The long and bitter war has drawn to its close and the world again breathes freely. Once again the freedom-loving nations of the earth have overthrown the aggressive militarism that would have ground all the democratic ways of life into the dust. For this freedom we have once again paid a great price in blood, suffering and treasure. It now remains for us to appreciate the value as well as the price of the freedom that has been retained after such great and prolonged sacrifices. After peace comes reconstruction, and the period of reconstruction must necessarily be one of hard work guided by sound and sympathetic administration.

In this respect we have, fortunately, been presented with the opportunity of avoiding the errors and failures of the past. This time, the preparation for peace has been going on for a long time and even if it has not advanced as far as most people would have liked, much of the ground work has already been done. The present, therefore, contrasts favourably with the past. In 1815, for instance, Napoleon's final collapse after his defeat at Waterloo came so suddenly that the Allies of that war were quite unprepared with their peace terms. So, to a certain extent, were the Allies at the time of the collapse of German resistance in 1918. In the present era, however, plans for peace have been the subject of considerable discussion in advance, and there is general agreement in principle as to what must be done, both in the international sphere and at home.

At the end of the three international wars in which Britain has been engaged since the dawn of the Nineteenth Century, treaty-makers have made it their first concern to provide measures against the recurrence of such wars. After Waterloo, the political thought of the time was concentrated on preventing the revolutionary activities that might again embroil Europe in war. The general idea was the maintenance of the old order, based on privilege, and the thwarting, if not the actual suppression, of all liberal movements that might menace entrenched privilege. History has shown, however, that war invariably gives an impetus to political, social, and spiritual movements that could be gained only very slowly in normal times. The old order of privilege was swept away by the rising tide of Nineteenth Century liberalism. The end of the war of 1914-18 produced evidence of a great advance in the evolution of international relations. There was again the intention to prevent an aggressor national from further aggression, and the wider aim of creating the machinery that would restrain all potential aggressors. Instead of a Holy Alliance of European Powers to crush revolution within the borders of the contracting States, there was created a League of Nations pledged to collective action against aggression and for the preservation of peace. Unfortunately, that League was not a League of All the Nations. Moreover, the universal hatred of militarism engendered by the war against the Kaiser and his Allies led the peace-loving nations into the confusing reasonable defensive precautions with the evil that made such precautions necessary. It was this attitude that disarmed every country except the aggressor nations, and made the League of Nations powerless to enforce its decisions. That was the position abroad. At home, there had been 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-servicemen, their own organisations in Britain and the Dominions won for them a measure of justice, in spite of years of depression and public apathy.

One hopes for better results this time. The era of peace will last just as long as the United Nations remain united. Their first task is to make it impossible for the defeated aggressors to make war again for at least another century. Their next is to recreate a new world on the ruins of the old — a new world in which the principles of good faith, international justice and liberty of thought and action shall prevail, and where economic and social conditions will abolish the discontent and jealousies that urge men to make war.

The Atlantic Charter was a statement of the ideals that must actuate the future. The San Francisco Conference provided the blueprint for the implementation of these ideas. Nevertheless, the hope of the future is not in the plan, but in the way the plan is carried into action. Peace is like war in this respect — it can be won only by the efficient teamwork and the co-operation of everybody. After the last war it was often said that we won the war but lost the peace.
It is our job, the job of all plain men, to see that this peace is not lost. The political settlement with the enemy, one thinks, can safely be left to Allied Governments; but concentration on international affairs must not be allowed to blind governments, as it has so often done in the past, to domestic needs. In this connection, as in others, much has been said about reconstruction, and the rehabilitation of service men and women. So little has been achieved, in comparison with what has to be done, that one may be excused for fearing that the sudden peace has caught the government off guard, as the war did six years ago. Certainly there is an Act on the Statute Book containing preference clauses that have been condemned on all sides as totally inadequate. There has been much talk about land settlement plans for returned servicemen; but the delays are still exasperating hundreds, many of whom have been back in civilian life for three years. These are but two of the problems of the new order of peace in which our League is interested. Others are arising every day. One cannot justly blame any government because it has not foreseen every possible contingency, but we should not misce our words in condemning failures to expand for as long as a war is being fought into operation after the last war. While we try to preserve a national outlook, our main concern is with the service men and women and their dependants. To get the best we can have for them, must be a steady and undivided organisation. This is well recognised outside the League. That recognition is at the base of the many attempts that are being made to divide the League. Indeed, that we have none in our own ranks the hirings of outsiders suggests that there are there for that very purpose. Our advice to all Diggers, then, both old and new, is to take an active and intelligent interest in your own organisation, its aims and ideals. Only by doing so will you aid the League in the big task which now confronts it—the task of doing its share towards winning the peace.

TRAVELLING FACILITIES

The following resolution was submitted to the Minister for Repatriation:

That having regard to the difficulties of travelling at the present time, all men of a 50 per cent pension or more, when required to travel to capital cities for examination be provided with first-class tickets on the railways.

