WHITHER AUSTRALIA?

Armistice Day was desecrated in Sydney by a mob which thronged the foreshore of the Harbour and yelled insults at Dutch soldiers aboard the "Moreton Bay," and hooted like a hyena pack when the Dutchmen held up the national flag and song "God Save the King."—News Item.

Just as a reorganisation of forces must take place after every pitched battle, so must a reconstruction period cover the transition from the disruption of war to the new order of peace. The permanent results achieved in the reconstruction period and their ultimate value will depend on the capacity for leadership displayed by those who succeed the war leaders as peace leaders, and the capacity of the public for maintaining in peace that concerted effort that carried us through to victory in war. Admittedly, the maintenance of heroic endeavours are not easy once the immediate goal has been won, but the endeavours must be kept up nevertheless. After 1918, it was frequently said that we ended the war a few months too soon. At present, there is a grave danger that future generations will say with equal regret that we ended the war effort against the Axis Powers far too soon.

The coming of Armistice Day this year coincided with two very regrettable displays of flagging effort. The first was the poor response throughout the length and breadth of Australia to the Fourth Victory Loan. Although it was stressed on all sides, and from almost every platform in Australia, that this Loan was to supply the funds for rehabilitating service men and women, the totals, both in respect of subscriber and money quotas, were lamentably short of those of previous loans. In fact, the service men and women themselves subscribed far more in proportion to their numbers than the civilians of the country. Apart from the unbusinesslike blindness which fails to recognise the loans as a good medium for investing savings, the results of the Fourth Victory Loan campaign show a base ingratitude to the men and women of the services, and a disgusting apathy towards their future welfare.

The second regrettable tendency is the virulent epidemic of mob disorders in the Eastern States. We had stoppages in industry during the war—far too many of them—but strikes of greater magnitude and of more paralyzing potentiality are affecting big key industries today. "We are not prepared to assess the blame for these disruptive tendencies; but, in common with most Australians who can look at an issue with both eyes open, we are concerned at the effect of these present discontentments. One very lamentable effect was foreshadowed in Sydney by the Secretary of the New South Wales Executive of the Australian Labour Party (Mr. J. Stewart), the night before Armistice Day. "Direct action," he said, "will result in an end to full employment experienced by Australian unionists during the past five years, and interruptions to this condition are deliberately designed to cause chaos, a condition in which the workers will be the sufferers." It is realised, as Mr. Stewart pointed out, that the present arbitration machinery is due for an overhaul, and attempts to have this done will be made at the forthcoming Federal A.L.P. conference.

Unfortunately, as Mr. Stewart hinted in his statement, there are elements in the Trade Union Movem-nt, just as there are in the League, whose sole purpose is to disrupt the movement from within, to cause chaos, and then assume control over what is left. Such elements were the organisers of a massed display of larrkism directed against a Judge in Newcastle (New South Wales) this month. Such elements led the bands of hooligan who demonstrated against the troops of an esteemed and faithful ally in Sydney on the same day. The latter demonstration developed into a riot, and this was followed by further incidents on Armistice Day. News reports from Sydney made no bones about throwing the blame for all this larrkism upon the Communist Party, and no denial of the charges made by the Press have been forthcoming. In the meantime, Australian servicemen, who returned from Europe in the same ship as these Dutch soldiers, protested to the Communist party against the disgraceful antipathy shown towards men who had consistently risked their lives in underground activities against the Germans in Holland and who, again at the risk of their lives, had given help and shelter to grounded Allied air men. Our own Australian men said the Dutchmen had volunteered for service in the Army in the Netherlands before the trouble in Java commenced. Whether they had done so or not does not come into the question. As Dutchmen they are entitled to service their country wherever their country may use them. For this, they do not need to see the permission of Sydney red-raggers.

Some patriotic Australians may, and no doubt will, sympathise with the Indonesians in their movement for self-government, but that is a far step from actively siding with one party to a quarrel in another country, especially when the quarrel is one which is of no direct concern to Australia. The same dingo pack in Sydney who yelled insults at the flag and the troops of an Ally once condemned the war against the Axis as an Imperialist war. Then they changed face overnight and hailed it as a holy war when Hitler invaded Russia. For the greater part of the rest of the war the howled for the premature opening of new front in Western Europe, when Dutchmen were fighting alongside Australians and Americans on a second front right at our own door. They were very sensitive, these people, who would soon skite for Russia than fight for Australi...
about any published or spoken comment which even appeared to reflect upon Russia. It was doing Hitler's job to comment or reflect on an Ally; yet, that is precisely what these bad Australians are doing today in regard to another Ally.

It remains to be seen what the great mass of the Australian people is to do about it all. The political leaders of the nation are too busy snarling at one another and finding excuses for revolutionary firebrands to get anything done. This political tendency is "hands up" to anything that looks like a mob, chaos is more likely than any new order that our returning servicemen are entitled to expect. That, one thinks, is another cogent reason why the returning servicemen should take a hand in our affairs. If we as a nation shall prove worthies of our great ideals for which so many fought and so many sacrificed even life itself. Australia's political leaders of the Commonwealth have been extended to those members of the following:

(a) Representatives of philanthropic bodies, including Australian Red Cross, Salvation Army, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and Australian Comforts Fund, accredited to and serving with the Forces.

(b) Employees of the Commonwealth attached to and serving with the Forces, such as Department of Information photographers and war correspondents.

(c) Australian Merchant Seamen and Canteen personnel on H.M.A. ships, who, because of war-caused incapacity, are unable to return to their pre-war occupation.

B.—Australian Women's Land Army—Eligibility to apply for reconstruction training has been extended to members of the A.W.L.A. who, because of incapacity arising out of their service, are unable to return to their pre-war occupation.

C.—Pre-discharge Training—Pre-discharge or in-service training has been extended to—

(1) Representatives of philanthropic bodies, including Australian Red Cross, Salvation Army, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and Australian Comforts Fund, accredited to and serving with the Army.

(2) Canteen personnel on H.M.A. ships.

WAR GRATUITIES

For the information of sub-branch secretaries and others who will, no doubt, receive many inquiries, the following is a brief outline of the position in regard to war gratuities:

A war gratuity will be payable to every member of the Forces, male or female. The rate of payment will be 1/6 a day for service overseas and 6d. a day for service in Australia. The overseas rate will commence from the date of three months' continuous overseas service, and the Australian rate from the date of Japan's entry into the war, i.e., December 7, 1941. The gratuity is not payable until five years from a date to be fixed after the cessation of hostilities. Interest will be paid at 3½ per cent. for the waiting period. Advances on the gratuity will not be made, but cash payments may be made, in approved cases, towards the cost of the erection or purchase of a home for a member. Widows, widowed mothers and mothers of deceased soldiers who are in necessitous circumstances may also be granted cash payments. All claims must be made to the District Finance Officer in the State of enlistment, setting out the full particulars of the applicant—Number, rank, name, unit, date of enlistment, date of embarkation, return to Australia, discharge, and the like. This, however, should not be done until full details are announced through the Press.

