in month</td>
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<td>QUAIRADING-DINGAN</td>
<td>Progress Hall, Onslow Road</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in month</td>
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<td>SHANTON PARK</td>
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<td>SHACKLETON-KWOLYIN</td>
<td>RAOB Rooms</td>
<td>1st Saturday in each month from June, 1940, at 10.30 a.m.</td>
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<td>SOUTHERN CROSS</td>
<td>Swan Street Hall</td>
<td>4th Thursday in each month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. W. Senior, 100 Douglas Avenue, South Perth</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>RSL Hall, 61 Townsend Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>Last Wednesday each month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. I. Smith, Subiaco</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Traying</td>
<td>Every 4th Sunday</td>
<td>H. Riley, Traying</td>
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<td>TRAYING-YELBINI</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. Nicholas, 17 Welsh Canning Highway, South Perth</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge St., Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>C. A. H. Bolton, 39 Marlow St., Wembley</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE-WESBURY</td>
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<td>When called</td>
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<td>WESSEL</td>
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<td>R. W. Cashmore, Wyalong</td>
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<td>Lesser Hall</td>
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<td>YOKINE</td>
<td>Wickenup Hotel</td>
<td>Every 4th Thursday</td>
<td>W. Keasell, Winkpin Gold Mines Ltd.</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>Henderson Hall, East Rockingham, Wotton St.</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Saturday</td>
<td>I. H. Eastcott, Wyalong</td>
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