In his reply, the Minister said:

"It cannot be arbitrarily said with firm foundation that 50 per cent. or higher rate pensioners are in need of first-class travelling facilities, because some disabilities within these pension groups do not make travelling any more difficult than some on small pensions or perhaps fit persons. As an instance, you are reminded that, under the Fourth Schedule to the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act, the rate of permanent pension which is payable for the loss of vision in one eye is 50 per cent. Where the incapacitation warrants the provision of first-class accommodation, with or without a sleeper, such is provided. I regret that I am unable to recommend any amendment to the existing regulation.

TREATMENT SUBSEQUENT TO DISCHARGE

In reply to an inquiry by the League, the Minister for Repatriation stated that it had been the consistent policy of the Commission that any member of the Forces suffering from any kind of disability rendering him unfit for further service should be treated in a Service general hospital or medical institution until no longer at the moment in need of inpatient treatment and fit to resume skilled occupation or to be trained continuously for some skilled occupation.

The Commission has also advocated that, so far as is possible, all forms of “neurosis” should be treated in the Service general hospitals or convalescent depots. Provided this policy is accepted and the recent approval of the Government that members of the Forces may be retained up to 12 months or more, so long as treatment offers prospect of improvement—while still remaining members of the Forces—shows that it has been, there should be little need for repetition of special forms of in-patient treatment subsequent to discharge.

In any event there are at present suitable arrangements for the treatment of these patients in Service general hospitals or other institutions and, subsequent to discharge, in Repatriation general hospitals, private hospitals under departmental visiting specialists or consultants or in special civil institutions, which unfortunately have to be used in some instances when restraint of liberty is essential for protection of the ex-member or of the community.

OUR OBLIGATION TO RETURNING SERVICEMEN

In the course of his annual report to the Northam sub-branch, the secretary (Mr. G. C. Curlewis) stated that there was a tremendous amount of useful work ahead for the League, which could and should become the leader of good and sound national thought and, therefore, it behaved all who were eligible to become members. "Unless the League remains a strong organisation," he stated, "it is obvious that our young men and women who are to return from service are to have a cold time. One has only to mention the matter of preference, land settlement and war service homes to prove how politicians’ promises are mere spoken words." The war has been on for nearly six years and thousands of servicemen have already been discharged, and what is prepared for them? In spite of the experience that should have been gained from the last war, there is no land settlement scheme ready, no homes available for them and as from July 1, 1945, instead of certain and sure work available for all, the awful and defeatist grant of the...
FEDERAL EXECUTIVE MEETING

At the meeting of the Federal Executive this month Western Australia was represented by the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson). On his return, Mr. Anderson said that many matters vital to the men and women, who have recently been discharged from the Services, and to the vast numbers who expect to be discharged from the Forces in the next few months, were considered and discussed by the meeting. "Throughout the deliberations, under the leadership of the Federal President (Sir Gilbert Dyett), members submitted sound, solid, practical and reasonable suggestions for the postwar period of rehabilitation," Mr. Anderson said. It was resolved to register a strong protest against the employment in

**ALIENS IN THE A.M.F.**

In reply to representations made by the R.S.L. to the Commonwealth Government expressing opposition to rehabilitation facilities being granted to aliens, the Prime Minister's Department has informed the League that National Security Regulations gave the Government power to commission and enlist aliens in the Defence Forces, including enemy and stateless aliens.

Previous to the gazetted of this regulation, aliens, other than naturalised aliens, were not commissioned or enlisted in the A.M.F. Naturalised aliens were treated as British.

No substantial numbers of aliens were commissioned or enlisted before the gazetted of National Security (Aliens) Regulations which defined aliens in four categories, namely, Allied nationals, neutral aliens, refugee aliens and enemy aliens. Allied nationals were called up on the same basis as Australians and were posted to units in accordance with Army requirements. Neutral aliens were not called up compulsorily, but if they volunteered for service they were accepted for enlistment. Refugee aliens, if they volunteered for service, were subject to a security classification, enlisted and posted to employment companies. Some possessed special professional or trade qualifications and were subsequently transferred to other units in which their particular skill could be more effectively employed. Enemy aliens have now been accepted for enlistment other than those who come within the category of ex-internees, dealt with in the succeeding paragraph.

During the critical period in Great Britain, in the early part of the war, many aliens who were of enemy origin were interned. A number of these aliens, together with others from the Far East were sent to Australia for internment on behalf of the British Government.