Ex-Machine Gunners' Association

The Ex-Machine Gunners' Association held its 11th annual meeting of members on October 12. The venue as usual was Gregson's Art in King Street, Perth, and a good number of the old stalwarts were present. During the evening the number of new members from the World War No. II was welcomed and enrolled. The president, in delivering his annual report, remarked that as ex-machine gunners were now returning from overseas, the associate desired to welcome them back, and invited them to combine in the interests of the returned men. He also stated that those who had kept the old yellow and black colours flying in the past would welcome as active members those of World War II, and thus build up a solid organisation for the future. The association was formed, he said, to assist the ex-machine gunners, and over the many years of its life it has fully justified its existence in this regard. During the evening a programme of entertainment and refreshments were enjoyed, and a very happy evening was spent. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing 12 months resulted in the following being elected: President, Mr. A. A. Hayles; vice-president, Mr. H. Woodhead; publicity officer, Mr. E. A. Hayles; secretary, Mr. S. M. Gorton; treasurer, Mr. B. L. Bennett; and members, Mr. D. J. Roche, John D. McLeod, Mr. E. S. Everett; committee, Messrs. J. E. Parks, W. Groyon, T. W. Spencer and A. C. F. Jackson.
THE LEAGUE AND POLITICS

By "Sixteenth"

In your issue of August, "D.N." writes an article "Divided We Fall." It is a good item as propaganda, for the purpose of dividing soldiers. Neither "D.N." nor anyone else offers the cure for the coming worries of soldiers. It is simple. Put a front-line soldiers' party in our Parliament. Fighting soldiers, in this and previous wars, won for us all the honours which we claim, and many young Australians died to win that glory, so let them direct our Australia. They are best fitted to do so. I had my first vote for Federation and then went to the Boer War. Later on I went to the war to end war (1914-18), so it does not concern me greatly. Neither party can keep me alive and agile much longer, but I would like to advise young soldiers of our greatest previous error.

When we won the South African War, the profiteers moved in; and when the first A.I.F. came back we were met by cold-footed politicians of every shade, profiteers and partisans with an axe to grind, who said, "Don't go into politics. We will look after you." After 26 years we know what they gave soldiers—nothing, except the dole and sustenance camps. They intend to do so again, if you young soldiers are mugs enough to give them the chance to do so.

In your August issue you mentioned two by-elections—Victoria Park and Fremantle. In Victoria Park there was a Labour Digger candidate and in Fremantle there was a Liberal Digger candidate. Both ran second, beaten by men who did not fight for their country. Both the defeated Diggers had good records, both in war and public service. You asked readers to draw their own conclusions from the above facts; adding, "The public don't give a damn about servicemen and we will only obtain justice for our cause if we are strong enough and vocal enough."

Quite right, Mr. Editor. You said a mouthful. Only a soldiers' political party can stand will do it. Nobody else will.

In your leading article of the same issue (referring to the 1914-18 war), you say: "At home there was much talk about making the country a land fit for heroes to live in, but men got out of uniform only to find the best jobs filled by slackers, while profiteers were making fortunes and getting titles. Fortunately for ex-service men, their organisations won for them a measure of justice in spite of public apathy.

What applied to Britain applies equally to our Australia. That same old gang of slackers still exists; rather, it has been added to. In Australia we got very little, next to nothing, from slackers in Parliament, who said, "We will look after you." Also, look at the present heads of the W.A. Civil Service and war boards, who employ men for Government work and the lately-retired heads of the last war (on big pensions). Many were slackers in the last war. As you said, "for good and valid reasons they did not fight for their country. Not them; they looked after their good jobs. (Get the list for this last quarter of a century and check up on them.)"

The pitiful whine against soldiers' Parliamentary government is that soldiers come from all walks in life and have different political beliefs. That would be their strength; they could govern as a soldiers' party who fought and bled for Australia, their loved native land for which they suffered and who could govern better than soldiers who fought and for which they suffered? Their mixture of political beliefs would weld the party into an Australian party and end the class hatred, which colours politics today. Our State and other Parliaments contain very old men, who never worry about anything except party votes. A party of Diggers, sobered by privations, would be a godsend to Australia. All Governments of Australia should be composed of front-line soldiers, made up of producers (but not the St. George's Terrace Country Party, a pet rabbit of the rich Conservatives) and of manufacturers of our raw producers. These two classes could be drawn from returned soldiers, as soldiers know that dearly beloved imports must cease, that we may live and be strong, and the less we import the more jobs we have in Australia.

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An old well-to-do politician whom I have known all my life debated politics with me last week and his finger poked me in the jest as he said, "The soldiers will be the strongest party in Australia after this war, and they should be the only party. They have earned it; but they are too damned numb to take control. They whine like they did in the last war. Their will join the snobbish city clubmen's party, and the soldiers will be 'looked after' by the dreadful duds who 'looked after' them after the last war. You mark my words." Leaving our own opinions aside, let us state facts, 1945, 90,000 gallons of used oil were reissued by Army Salvage for hygiene and malarial control and the laying of dust on roads. During the same period, contractors reclaimed approximately 70,000 gallons of oil, at an average cost of 1/4 per gallon, from used oil supplied by Army Salvage.

The Army Salvage Service played its part in the national salvage campaign for the recovery of aluminium, collecting in all 275 tons.
WAR VETERANS’ HOME
List of Donations

The amount received up to November 6 was £19,041/7/6. Donations since our last published list are as follows—

R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary
Total Donations, £1,112/6/9
Claremont, £3; Cottesloe R.S.L. Younger Set, £15/5/7; Dumbleyung, £2/10/7; Bruns- nickel Junction, £2; Patriotic Fund, £2/4/9; Southern Cross, £3/7/7; Wooroloo, £1/1/7; Cottesloe, £10; Kirup, £8; Narrup, £3/5; Shackleton-Kwoyln, £1/6/7; Mt. Hawthorn-Leederville, £20; Meckering, £1; Claremont, £3.

R.S.L. Sub-Branches
Total Donations, £1,886/10/6
Returned Army Nurses Club, £2/9/7; Mar- radon-Boddington, £9/1/7; Collie, £6; Manji- mup, £1/6/7; Capel, £8/3/6/5; Wobin, £4/5/1; Sandstone, £3/5/7; Three Springs, £6/17/2; Goomalling, £5/16/7; Perenjori, £15; Guthalungra, £3/6; Northam, £10/3/7; Mt. Marshall, £20/12/2; Mur- ray, £2/13/7; West Leederville-Wembley, £18/2/7; Cottesloe, £20/19/7; Cne, £25/6/7; Moora, £33/14/1; Mundaring, £13/12/7; Yea- tering, £16/6/8; Railway, Workshops, £4/19/6; Kojonup, £25/13/2; Wooroloo, £1.

Proceeds Collection Boxes
(Total Donations £94/19/4
Collection boxes United Service Hotel, £60/10/2.

Donations from Business Firms
Total Donations, £1,757/9/6
Balance as at September 1, 1945, £1,541/2/9; Hugo Fischer & Co. (employees), £6/6; Williams & Sully, £1/8/3; John Manthe & Co. (manager and employees), £2/7/1/7; Bon Marche (staff), £2/3/2; E. C. Little & Co., £5/5/7; Aerons Ltd., £102; Hop Hing & Co., £1/1/1.; Musgroves Ltd., £2/2/2; E. Arndel & Co., £5/5/2; J. Gibb- ney & Son, £2/2/1; Wholesale Wine & Spirits Merchants Assn., £50; McPherson Ltd., £2/5/7; McIvor & McEachern, £25; Sydney Atkinson Motors Ltd., £9/7/5.

Patriotic Committees
Total Donations £1,221/19/8
Co. Williams, £29; Co. Mitchell, £18/7/3; Sandstone Patriotic League, £10/10/7; Dudinin Patriotic Committee, £7/10/9; Wickepin District War Patriotic Fund, £21; Woodanilling Patriotic Fund, £5/5/7; Bon Marche (staff), £2/3/2; Patriotic Fund, £40; Gingin War Fund, £2; Tambellup District War Fund Committee, £2/11/9; South Kumi- min Patriotic Fund, £3; W.A. Jewish War Patriotic Committee, £50; Swan Road Board District War Effort Fund, £2/16/6; £2/7th Fld. Amb, Wobin’s Circle, £20; Kulin Patri-otic Fund, £5; Greenbushes Soldiers’ Wel- fare Committee, £20.

Individual Donations
Total Donations, £1,284/18/7
Commodore Pope, £1; Cpl. W. R. Bruce, £10/7; J. A. Malone, £10; Anonymous, £7/6; M. M. Knights, £5/5/7; H. Ottewell, Governor Broome Hotel, £1/1/7; J. J. Prendergast, £10/10/7.

Other Sources
Total Donations, £1,796/8/4
Leeuwin Canteen Committee Canteen Funds, £10; Chittering Unit No. 2, £6; V.D.C. £10/7; Southwell District A.R.P., £36/12/2; Naval Welfare and Comforts Fund, £30; Repertory Club, £7/10/7; Girl Guides, Carnarvon, £1/6/7; Country Women’s Ass’n, Jebeddina, £3; W.A. Sports- men’s Council, Friendly Union of Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Younger Set, £350.

Donations from Municipalities
Total Donations £89/12/7.

Road Boards
Total Donations, £49/3/9.
Kondinin Road Board, £1/1/9; Donations from local Cps, £17/13/4/7; Donation from W.A. Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Fund, £5,000.

Interest, Bank and Loans
Bank interest, fixed deposit, £40.
Payment from Miss Australia account, £4,000. Total, £19,041/7/6.

FEDERAL CONGRESS

The 30th annual Federal Congress con-vened in Perth on October 25.

Among the delegates were four returned men of the Second World War. These included H. Strutt of Tasmania, who was formerly an artillery brigadier in the 6th Division, two assistant secretaries of the R.A.N., and Mr. W. E. Gilbert of Victoria and Mr. J. H. Harman of Canberra, and Mr. A. R. Cutler, V.C., who attended the congress as Assistant Com- missioner of Repatriation. Other delegates were Messrs. W. G. Hamilton and J. C. Bovill, of Queensland; and C. P. Aspinall and C. Adamson of New South Wales; G. W. Holland and H. Holmberg, Victoria; E. Mill- house and L. T. Craigie, South Australia; J. M. Anderson and L. Thorn, W.A.; J. W. Taken, South Australia; and W. Crawford, Australian Capital Territory. In addition to the general secretary (Mr. E. V. Raymond) the following State secretaries were present: Messrs. G. J. Apps, Queensland; J. R. Lewis, N. South Wales; F. E. Reynolds, South Australia; D. M. Benson, Western Australia; and Eric von Bibra, Tasmania. The Commission for War Service Homes (Mr. H. H. Richardson) was also present.

One of the earliest acts of congress was the election of the President. Although Mr. J. H. Gilbert had been elected President for the last four years, he expressed his intention to retire. Mr. H. H. Richardson was also elected President. In view of the election, Mr. J. H. Gilbert explained that he had not been responsible for what had appeared in the Press, and that he had agreed to stand again in response to many requests from League members and the general public. The W.A. Branch had nominated Lieut.-General H. Gordon Bennett. General Bennett declared that he had been nominated in order that he might be considered for the position of Governor-General, a position that had been vacated by Sir William Hardwell. Mr. H. H. Richardson expressed his willingness to serve as Governor-General, and that he had agreed to stand again in response to many requests from League members and the general public.

The next meeting of Congress was held in Melbourne, and the W.A. Branch is expected to attend.

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S.C.S.T.D. Association

Men who served in the Southern Command during World War II are invited to attend a meeting of the W.A. Branch of the Southern Command Service and Training Drama (S.C.S.T.D.) Association, to be held on Tuesday, October 14, at the W.A. Club, 121 Hay Street, Perth. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. and will include a discussion on the role of the Drama in the W.A. and the relationship between the Drama and the W.A. Branch. The meeting is open to all members of the W.A. Branch, and all veterans are welcome to attend.

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A DIGGER IN NEW BRITAIN

Through the courtesy of Mr. Jack Sorensen of the Press sub-branch, we are able to publish a letter from one of his old Battalion mates, now in New Guinea. The letter was written from Rabaul on October 30. Some private and personal details are omitted.—Ed. L.P.

'The old battalion has changed a lot in the past year or so. We have been reinforced with all Eastern States chaps, and I don't think half the battalion are West Australians now. I suppose you know we went to New Britain. Some of the boys will never see their homes again, unfortunately. How I hate the dirty Japs and the things they have done to our boys. Did you ever read about the Tol massacre. Every word of it is true. We buried about 190 of our boys that the Japs murdered in the Tol-plantation. The Japs never even buried them—just left them where they killed them. Some were still tied up to coconut trees. Others had been tied back to back and bayonetted. In fact, nearly every one of them was used for bayonet and sword practice. You can imagine how it looks when you see things like that. I could cheerfully kill every Jap I see, even though the war is over.

After the Gazelle Peninsula show, we shifted up to Rabaul as occupation troops. At present there are still 10,000 Nips there and none of them is skinny and starved, as the papers led people to believe. They were in the best of nick. When we were in the Wide Bay area, there were 8,000 of them against 8,000 of us. It was only by very active patrolling that they were led to believe that we were in the majority. The town of Rabaul is raised to the ground. In fact, it is hard to make out where it was at all. The jungle has reclaimed the lot. There are no trestles of tunnels there and most of them are full of ammunition and equipment. One of the tunnels was filled up with Vickers guns and 303 ammunition—that was how they used our guns to sling our own "ammo" back. The jungle was so thick there were hundreds of cradled planes. The place certainly got a good hammering. The Indian P.O.W.'s were treated very badly. Most of them were in very poor condition. The field ambulances did their work cut out with amputations. I watched a barge come in from New Ireland with some nuns and priests on board. Most of them had to be carried off. Only a couple could walk, and they were all very weak and thin. You know I am certain the Japs are not human. Now, they are bowing and scraping to us. Some who can speak a bit of English ask if they can write home before they are shot. That is their book of life. The Chinese get stuck into them, whenever they get a chance. Good luck to them!

There is any amount of fresh vegetables and fresh fruit there. We were living like lords on fresh pumpkins, beans, marrows, sweet potatoes and all the bananas and paw-paws in the world were there for the picking. The natives come round with baskets of bananas and paw-paws every morning. They exchange them for tins of bully beef, and they all take away our radishes and do. All the Nips are being worked from dawn till dusk and, believe me, the boys are not letting up on them. I am now in New Guinea, having been transferred over here against my will. But having a low number, I was picked for the job I am on, but I've put in for a transfer back to New Britain.