Subsequent detailed examination of the records of a number of these internees revealed grounds in respect to warrant their continued internment or classification as enemy aliens. Those held in Australia to whom these remarks applied were given the opportunity of volunteering for the Army and many, in fact, were enlisted. The majority of aliens enlisted in the A.M.F. have been posted to employment companies. It will be appreciated, therefore, that on enlistment in the A.M.F. aliens are accepted as bona fide members of the Service, and as such would receive the same rights and privileges on discharge as other members of the A.M.F.
war-created departments, such as the Department of Postwar Reconstruction, of an overwhelming preponderance of non-servicemen in senior positions; and to request that they be replaced by returned servicemen. The Re-establishment and Employment Act was also discussed. It will be the subject of many motions at the Federal Congress, which will be held in Perth this year. The regulations under the Act have yet to be framed, and the eyes of the League will be on the provisions therein. The Act gives wide powers under the regulations, and it will be of interest to see whether any of the suggestions put up by the R.S.L. are included, or if the sections of the Act to which the League objects are modified in any way.

Housing was much discussed at the executive meeting. The Commonwealth Government is to be asked to remove all restrictions on the building of homes for ex-servicemen. The conditions in each State are very bad. It is felt that a greater percentage of the houses now being erected should be made available to ex-servicemen than is the case at present. It was considered tragic that so many discharged personnel, who married during the war years, should have to live with relatives on their return to civilian life. The present housing schemes are mainly for rented houses. The League considers that the War Service Homes Scheme should be operating, so that eligible persons can acquire an equity in their homes, and that money, material and manpower should be made available to the War Service Homes Commission to enter on a substantial building programme without further delay. A motion supported by all the States was submitted by Queensland. It desires the increase of the grant by the War Service Homes Commission to £1,250, which is the grant made by the State Advances Corporation in Queensland. Increased advances have previously been asked for by the League. The present maximum of £950 is not considered adequate. The League feels that the shortage of housing may create a state of chaos when demobilisation takes place. Even though a Commonwealth Minister for Housing has been appointed, the League considers that enough has not been done, and that building operations must be speeded up very considerably.

The age, so far as vocational training is concerned, sets an age limit of 21 years in some cases. It is considered that this age limit should be removed and that all returned men and women should be granted the right of full-time re-establishment training, if they desire it, and that the full-time training allowance for returned servicemen should be increased to an amount not below the basic wage.

Tools of trade are very difficult to obtain, and the grant by the Repatriation Department of £10 is considered inadequate. It was decided to make representations with a view to having the grant increased to £25, and that greater efforts should be made to see that tools of trade are available. Tools cannot be bought, and it is desired that a survey of all reserve stocks held by the Government, in the Services and departments, should be made—to see what can be made available to returned servicemen at pre-war cost. It is understood that action is being taken by the Commonwealth Government to extend the manufacture of tools of trade and equipment required. Attention was also drawn to the position of doctors and other professional men. Greater facilities are required for their re-establishment. Books and equipment are particularly hard to obtain.

There was a discussion on the inadequacy of pensions paid to widows, particularly those with children. The difficulty they have to establish that they possess sufficient means and income to enable them to take advantage of the War Service Homes Act, was stressed. It was resolved that the 100 per

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cent. rate of war pension, which includes widows, should be increased to 6s.6d. a fortnight, with commensurate increases in all other war pensions, including those of dependants, and that war pensions of dependant children should be paid until the children reach the age of 18 years. It was resolved that war pensions should be paid to dependants or children of members of the R.S.L.

Soldier settlement came in for considerable discussion. The delay in the commencement of the scheme was the subject of a resolution in which the Federal Executive expressed concern at the lack of action in this regard. The resolution urged that immediate action be taken to enact the necessary legislation, and to provide finance, by the Commonwealth and State Governments, and that the authority required to implement the scheme should be set up immediately. It was also resolved to request the appropriate Commonwealth and State authorities to take the necessary action to ensure that, when any suitable farm property is put on the market, a qualified returned serviceman applicant should be given the first opportunity to buy the property at the pegged price, with all the benefits of the War Service Land Settlement Scheme, which was the object of the legislation.

The question of filling men's jobs by women, under the Women's Employment Act, was in the agenda. It is believed that many of the positions that have been filled by women as a wartime emergency measure can be suitably filled by returned servicemen. The matter will be discussed further at the Federal Congress, which will meet in Anzac House, Perth, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 25.

"If our burnt-out soldiers cannot fend for themselves because of age or infirmity, let us look after them in the War Veterans' Home."

D IVIDED WE FALL

By D. Napier

Quite a lot of talk is going about with reference to the R.S.L. forming itself into a political body—a soldier party. But before serious consideration is given to this matter, it is as well to look at the R.S.L. through postwar spectacles.

Having had the postwar war No. 1 period. With the exception of a few who held down administrative jobs in Australia, and a few in camp at the armistice, every person who joined up was an A.I.F. returned soldier, sailor, or airman. But, in consequence, practically 100 per cent. of Australia was behind the R.S.L. when it was formed by virtue of the fact that the members' families, wives and children were behind them.

This made the R.S.L. a powerful organisation—an organisation of which governments had to take notice.

The postwar No. 2 R.S.L. will, however, be in a very different position because it will not enjoy this 100 per cent. "Why not?" you say. The reason is, that a vast number of men and women who have joined one of the forces are not eligible to join the R.S.L. as they have not been overseas or to a theatre of war.