WAR PIGEONS' FATE

At the November meeting of the Northam sub-branch on November 10, the reference was made to a news item from Sydney published in The West Australian that day and announcing that nine carrier pigeons mentioned in dispatches in the Pacific war were to be given to the Royal A.F.C. in Sydney. One of them, known as 'Brisbane,' had been awarded the D.C.M. and the R.A.F. badge for his work. The other eight pigeons were also expected to be given to the Royal A.F.C.

One speaker said that the proposal seemed a barbarous method of perpetuating the achievements of the brave creatures that had played such an important part in war communications and an example of base ingratitude on the part of the authorities who had rendered the news item dated Tuesday, September 8, 1944, which stated that two pigeons flew through heavy Japanese fire to take a message to headquarters when all other communications had failed, and that a blue-bar cock pigeon was the means of saving members of the 25th Infantry Brigade on Bougainville by bringing reinforcements just in time.

The pigeons bore the inscription: "These birds did not die at the hands of the enemy but were re-trapped to Australia and killed so that their dead bodies could be exhibited as a record of their fine war feats with the usual compliment the means of saving soldiers' lives."

"How are the soldiers going to take this," the speaker asked.

It was decided to request the State Executive to convey a protest to the authorities against what seemed a purposeless act of cruelty and ingratitude.
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ilar occurrence to that of the Darling Range sub-branch where Bill Logie was replaced as president of the sub-branch by his son Bob. Bill served with the Tunnellers in the First World War and Bob was an engineer flight sergeant with 41 Squadron in World War II. Incidently, the record of the Darling Range sub-branch, with its 80 years experience, is one of the best in the district, with no less than 100 members.

During the past 14 months, £230 was donated to the Red Cross P.O.W. fund, £431 to the Legacy War Orphans' appeal and £709 to the Veterans' Home fund.

Mr. N. Moorhead, a highly respected member of the Carnamah sub-branch, passed away recently. During the war against the Kaiser he served with the 1st Wellington Regt. The funeral was attended by a great concourse of sub-branch members and residents of the district.

Among the many members who have sons in the League, it is of interest to note that the president, secretary and treasurer of the Subiaco sub-branch—all have sons in the sub-branch. Ron Congdon, son of the president, is still in the Islands assisting to straighten out the tangled scenes there. Rod Fullerton, son of secretary Bill Fullerton, a member of the gallant but ill-fated 2/4 Machine-gun Bn., is now home after three and a half years of captivity in Malaya. Don Williamson, secretary, served with the Tunnellers in the air over England and Italy. Don recently volunteered to conduct a bridge evening, an undertaking which may not be as exciting as flying a Spitfire, but is not without danger.

The new member of the sub-branch is Cliff Sadler, nephew of Past President Cliff Sadler, V.C. Cliff Junior is doing a good job as a member of the War Veterans' Home Committee.

A recent guest of the State Executive at a boardroom reception in Anzac House was Brigadier Eric McKenzie, M.C., E.D. He requires no introduction to soldiers in this State. During the First World War he served with the Australian Imperial Force and was awarded the Military Cross. Between the wars, he served with the Australian Military Forces, giving the young soldiers the benefit of the experience he acquired while on active service. One of the major events of the war, full time military duties claimed him, and he finished the war in command of the 13th Brigade in New Britain. That was a complete West Australian brigade, the only W.A. brigade in either war. The W.A. identity was maintained almost to the end, and it shared the difficult and dangerous task of confining the Japanese troops to the Gazelle Peninsula. Only active patrolling and general activity of the type of offensive which may have accomplished a task, was every bit as cheeky as the Australian attack on Mont St. Quentin in 1918. Eight thousand Australians held up a Japanese force estimated at about 45,000. After the surrender, it was found that the Japanese Army was even larger than that, being actually 101,000. The 13th Brigade established a record for malaria control. In a malaria-infested country there were no casualties in the last seven months.

Dr. Keith Barry, of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, was recently entertained by the State Executive at Anzac House. Dr. Barry was a young medical student of the University of Sydney when war-broke out in 1914. As such, he was barred from enlisting in Australia. He went to England, where he joined the 4th Dorsetshire Regiment. Later on, he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and ended the war a captain. The war being over, he faced the difficult task of concentrating his energies in another direction. He was organist and Bursch Scholar of the University of Sydney. During a period Dr. Barry has always shown a keen interest in music. He edited "Music in Australia" and was musical critic of the Sydney Morning Herald. He has tried his hand at radio critic of the Sydney Sun and the Wireless Weekly. In addition, he was lecturer in music for the Sydney University Extension Board. After he graduated in Medicine, he went back to England, where he was a fellow of the London College and member of the Royal College of Physicians. His more recent work includes "Music in Australia", papers such as The Musical Times. His more important works include a medical life of Chopin, which has been translated into French and German, and "Musician the Listener," a text-book for the man in the street who wants to know how to listen to music.

Congratulations to Harry May of Collie on winning the Labour selection ballot for the Collie seat in the Legislative Assembly. As Collie has always been a safe Labour seat, it was as if Digger will succeed Digger in its representation. Mr. Arthur Wilson, the Grand Old Man of the Labour side of the Assembly, who saw active service in the First World War, has decided to retire. Harry May, his son-in-law, is Labour's new candidate. If Harry does as well in politics as he has done in work for the R.S.L., he should prove a valuable acquisition to the Assembly. Before having been Country Vice-President of the League, he has done much individual work on behalf of Diggers and for the Collie sub-branch.

One of the many popular figures at the recent Federal Congress was the president of the New South Wales Branch, Mr. J. C. Neagle. During his short stay in Western Australia he made two excellent speeches, apart from those made during congress debates, when he was a member of the delegation to delegates in Anzac House. The other was at the Stand of Honour in Forrest Place, in support of the R.S.L. effort for the Fourth Victory Loan.

As we went to press we received news of the death of Mr. Alan France, a vice-president of the South African and Imperial Veterans Association. On his return to Western Australia from the South African War, the late Mr. France was very active in the foundation of the association of which he was a popular member for so many years. The funeral at Karrakatta was well attended by old comrades.

Councillor W. Bradie is a candidate for the position of Lord Mayor of Perth. We have not yet had a Digger as Mayor of Lord Mayor, and Bill Bradie, Mr. J. C. Neagle's son-in-law, is the qualifications for the post. He has had many years experience as a councillor, he has ability, sincerity, eloquence and a happy knack of getting on with people. He served as a general for the Digger's section of the M.S.M., and since June has been president of the Artillery Commanders Association and good member of the League.

His many friends will regret the news that Mr. W. L. Wilson ("Scoty" of that ilk) is to retire from the State Public Service at the comparatively early age of 53 on the grounds of ill-health. Born in Scotland he came to Western Australia in 1910 and entered the Public Service as a junior clerk in 1912. When war broke out he joined the R.F.I., and served in France and Flanders 28th Bn. He was wounded in France, taken prisoner and held by the Germans until after the Armistice. Before he came back to Australia, he did duty on the P.O.W. Repatriation Commission in England. J. L. Wilson returned to the Public Service in 1920. W. L. Wilson was one of the devoted band of Militia officers who gave the country the benefit of their experience between the two wars. For a time he commanded 1/1 Bty. of the 28th Bn (A.M.F.). He commanded the Guard of Honour to the King when he visited the State as Duke of York in 1928. He has held many important positions in the State Public Service. The congratulations in 1939 with his appointment as Assistant Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's and Public Health Departments. One big job he did for the State was in 1934, when, in association with the late Mr. John Curtin, he was State Advocate for the presentation of the first Inter-State Championship. His ill-health is the result of war service, but that has not prevented him from a long and active association with the League, both in the Neldands and in England. He has shown us all what he has done for the best for the future, we sincerely hope that greater leisure will mean a decided improvement in health.