Reflect for a moment on those young lads and girls of eighteen who were called up into the Service arms, and who have not gone away. They will naturally look for treatment similar to that given to the returned soldier because many, whilst willing and anxious to go overseas have been unable to do so, and they are not eligible for R.S.L. membership it is only natural that they will form other organisations in an endeavour to secure their rights, knowing full well that "Unity is Strength."

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"S.A.R." writes: At a meeting of my sub-branch lately held, the Listening Post came in for some adverse criticism, and as the attack came from a member who appeared to have a communist ax to grind, and, not knowing the full facts, I should appreciate an answer to the following questions:

1. Is The Listening Post the property of the Imperial Printing Co? If not, who owns the paper?
2. If owned by the Imperial Printing Co., will you say who are the shareholders?
3. Broadly, what is the policy of The Listening Post?
4. In view of the statement made that the editor uses the paper to advance his own political views, what party does he belong to?
5. How is the paper financed?
6. Is it in view of the fact that the paper is a monthly, and there is so much to tell members, why is it not a bigger paper?
7. What liaison, if any, is there between the paper and the head office of the League?

We have no hesitation in answering your questions, "S.A.R.", which you have put in a courteous manner. In fact we welcome them as a return to the daily little intrigue being carried on against the paper. Naturally, in an organisation like ours, comprising thousands of men of every social status and of every shade of political thought, it is only to be expected that the official organ should be criticised from time to time. At sub-branch meetings and at Congress there is seldom unanimity on any subject. Criticisms we welcome, and attacks we know how to answer.

In reply to your questions:

1. The Listening Post is owned by the Imperial Printing Co., Ltd.
2. We regret we cannot give you the names of the shareholders without their permission, but every shareholder in the company is a returned soldier, and every employee of the company is either a returned soldier or the son or daughter of one.
3. The policy of the paper is that of the League, as defined in the constitution and by-laws, and as determined each year by Congress. When the League’s policy, its aims or ideals, are attacked, we shall always defend them, irrespective of what the attacker’s political colour may be. For instance, the League is not necessarily hostile to the mishandling of the Re-establishment and Employment Bill in the Federal Parliament has made the preference question virtually a party issue, that will not deter us from fighting hard as the opponents of preference no matter who they may be. The same applies to such matters as defence, the White Australian policy and others that are likely at any time to be made party issues, if they have not already been so. It would, therefore, appear to be the gravamen of much of the criticism that has been launched against the paper since the preference issue began to boil over, but we defy anyone to point to any article in The Listening Post contrary to the League’s policy or has been inspired by party bias.
4. And that brings us to your fourth question, which is personal, but the answer is that neither the Managing Editor nor the Associate Editor is a member of any political party, and statements that either has used the paper to advance his own political views are without foundation.

5. Briefly, the paper is financed by the League to the extent of one shilling a year for each financial member. The cost of publication, including management, printing and postage is met entirely by each financial member, and all other financial responsibilities are borne by the owners, who obtain other revenue through the sale of advertising space, for which commission has to be paid by the publishers.

Of course, with newsprint restrictions, the paper cannot be enlarged just yet, but it certainly will be when circumstances permit.

There is a close collaboration between the paper and the governing body of the League. The Managing Editor is the senior vice-president of the W.A. Branch and has been a member of the State Executive for many years. The Associate Editor has been a member of the League for the past 14 years, and is a weekly, sometimes daily, contact with the Head Office, the State President, the State Secretary and other officials, and much copy is supplied by the State Secretary.

In conclusion, it may interest you to know that The Listening Post is the oldest official organ of servicemen in the British Empire. The paper has had a continuous history since it was founded in 1920.

GUNNERS’ DAY AT GUILDFORD

Gunnery’s Day was celebrated in the customary manner, at Guildford on Sunday August 12. The ceremony, which had its inception at the memorial in the Guildford gardens in 1928, was sponsored, as in previous years, by the Artillery Comrades’ Association, and members of the 10th Light Horse Association combined with the gunners as usual. A parade of about 150, led by the R.S.L. band, marched from the Guildford Railway Station to the western memorial gates under the command of Brigadier-General A. J. Bessell-Browne. At the gates the salute was returned by Lieut-Colonel Sir James Mitchell (representing the G.O.C.: Western Area) and the Minister for Lands and Labour (Mr. A. H. Panton), representing the State Government, and members of the Federal and State Parliaments, the State Executive of the R.S.L. (Messrs. J. M. W. Anderson and D. M. Benson) and the Mayor and Town Clerk of Guildford (Messrs. H. A. Devenish and J. Gibbons). The service in St. Matthew’s Church was conducted by the Rev. D. D. Davies, whose address of homage paid tribute to the fallen in both wars. After the service, wreaths were placed on the memorial by Brigadier-General A. J. Bessell-Browne on behalf of the Old Artillery Brigade, Mr. J. Koeck (Young Artillery), Mr. M. W. Anderson (R.S.L.), Mr. J. Elliott (10th Light Horse), Mr. C. W. Green (Guilford sub-branch R.S.L.) and Mr. T. J. V. Bowles (Australian Legion of Ex-Service Men). Sir James Mitchell and the official guests were entertained to afternoon tea by the Mayor and Councillors of Guildford.

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There was a spot of unconscious humour about the advancement of Mr. Emanuel Shinwell to Ministerial rank in the new Acting Government. During his earlier Parliamentary career, Mr. Shinwell was regarded as a bit of a firebrand. Now he is Minister for Fuel.

At the July meeting of the Nannup-Jarrahwood sub-branch, the president, Mr. Frank Barwick, paid a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. George Chipper, who are leaving the district. Mrs. Chipper has been president of the women's auxiliary for four years, and her husband was president of the sub-branch from 1939 to 1942. During their terms of office both worked hard for the welfare of service personnel and for the sub-branch and auxiliary as a whole. The president's remarks were supported by Mr. Fred Pearson, who said the district could ill afford to part with such keen workers. He also paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. George Chipper, who are leaving the district.

We join with all members of the Wooroloo sub-branch in extending sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. J. E. Hern, who passed away on June 11, deeply regretted by all who knew him. He was always a true and loyal Digger and worthy of the highest praise for the services he rendered to the sub-branch. He served with the 55th Bn. A.I.F. in the last war.

It is with deep regret that we announce the recent death of Mr. Herb Cousins, of Calingiri. The late Mr. Cousins was a foundation member of the Calingiri sub-branch. He served with the 48th Bn. A.I.F. in the last war.

A good League stalwart and former Country Vice-President of the Old Contemporaries' Association, Sydney T. Cole, died in Albany, late last month. He was a very active member of the Albany sub-branch which he had represented several times at congress. For a long time, also, he was the Albany sub-branch's publicity officer and correspondent. He had served as a gunner with the B.E.F. in the last war and was doing full-time military duty in this State during the present war. Two of his four sons served in the British Merchant Navy and two in the A.I.F. The eldest son, who was awarded the B.E.M. for gallantry at sea, was accidently killed in New York two years ago. A daughter is in the W.A.A.F. Our old friend was a man who served his country consistently and well. He also found time to look after the welfare of servicemen of both wars, and especially the men of the Merchant Navy, who went so long without due recognition of the vital part they played in both wars. He will be greatly missed by many who knew him.

Lieu. General Sir Leslie Morshead, Corps Commandant of the Australian troops in Borneo, has had distinguished service in both wars. During the present war he has picked up nicknames as well as a knighthood. To his troops in North Africa, he was known as "Ali Baba" Morshead. The men of later vintage in Borneo call him "Holy Terror" Morshead. Like many another distinguished

Australian soldier, he was at one time a school teacher. The teaching profession has contributed many officers to the Australian Army. Among generations these include Blamey, Brand, Dodds, Jess, Ivan Mackay and Morehead. Among other commissioned ranks, from that of colonel down to lieutenant, their names are legion.

Although he was once very well known as a businessman and soldier in this State, the recent knighthood conferred on Brigadier-General Princip has brought little attention in local papers. Nevertheless, the knighthood was a recognition of a lifetime spent in his country's service. Before the last war, he was in business in Kalgoorlie and a captain of the South Australian Infantry Regiment. He left Australia as a captain with the original 11th. When the new battalions were formed after the evacuation of Gallipoli, he was given command of the 48th Battalion, an offshoot of the old 16th. He commanded that battalion through the bitter fighting on the Somme, Bullecourt, where his brother and second in command (Major Ben Leane) was killed, Messines, Pahschendaele, and Ypres, the last in a fatal offensive in 1918. During the last year of the war he was placed in command of the 12th Brigade. Shortly after his return to Australia, he was appointed Commissioner of Police for South Australia in the old 16th and is still a member of that office a few months ago. "The Bull," as he was called in affection by the boys of the 48th, is still a hearty, virile man, not unlike General MacArthur in appearance. By his quiet leadership he has inspired all ranks of the 48th and made it the splendid fighting organism it became. The boys, however, would have their joke. There were so many relatives of the C.O. in the ranks that the battalion was known as the "Joan of Arc Battalion" because it was Made of All Leanes. However, he did not play favourites, but gave an even break to everybody.

Two of Gloucester Park's members have had the misfortune to lose their wives during the past month—R. Toby (44th Bn.) and Bert Williams (R.A.A.F.). Word has been received that Mr. T. G. R. Miles, the sub-branch's assistant secretary, has lost his brother in a plane crash in England. The deceased was a pilot officer. We join with the sub-branch in extending deep sympathy to these bereaved members. Gloucester Park's secretary, Bill J. Reed, is about again after a severe attack of bronchial pneumonia. It is good to see him on deck once more, and we hope that he will soon be restored to normal health.