R.S.L. BROADCASTS

The following provisional roster has been arranged for R.S.L. broadcasts during December. Broadcasts are given on Saturday and Sunday at 6.30 p.m. every Thursday night at 9.35 p.m.

December 6— "Membership"; Mr. Hugh Leslie, M.L.A.

December 13— "War Orphans' Home Appeal"; Mr. J. Chappell.

December 20— "Christmas Message to the League"; The State President.

December 27— "Review of the Year's Activities"; The State Secretary.

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THE STATE PRESENT'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

At Congress I expressed very grave concern at the operation of the Post-war Reconstruction Training Scheme and Congress passed a resolution expressing dissatisfaction with the operation of technical and vocational training in Western Australia as applied under the Rehabilitation Training Scheme, and endorsed the grave concern existing regarding the unsatisfactory state of affairs as outlined in my report, and Congress desired that the matter be brought urgently to the notice of the Commonwealth Government.

Since Congress, there has been little improvement; in fact, if anything, the training has regressed; the recent bulletin issued by the Regional Training Committee, which is up to September 30, indicates that there are only 87 full-time trainees as compared with 88 last month, whereas the number of applicants to the end of September has increased from 562 to 745 for full-time technical training. The percentage of those being trained was reduced by further applications from 17.6 per cent. to 11.7 per cent. The position is, therefore, pointed out to you as being particularly serious, inasmuch as at a time when demobilisation is commencing to operate, the number of trainees decreases, while the applicants increase.

Publicity has been given in the Press to our comments and criticism. The Minister has been asked to do something about it. I have pointed out on many occasions that our men and women are going to be the unskilled or labouring section of the community if the training is not available to them. It seems that the quota system of restricting training, and while there appears to be no method of determining the absorption capacity in industry, restrictions are placed on the training of discharged personnel. Who can determine what tradesmen will be required in industries in the future?

If we train personnel, and when they are trained there is difficulty in placing them, a conversion scheme into some other trade could be adopted. Men who are trained have a very high degree of adaptability, and the fact of their training would teach them to think and so enable them to mould themselves to the changing conditions. Whereas if training is not going to take place for fear one or two extras might be trained, it is a tragic state of affairs as the men would be directed into the labouring or unskilled classes.

The men who have had training and been trade-tested in various types of work in the Army are not being used. The lack of use of approved industrial establishments is another case for grave concern. In almost every paper we see there are accounts of what the Post-war Reconstruction Scheme is doing. The propaganda is disseminated right throughout the services, and a booklet, "Return to Civil Life," is now being issued. The League feels that this is purely dishonest propaganda because the training is not available and not likely to be available under present methods, to our men and women. As a result of our past criticism, the Regional Reconstruction Training Scheme invited the Rehabilitation Committee of the League to meet them, and this meeting took place on Wednesday, October 17, in Perth. Some very plain speaking took place and it was pointed out that the propaganda issued was most misleading and dishonest. We also emphasised the concern at the delay in placing discharged personnel, the long wait for decisions on eligibility and suitability, the insufficient use of industrial establishments and the fact that no use was being made of men training in the services. The restriction by quota was the subject of drastic comment. I feel that the scheme of training our men must be put into operation immediately; but under the present ramifications it presents a sad picture. I point this out to sub-branches in order that they may use their influence in every possible way to direct public opinion towards the scheme, in order that pressure will be brought to bear and that our men and women will receive the benefits to which they are justly entitled. The training in the Land Settlement Scheme is also held up and it seems that it will be years before many of the men are trained. The position in regard to land settlement is most chaotic and great difficulty is occasioned in ascertaining who is responsible for the operation of the various sections of the Land Settlement Scheme. I can see no other way out than to keep pressing the Government for some action to be taken, but I think the public should be told on every opportunity the state of affairs, and it is up to members of the League to disseminate this information.

Sub-branches should take an active part in ironing out the troubles of members. It is our desire to place our services at the disposal of all ex-service men and women and no doubt we will make mistakes and a strain be placed on our organisation at times; but by standing up to it, we should be able to assist the return of our men and women to civil life with a great deal of satisfaction.

OFFICIAL WAR HISTORY

The Minister for the Interior (Mr. H. V. Johnson) announced last month that Dr. A. S. Fitzpatrick, who is at present chief executive officer of the Army Inventions Directorate, had been appointed to write the volume of the official war history dealing with war industries.

Dr. Fitzpatrick was educated at Sale High School, at Melbourne University (where he graduated M.Sc.) and at London University (where he obtained the degree of Ph.D.). From 1925 to 1935 he was liaison officer in England for the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and the Development and Migration Commission. From 1932 to 1942 he directed the research laboratory of the National Gas Association. Since March, 1942, he has served with the Army Inventions Directorate.

Dr. Fitzpatrick's experience in the war years has given him an intimate acquaintance with the research and manufacturing aspects of Australia's war industries.

THE 16th BATTALION ASSN.

The reunion dinner, the big event of the year, passed off very nicely at Anzac House on the night of October 11. It was indeed a happy night.

There was a good attendance, but records were broken. About 140 answered the roll-call. However, the old boys generally looked quite well and seemed quite happy to meet their old comrades again. There was a good toast list, and a nice concert programme, with community singing. After toasting each other for a while they all looked well enough to do another Bullecourt or Moquet Farm.

Before the dinner, the annual general meeting was held.

The appointment of Mrs. H. Margolin as patroness was received and applauded enthusiastically—Mr. W. Lileyman was re-elected president.

Others elected were: Vice-presidents, Messrs. C. Taylor, P. Fox, L. Brickhill and S. Wedderburn; hon. secretary, W. Newick; general committee, Messrs. W. Martin, H. K. Cooper, E. Aubrey, R. May, B. Wymond, E. J. Massey, G. Gildea, G. Bradshaw, A. Parkman, T. Tandy, O. C. Young, Tempest and W. Marriott. Mr. W. James was appointed life member.

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Little has been sold. The State Executive recently approved of a suggestion put up by the Mt. Lawley-Inglewood sub-branch that should help in the re-establishment and employment of discharged servicemen. The suggestion is that the civil occupation of a new member of the League could be shown on the receipt for his subscription. Sub-branch secretaries are asked to assist by doing this.

Metropolitan such-branches are asked to submit monthly returns on relief granted to eligible personnel. These returns will help the Relief Fund Trustees in their amelioration work and should prevent overlapping.

North Beach is one of the youngest sub-branches in this State, but it has already made history. For its needs on Poppy Day the sub-branch put in an estimate of 500 poppies. The original issue sold out quite early, and another 3,000 were obtained from Anzac House. By noon, the extra 3,000 had also been sold.