Members of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. W. Devine on August 4. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Devine of the sub-branch and of Mrs. Rowles and Miss R. Devine, both of whom are foundation members of the auxiliary. We join with Mt. Hawthorn members in extending deep sympathy to the relatives.

Mt. Hawthorn's sick state shows Norm Parker in 110 A.G.H. Jim White (2/13th Bn.) who, unfortunately, had an arm amputated at his employment, is at present in the Perth Hospital. Jim Jones is in St. John of God; George West is in the Hawthorn Hospital; and Fred Pollard (2/11th Bn.) was wounded in Borneo. We regret that a very active member, L. Bren-Turner, is now in Edward Miller. He will be greatly missed, especially from the games in which he was a leading player: Bill Skates, Tom May and Syd Graham are still cot-cases and would be glad of visits from members.

Dr. Charles W. Leedman has been appointed president of the Army Medical Units Association for the tenth time. He served as M.O. with the 54th Bn. in the last war, and was a member of the Military Cross. During the present war, he has served with many military hospitals in this State and attained the rank of Colonel. For many years he has been interested in the League of One Thousand, a friendly and unostentatious acton by half of Diggers and their dependants, but members of his own association have a friendly and grateful regard for him.

"Old Bill" Anderson, the foundation president of Osborne Park sub-branch, has been a very sick man these days. Besides being one of the senior contributors to The Listening Post, Mr. Anderson's whole life since the former war has been crowded with good work for Osborne Park and the community, which is with him a speedy recovery. We join with the Osborne Park sub-branch in tendering heartfelt sympathy to Mr. W. V. Evans, a returned man of this war, on the recent death of his wife, and in wishing member Harry Float a rapid recovery from the results of his recent accident.

It is said that old soldiers never die. At times they do not even grow old. This endures, as we have seen in the passing of the Mt. Lawley-Igledewo sub-branch, on the recent arrival of a son. Mount Lawley friends hope the infant's shadow will never grow less, but, as Bill's son, he will have something to live up to in that respect.

Several members of the Geraldton sub-branch have been reported on the sick list. Fred Frazer, one of the auditors, recently met with a nasty cycling accident. George Figg, G. Van Rooyan and Ernie Duffield have been given the benefit of no sympathy, sincerely hope that they will all soon be on their way to recovery. We join with the Geraldton sub-branch in offering to Eric Savage (a committee man) sincere sympathy on the recent loss of his brother, who died of illness while a prisoner of war in enemy hands.

T. P. & D. Association

During the July meeting it was decided that the ban on dicing for Mr. Longford could not be allowed to lapse. Appointments, therefore, were made of members residing in various areas for the purpose of making home visits. The memory of Mr. Longford will be perpetuated in the newly formed Park and Bowling Club, which is with us all for ever. We extend sympathy to Mr. Lullman, whose brother, the founder of the Park and Bowling Club, will be remembered as the "Father of the Club." We pay our respects to the memory of Mr. Miller, a past president of the West Perth sub-branch, Mr. J. K. Forgan and Mr. Martin appointed to fill vacancies on the executive committee. Mr. H. Bigg and his ladies successfully conducted their quarterly cycle ride. Another body which deserves attention is the Leederville Bowling Club. Members and gates are confident that the suggestions being put forward will be carried out and will result in much better services being provided for the members and the public in general. It is interesting to note that, at this recent Red Cross conference, services of these members were offered to the Red Cross, will be taken up by Mr. Longford and permanently disabled ex-servicemen. Since the first of July Mr. W. F. L. Short was appointed chairman of Messrs. L. W. F. Boyd (44th Bn.), J. R. A. Brown (2/164th A.G.H.), J. F. William (11th Bn.), E. W. Johns (6th A.G.H.), P. T. Smith (2/10th Bn.), and Charles Candler (16th Bn.). Members are pleased to see the secretary, Charlie Walker back again, and hope his health will continue to improve.

Greetings have been received from Miss Mary Macare, M.B.E.
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Colonel Collett recently asked the Minister for Immigration whether there would be reciprocity in respect of social benefits within the Empire and in the case of ex-servicemen from Great Britain or the other Dominions, will they be included in the provisions of the Re-establishment and Re-employment Act and also in the Soldier Settlement Scheme. Furthermore, will these benefits be extended to ex-servicemen from Empire forces already resident within the Commonwealth. The Minister advised Colonel Collett that all these questions are at present receiving the careful consideration of the Government, and negotiations are proceeding with the British Government in respect of the questions raised and other matters affecting the migration to Australia of ex-service personnel and other intending British migrants.

Members of the State Land Committee, who met recently the Commonwealth officials dealing with land settlement, are wondering whether there is any significance in the fact that the proposed legislation in connection with land settlement was repeatedly referred to by the Commonwealth officials as the "War Services Land Settlement Scheme," and not as a "Soldier Settlement Scheme." In view of the fact that the Rehabilitation and Employment Act extends preference—such as it is—to other than ex-service personnel, it might well be wondered whether the title signifies a similar intention in regard to land settlement.

Very feeble, if not actually evasive, was the reply given by the Minister for Postwar Reconstruction (Mr. Dedman) to questions asked in the House of Representatives recently by Major-General Rankin. The questions were based on complaints that too many men were being appointed to important Federal positions who, although they were of military age, had not seen a shot fired. As The Listening Post pointed out in its May issue, the most glaring examples of this sort of thing are to be found in Mr. Dedman's own department. The chief cause of complaint is that these men are associated with the rehabilitation of servicemen. In reply, Mr. Dedman told the old, old story, that these fortunate young men were appointed because of their qualifications for highly-specialized work. It is admitted that many of them are distinguished young graduates of universities, but Mr. Dedman failed to state "their qualifications for highly-specialized work." Academic qualifications are often essential as a means to an end, but in jobs like those mentioned, administrative experience and a wide and sympathetic understanding of human nature, such as one gets by rubbing shoulders with all sorts and conditions of men in the Services, is even more essential. What is more, there are many distinguished graduates of Australian and other universities in the fighting forces, and among the veterans of the last war. What Mr. Dedman left unsaid might fill volumes. He did not, for instance, say what some, if any, were taken to find suitable men for these highly-paid appointments among men of the last war, or among those who are serving in the present. He did not explain why these jobs were filled before the general public was even aware that they had been created. Jobs for all is a very laudable objective, but jobs for all the favoured few, before the fighting men come home, bears a strong family resemblance to a nauseating racket.

At the last two elections held in this State, the Victoria Park seat for the Legislative Assembly and the Fremantle seat for the House of Representatives, returned men who have not been defeated. In one instance the Digger was a Labour candidate and the other contestant was a Liberal. Both were men of ability with grand records of war and public service, and they were beaten by men who, no doubt, for good and valid reasons, did not fight for their country. On V.F day, the public went hysterical with delight and kissed and hugged their saviours. We ask our readers to draw their own conclusions from the above facts. It is obvious that the public generally actually don't care a damn about the service man and woman, and we will only obtain justice for our cause if we are strong enough and vocal enough to demand it.

While the Intelligence Staffs of the Allied Armies in Germany are satisfied that Hitler is dead, many others, including the Russian Marshal Zhukov, have their doubts. However, and assuming Hitler is alive, it is early yet to assume that he has made his escape. If he is on this earth at all, he will be caught. The reluctance to accept the death of a prominent man is not a new trait in human nature. Readers of English history will remember that impostors passing as princes of the House of York found many adherents who sincerely believed they were what they pretended to be. At the beginning of the Nineteenth Century many Frenchmen believed that Louis XVII, the young son of Louis XVI, who died in captivity during the Reign of Terror, had really been rescued and taken to America.

Stories were told that Marshal Ney, who was shot by the Bourbons after Waterloo, was saved by falling just as the order "Fire!" was given, and also taken to America by devoted friends. A similar tale was told about the execution of the Cape Boer leader, Commander Scheepers, who was shot, by sentence of court martial, for murder. The Archduke Johann of Austria, who dropped into complete oblivion with his morganatic wife, has had many strange reappearances, according to the furphy-mongers. Fifty years ago, people wasted much time, ink and paper trying to prove that he was Marshal Yamagata, the Japanese commander who defeated the Chinese in Korea in 1894. In like manner, Hector MacDonald, the British general who committed suicide after the South African War, was held to be identical with Kurzki, the Japanese general who defeated the Russians in the war of 1904-5. Few of us need reminding about the stories told to the effect that Lord Kitchener did not really go down with H.M.S. Hampshire in 1916. For many years, many people firmly believed that he was still alive. He was even identified with the Russian Kerensky—of all people. Going back to the last war, readers will recall the newspaper argument about the fate of Dan Kelly, the youngest member of the notorious Kelly gang. Stories were circulated that he did not die in the final tragedy at Glenrowan, but escaped to live in this State. There were even attempts to prove that he saw honourable service with the original A.I.F.

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Recently, Mr. G. Basil Duve, of Boyanup, wrote to the Under-Secretary for Agriculture (Mr. G. K. Baron-Hay) stating that if the Government would assist returned soldiers to grow grapes within a marketable distance of Boyanup, his vineyard would undertake to buy 1,000 tons of grapes a year from them, at Commonwealth Government prices, delivered to the winery. He suggested holdings of ten acres each for 30 settlers. This would mean 300 acres of vines which, at Government prices, would return each settler £300 a year and leave him plenty of time for other rural activities. The offer was favourably received, and is being considered by the Agriculture Department. There are plenty of suitable areas within marketable distance of Boyanup where 10-acre vineyards could be established. In many cases, where sons are coming back into civilian life, it might be the means of keeping them on farms, instead of having to move to other places to find work. Moreover, vines do well in the district, so it is to be hoped that advantage will be taken of the offer. At the time of the outbreak of the war, Western Australia imported 200,000 gallons of wine a year from the Eastern States, besides large quantities of fortifying spirit.