Most Diggers are somewhat dismayed at the poor showing made by the public of this State in the Fourth Victory Loan campaign. The general result fell far below the peaks usually attained by West Australians in the various fields of patriotic endeavours. Incidentally the League’s own effort for the Loan was in pleasing contrast with the general average. The amount raised at the Stand of Honour on R.S.L. day exceeded £18,000, which was a record. Over £15,000 of this amount was subscribed from League funds.

During 1942-43, when Australia was in danger of attack, voluntary workers, girls’ high schools, etc., working under the State Evacuation Committees, made more than 300,000 items of children’s clothing, for use in emergency, for service garments supplied by Army Salvage.

Approximately 70 per cent. of the Army’s total requirements for ordnance stores and equipment have been supplied by Australian production, with 30 per cent. comprising mainly motor vehicles coming from overseas.

The policy adopted by the Army in connection with motor vehicles held envisages the disposal of commercial type vehicles except a small pool, representing approximately 10 per cent. of present holdings. Current disposal activity is in accordance with this policy, and substantial quantities of vehicles ranging from 12-cwt. utilities to 3-ton trucks are being declared by the Army in accordance with the Commonwealth Disposals Commission. During the fortnight ending September 29, 1945, 8,477 vehicles, including motor cycles, were declared, bringing the total vehicles offered to the Commission at that date to 37,741. Further large quantities of vehicles will continue to be offered.

Army holdings of commercial pattern motor cars amount to approximately 1,600, representing less than .3 per cent. of the total passenger motor cars registered in Australia at December 31, 1944, and many of these vehicles have reached the end of their useful life. Consequently, Army releases can effect little improvement in the overall position in motor cars for civilian use.

Army Education staffs were attached to the prisoner of war reception groups at Singapore and Manila, and to all ships bringing Australian prisoners home from Singapore and Bangkok. Their duties were to organise educational activities, to give talks about events in Australia and the rest of the world since 1942 and to advise the men individually and collectively regarding arrangements for the civil re-establishment of service personnel.

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Unless some fire calamity of the magnitude of those experienced in the Eastern States in 1939 and again in 1944 occurs, the aggregate loss such as is occasioned by fires each year in our own State is very often overlooked. We are told by officers in the various organisations set up for the prevention of all types of fires that 95 per cent. of these fires are caused by human agency and are, therefore, in the main, preventable; but, if we take no notice of our aggregate annual fire losses, we engender a mental attitude that is really a contributing factor to the cause of fires.

It should never be lost sight of that our forests and farm lands produce a great part of our national wealth, and our national parks and tourist resorts are our playgrounds and recreational areas. During the summer months these areas become fire hazards of, in some cases, the very highest degree, and the mental attitude of ALL the public should be to recognise this hazard, and to visualise that if it materialises into a disastrous fire, through some careless-action on their part, that many people will suffer losses in various ways.

A fire sweeping through our karri and jarrah forests and our young pine plantations can have an effect on our building trade, our railway haulage and our timber export trade. It throws bush workers out of work and so reduces their spending-power, therefore it affects ordinary trade and business. It interferes with the foresters’ plans for a continuous yield of timber, and thus affects the operations of sawmills.

On old established farms, where production is at a high level, a fire can, in a day, reduce that production to almost nil, and hungry people in the British Isles, having emerged triumphant from nearly six years of war, deserve much more from us than that carelessness on our part started a fire that destroyed the very food that they so urgently require.

And young returned service personnel starting up on their own in the rural areas, are going to jeopardise their chance of success or increase their labour in building up their new livelihood by having them on guard or often wasting time and labour suppressing fires that carelessness has started.

By the skill and hard work of many organisations, some of them voluntary, this State is every year saved from the serious effects of many outbreaks of fire, but often on days of a high degree of fire hazard, despite all organised effort to control them, fires do get the upper hand and many losses, both financial and material, are incurred.

As we defended this country against an enemy in war days, so let us defend it against an enemy in peace days. Every serviceman knows that the best defence is attack, so let us attack our fire enemy by prevention, for if you prevent a fire from starting you have done much better than if you helped to suppress one.

Let us see to it that no action of ours is likely to be the cause of starting a fire.

BOOKS RECEIVED
It is regretted that the newspapers restrictions do not leave us the space to review several recent publications which should be of great interest to all service men and women. Foremost among these is "The Digger," a study in Democracy, by Colonel A. G. Butler, published by Angus and Robertson Ltd., Sydney and London. Price 4/6.

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Surely, boots and belts never shine as ours this night, as, in our new green uniforms, worn with a slight sense of self-consciousness, we assemble at our post on the eastern outskirts of the City, keenly aware that our small bags and suitcases do not inspire a particular soldier-like appearance (we had not, at that time, acquired the dignity of a haversack). The Sergeant of the Guard, tonight a temporarily and voluntarily demoted company officer, parades his 12 men, and in a brisk and regimental manner, issues guard equipment, and posts the first sentries, after inspection, and an issue of five rounds each, the first live ammunition the younger men had ever handled!

My turn comes at 11 p.m.—2350-0100 hours. A quick change of sentries at each post, hand over the clip and whistle, and report and describe duties of the post—relished sentry falls in with the old guard and departs; and I am left alone, with a deep sense of responsibility which, perhaps, the nature of our guard hardly warrants, but this is our first guard.

Slope arms and step out briskly on the beat—no slung arms tonight. Slope and at ease is all I permit myself—for the first half hour. Dark and cold, and who could have thought it could be so quiet in the City, no sound but the steady tread of No. 2 sentry a hundred yards away. Nothing doing and I automatically grope for a smoke. Good heavens, what am I thinking of. Smoking on guard! I hurriedly pocket "the making" and resume the beat.

Time must be getting on. Look at my watch, and find I've been on only twenty minutes. Make contact with No. 2 sentry and check up on time. My watch is right. Feel that rifle, bayonet and tin hat are heavier than they were on guards of 25 years ago—reflect that it is possibly because I'm 25 years older—mustn't mention this to the younger men.

Standing at ease, remember our instructions as to spies and silent columnists we may possibly have to deal with tonight. Quite unlikely, of course. I muse, and, a trifle asleep, my mind goes back to Egypt and France, recalling guards forgotten in all the hours.

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F.S., Bunbury.—Thanks for your appreciation. The only reason that The Listening Post has not been enlarged to include the features mentioned by you is that we are still strictly rationed for newspapers. When this restriction is released, and if paper is available, we hope to turn out a paper which will be to our own satisfaction—and we are fussy.

P.R.G., Subiaco.—We agree with your conclusions, but the West Australian delegates at the Federal Congress did vote for an open inquiry on the Bennett escape, but now that an open inquiry is to be held your letter is redundant.

THESE ALSO SERVE
A Night with the South Perth Auxiliary

By Mollie Simeon Asphar

It was Sunday afternoon in Perth, and though bars of sunshine lay thick across the street, clouds banked high and the wind was cold. Along the almost deserted Terrace came an endless stream of service personnel, towards Anzac House, where in the basement was warmth, and friendship, and happiness, and a touch of home. The South Perth branch of the auxiliary were hostesses for the night.

It was a happy sight. Portraits of stern men looked down on these other followers of a great tradition. Men of all ranks and nationalities were present, and 50 young girls had given up their precious Sunday afternoon to come and amuse them—they were doing very successfully. Tables gay with flowers, and loaded with food lay in readiness for six o'clock tea, and in the meantime happy little groups greeted old friends, and talked or danced.

Here men no longer in uniform came eagerly to meet those they had fought with, and shared unforgettable dangers. Boys and girls far from their homes found friends.
"O, aye, I am glad to be in Australia the now," one Scot lad said, grinning. "There is no food in Britain: they be giving it all to the Europe, and no thanks are given them, either." Another added: "If they knew this land of yours as we know it they would mostly want to come here. We in England have no real knowledge of Australia. It is a great pity."

"I sure miss home, but this room has been a week-end home to me," another lad said.

"At least eight of my ship have met their girls here, and three of them married last year. I guess that is a story that shows what we all think of these gatherings."

Standing in a far corner, and with "no definite story to tell" was an ex-comrade, one of the famous few who had been out of touch with the Australian mainland for several months—the lost legion of Timor. From late January to May they just did not exist for us, till a radio made of "wire and hope and anything they could salvage" they were at last able to raise Darwin and convince Headquarters they really existed. No definite story to tell! I could not help thinking how under similar conditions the Yanks would have filmed a spectacular version and shown it in every theatre in the world.

Then there was Bert Dodd, a Sermon on Crutches. His happy, infectious smile and ready jokes sent me home thinking.

"Oh, well, you know we did the usual things," he started, but finally told me of the grim days in Africa, with the 28th at El-Alamein. Blood and mud and no romance. "We went in under a hail of cross machine-gun fire, after three days of just playing with our guns. The men were restive; they let some stray stuff off. Then on the third day all hell was let loose. They were taking English machine-guns. We sent the ships and flinging them in to fill the ever-widening gaps. Then, well, I went out to it. They put us lads on planks and rushed us back to the hospital units. Funny, but I met an English sailor at Fremantle recently at darts. "Are you Dodd?" he asked. "I guess you don't remember me, but I remember you; I drove your casualty truck back." English sailors in battle buggies were everywhere at the time with us. That was on July 26 at Ruin Ridge."

Two hundred boys were fed, and still they came. All other places were closed, after seven, but here were women still smiling, and glad to welcome them. Women standing, running with plates, cutting sandwiches, making coffee and setting up at great soapy sinks. An army behind the Army; efficient, unselfish women who had given up their one precious evening and came a long way to do jobs they hated doing at home.

In the handing out of medals for the heroism with which they had done their work, I think a great many should be given, mentally or otherwise, to this silent army of helpers, these elder women, who have put aside their own worries and sorrows and found their happiness in giving happiness to other women, and the mothers. Napoleon's army marched on, on. Today our boys march on the morale supplied by them by just this silent, solid service, and the hope for the future these women are building.

REHABILITATION

Question of Policy

"I am not criticising the scheme. A lot of thought has gone into the plans for rehabilitation and recreation of the country's economy; but planning, however brilliant, cannot achieve much unless there is power behind it to give it effect," said Squadron-Commander W. N. Elliott, responding to the toast of the State Executive at an Armistice reunion smoke social held by the Northam sub-branch recently.

The inadequate provision for training ex-servicemen under the Commonwealth Post-war Training Scheme was giving the League concern, S/L Elliott said. They could well imagine the unsatisfactory position of the rehabilitation officers at discharge centres, when men who sought training had to be told that there was nothing available at present. Men seeking assistance in land settlement could only be informed that there was none at present, perhaps in 12 months' time. War Service Homes? They could put their names down and might get homes in a couple of years' time. The returning men might well say, "What the — I?" The League felt the soldier had been misled. He had been told and he understood clearly the eligibility details in connection with the training scheme, but what had not been made clear was the policy that training would only be given in accordance with the availability of employment in the industry for which training was desired.

At Karakatta men were being discharged at the rate of 300 a day. What chance was there of meeting their requirements under a quota system for training that provided for 20 men in the painting trade, a quota that was liberal compared with those for other vocations. The State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) had put up the contention that it was far better to over-train numerically than to leave a great number of ex-servicemen, who had no opportunity of learning a trade before their enlistment, with no better prospect than ordinary labouring work. It was the League's duty to stand behind the men who were returning and "strive for improvement in the wholly unsatisfactory position that existed at present in regard to rehabilitation."

About 350 attended the smoke social, many of them being young returned men from the late war and a considerable number of ex-prisoners of war. Some of the last-named — who were the guests of the sub-branch, came from the Northam military hospital now occupied by the 71 Australian Camp Hospital, the O.C., Capt. J. C. Yeatman, also being present. Neighbouring sub-branches were also represented and the occasion proved highly successful.

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Sub-Branch Activities

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There was plenty to occupy members during October and much business was good through at work in the sub-branch, many new members joining up. A list of 69 was read out for October, and all were accorded a hearty welcome.

Mr. E. S. Watt informed the members of the sub-branch that he had been asked many questions by a number of ex-servicemen who had set up business, but could not get a tobacco quota.

It was decided to send a wire to the President in Melbourne suggesting that the quota rations be increased, as if something could be done for ex-servicemen setting up new businesses.
ships have been finalized, and a large crowd witnessed the finale. It is to the credit of sports director, Roy Peterson, that the games during the year, which were not entirely smooth manner. His efforts, Bob Stoe, also gave very valuable service. The results were: sub-branch, and Mr. Livsey to act. The remainder of the evening was then devoted to a concert on whether returned soldiers could be induced to go on the land. Jack Brown, the Bank of New South Wales, the affirmative and George Anderson the negative.

CARNAWAL

The meeting on October 13 was presided over by the president, Mr. T. W. White. Messrs. D. Baxter (Mosman KNight sub-branch) and G. Emery (Artillery Comrades’ Association) enlivened the meeting with suggestions. The sub-branch has asked the State Executive to secure from the Government an area suitable for farming under supervision for those men whose duties require a convalescing period. It is considered that such an environment would be of more help to them than being in institutions. Discussion of a memorial hall was deferred until a future meeting. Representatives of the sub-branch are to confer with members of the road board in regard to welcoming home returning service personnel. Future meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month.

RETURNED ARMY NURSES

The monthly meeting was held on November 1. Arrangements were completed for Poppy Day and the fete which will be held in the clubrooms on November 29.

WAYLEACHEM

Thirty members were present at the meeting on October 10. The president, Mr. Diver, was elected R.S.L. representative on the Advisory Committee for the training of rural ex-service personnel. A committee of four members was elected to meet the road board to organize a welcome home to all service personnel who have returned. The committee will be the first of a series that will be carried on until all the boys are home. Poppy Day was held on November 9. Four hundred and fifty poppies were ordered. The report on the sale of Victory badges showed that 850 were purchased, showing a net profit of £15/10/6. The money will go to the War Veterans’ Home appeal. The proceeds of a Madge’s Market held recently by the women’s auxiliary. It was decided that souvenir calendars, giving a list of bi-monthly meetings for the sub-branch, be purchased. The local unit of the V.D.C. has given its drums to the sub-branch. These will be helpful in Anzac Day and other marching occasions, and the sub-branch is naturally grateful for the gift. An offer by Missioner Wilkinson, on behalf of the Methodist Church, to hold a special service on Armistice Day, with a retiring collection in aid of the War Veterans’ Home appeal, was gratefully accepted.

CULLING

At the meeting on October 27 the president welcomed Leon Opie (R.A.A.F.), who recently came back from Dutch New Guinea. As is customary of Cullings, the members put in and paid the new member’s first year’s sub. to the League. Wally Campbell presented his report on congress. The items submitted by the sub-branch were favourably received. Wally made the following two points: (1) Only matters dealing with alterations to the constitution should be put up to congress; (2) Domestic matters affecting the sub-branch should be submitted to the State Executive as they arise. The sub-branch will assist the local authorities in compiling an Honour Roll. The annual reunion and dinner will be held on December 8. The task of securing a suitable building block for an R.S.L. Clubroom was left in the hands of Mr. H. Berry, M.L.A. It was thought advisable that the local R.S.L. land committee advise settlers on the suitability of land open for selection in the district.

SOUTHPETH

The attendance at recent meetings has been on the increase. On November 14, the committee was given a special service of sprinkling of young servicemen. The activities of the sub-branch over the past months have been many, both on the social side and for the building fund. On the social side, members have been catered for with indoor games competitions, social evenings and at the last meeting there followed a R.A.A.F. cinema show in which the chief attraction was the screening of the "Battle of Russia." Many thanks are due to South Perth R.S.L. for a remarkable programme. The next meeting will see Don Lawson, of Bowrington, who is an ex-R.A.A.F. member, and a lady friend, who will give aural entertainment. The sub-branch will assist the local authorities in compiling an Honour Roll.

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Members of the sub-branch at present on the sick list include Jack Geddes, Arthur Farrell, Jack Snythe and Larrie Norris, all of whom are in hospital. Also on the sick list, but at home, is an immediate past president, "Pop" Freeman, who has been laid low with a bout of pleurisy. To all these members we extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to normal health. It dates in the forthcoming Geraldton Municipal event to get justice for those to whom justice was due. In the local sub-branch. Our annual smoke social took place on November 19, and those who have attended are to be congratulated on their grand job well done. The Northampton sub-branch is being attended by a large party from the Geraldton sub-branch, and a good time is assured to all, as our neighbouring sub-branch is famed for its hospitality. Armistice Day was observed in the usual way and wreaths were laid on the Memorial by the president, Mr. A. B. Rutherford, and the president of the women's auxiliary, Mrs. Hiscock. Poppy Day sales were again a great success, and the ladies of the auxiliary are to be congratulated on another grand job well done. It is noted with pleasure that two members of the sub-branch, in the persons of Roy Skinner (Central Ward) and Bruce Leishman (West Ward) are to be candidates in the forthcoming Geraldton Municipal Council elections.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

This sub-branch now meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month. A long meeting was held on November 12, and much discussion took place concerning the delay in repatriating our ex-service personnel. The position appears to be deteriorating daily. A resolution was carried to be forwarded to the executive stating that our sub-branch were resentful of the many delays in re-establishing our service personnel and women in civilian life. We urge upon our executive to get justice for those to whom justice was due. Poppy Day will be very successful and we exceeded our last year's collection. Members are very pleased to know that the Federal Government are to provide our representations that Mr. F. F. Gulley be granted the Certificate of Service for outstanding work in the interests of the local sub-branch. Our annual smoke social will take place on Monday, December 17, in the West Leederville Town Hall. An excellent programme is being arranged, so come along and make it a good night. Hollywood Hospital claims our attention as official visitors for each Sunday in December, and those members who have already volunteered are asked to make a point of turning up, and if illness or anything prevents them, to get in touch with the Hon. secretary in good time.

TOODAY

The sub-branch, in collaboration with their women's auxiliary, organised a grand welcome home to all returned men and women on November 7. More than 60 guests were present, whilst approximately 500 residents assembled to bid them welcome home. Toodyay is very proud of her war record. Out of an adult population of approximately 700, 171 served in the various Forces. And of nine members actually in air crews, three received D.F.C.'s and one the D.F.M. The welcome home was an outstanding success.

Women's Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

On October 15 the outgoing executive officers and committee were present at the last meeting before the new executive came into office. The only retiring member was Mrs. Callen of South Perth auxiliary, who resigned through pressure of other work. Mrs. McKinlay presented her with a small token of appreciation from her fellow members.

During October Mrs. McKinlay visited Victoria Park as judge at a children's fancy dress ball, a United Social at West Leederville, a concert at Cottesloe arranged by the Younger Set, and a tea at Bayswater arranged by the Unity Cheerio Club, to raise funds to help the Diggers in the various hospitals, and other funds that cater for the needs of the returned soldier. She also visited Swan View on October 27 to open a tea arranged by the auxiliary. Accompanied by Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Stockman, she went to West Leederville, where they attended the duties of judges for a fancy dress ball arranged by the Perth auxiliary.

On October 28, Mrs. Randall deputised for the State President at a tea for Lemnos patients arranged by Nedlands auxiliary. Mrs. Randall also visited Tambellup auxiliary meeting while she was on a visit to that district.

The most outstanding duty undertaken by executive members during the month was the arranging and catering for a dinner to delegates who were in Perth for the Federal Conference. This was tendered to them by the League. About 200 were catered for, including presidents and secretaries of metropolitan sub-branches. From all sources the ladies were congratulated on doing an excellent job.

On November 5 the first meeting of the new executive took place. The new members were welcomed—Mrs. Hughes of the Bassendean auxiliary and Mrs. Stockman, of the Perth auxiliary. Mrs. Stockman took over the position of hon. State secretary from Mrs. Henderson, who now holds the position of senior vice-president. Mrs. Brown was elected assistant State secretary in the place of Mrs. Prue, who did not stand for election.

Other elections were as follows:


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conference which she attended with Mrs. Tolmie and Mrs. Barnett. On October 17 members attended a social at Leederville in celebration of the birthday of the West Leederville auxiliary. The sale of work on November 19 was successful, and the proceeds from the store at 5th Floor, Gladden Building, were donated to the auxiliary. Mrs. Colley was the recipient of many presents from Miss Matiny, both by the sub-branch and the committee. On October 24 a concert was arranged by Miss Hall at the R.S.L. Hall and was attended by Mrs. Colley. It was unanimous to establish a donation for the pre-natal clinic, to be manned by volunteers, under the care of the State Executive. The president and members of the auxiliary were also present to take part in the drag and have a friendly evening. The auxiliary's committee, consisting of Mrs. Wallis, Ballidu, and Mrs. Wallis, played a part in the auxiliary's work. A successful meeting was held on December 15. The monthly dance will be held on November 24 at 8 p.m.

Mt. Hawthon North Leederville

The auxiliary decided to have spots again this month and a committance was made with a dance, bows and quips. Members spent the afternoons recently visiting the widows and widowers and had a good social and dance hall. A successful dance and supper was held in the auxiliary and the State Executive must be congratulated on their good effort in arranging everything. Members have been able to work for the Auxiliary and show their appreciation for all the hard work they have done.

SHENTON PARK

The first anniversary party on October 25 was a very happy birthday occasion. The hall was filled with a very representative gathering, who greeted the committee and the members of the Auxiliary and Mrs. Sampson with a happy smile. Mrs. Sampson, who has done so much work for the Auxiliary, was presented with mementoes and a gift from the Auxiliary and the State Executive. The Auxiliary has had a busy month entertaining patients of various hospitals. About 30 men were entertained to high tea in the Auxiliary's room.

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