ENTITLEMENT TRIBUNAL DECISIONS

The League recently sent the following resolution to the Minister for Repatriation:

That presentation of official notification of the War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal's decision be recognised by the State Repatriation Departments, as the right to immediate medical treatment, so that successful appellants will not be required to wait advice of eligibility for medical treatment through the Deputy Commissioner after the decision has been given by the Entitlement Tribunal and relayed to the Commission, necessitating, in some cases, delays of several weeks and, in other cases, months.

In reply, the Minister stated:—

"This matter was recently considered by the Commission, and arrangements have been made for a tribunal, after it has recorded its decision, to refer a copy of the decision to the branch office. Deputy Commissioners in all States have been instructed that, upon receipt of the tribunal's decision immediate steps are to be taken to give effect to the decision without waiting for instructions from the Commission."

MEDICAL TREATMENT

The League requested the Minister for Repatriation to pay for all medical treatment pending determination of appeal, and in his reply the Minister stated:—

"To approve of the request would be tantamount to the provision of medical treatment for all non-war disabilities. With such a policy I cannot agree, and, therefore, regret that I am unable to recommend its adoption."

"In those cases which are subsequently accepted as attributable to war service, my department meets the cost of reasonable medical expenses incurred privately as from the date of operation of the favourable decision."

48th Bn. Association

This year's annual reunion of the 48th Bn. Association was held in the R.S.L. Hall at Subiaco. The association president (Mr. MacKenzie) was in the chair, and the gathering included many members of the 2/48th Bn. The toast of the 48th Bn. was proposed by Capt. C. R. Collins, who recalled incidents connected with the service of the original battalion. Reference was made to the fact that the first C.O. of the battalion, Brigadier-General Sir Raymond Leane, had recently been knighted, and to the fact that the battalion which had one V.C. in the last war topped the list of the present war with four V.C.'s. The response was by the chairman, supported by Major Les Challen and Major Swayne MacKenzie. Many members of the 2/48th were present and took a lively interest in the proceedings. A fine programme of entertainment was presented, including well-applauded items by the Nedlands Male Choir.

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16th Battalion Association

The annual dinner and reunion of the 32nd Bn. Association on Saturday, July 19th, was an imposing and enjoyable function. Major Dick Geddes, M.C., presided over a large gathering of members and their guests. A sheaf of greetings was received from members who could not be present, and these came not only from country members but also from members in South Australia and other States. The toast of the Fighting Services was proposed by Colonel Jack Herlihy and responded to by Capt. C. R. Collins. Colonel A. H. Hopkins proposed the toast of the association, to which the chairman responded. The toast of the R.S.L. was responded to by Mr. Alan Boyce, R.A.F., and other brief toasts were honoured in the propitiation manner. The proceedings were enlivened by a splendid programme of entertainment. Songs were rendered by Mr. Mervyn Kidd, and an item by Mr. Bob Maguire, a dinkum Australian, which introduced the names and weights (perhaps) of well-known association members, evoked rounds of applause.

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Armvy Medical Units Association

At the annual general meeting, it was decided that the association should now be known as the Army Medical Units Association. The following officers were elected: Patron, Major-General A. T. White, C.M.G., Y.P.; President, Dr. C. Leedman; Vice-President, Mr. R. Bailey, chairman, Mr. C. W. Brick; vice-chairman, Mr. E. Abber; secretary, Mr. H. Rig; general committee, Messrs. B. Nonzi, A. Hood, W. R. Charden, W. Southworth, R. Borstel, E. Steel, J. Smith, V., Gerring, L. Stanley and S. Dyson, auditor, Mr. R. Nonzi. Arrangements were made for placing a library and bookcase in Ward X, Perth Hospital. Those desiring to contribute may do so through the secretary, Mr. H. W. Rig.

Air Force Association

This association is now 2,000 strong in W.A. and is seeking its own secretary and headquarters. A "Welcome Home" party is held at the Rendezvous, William Street, every Saturday night in honour of returning airmen from Europe. The various sub-committees are hard at work, particularly the Provision Committee, which deals with matters affecting the welfare of discharged airmen. The association secretary is Mr. G. Galway and Mr. T. T. O'Brien, 3rd Floor, 5th Floor, 5th Floor, 5th Floor, 5th Floor, 5th Floor, 5th Floor, 5th Floor, 5th Floor, 5th Floor, 5th Floor.
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The chairman of the Membership Committee (Mr. H. A. Leslie) desires all sub-branch secretaries to forward to Head office immediately an accurate statement of their membership. These figures (after checking) will be published in next issue of The Listening Post. The information required is members financial at 1st August, and members who are unfinancial, i.e., over three months in arrears.

State Executive

July 18, 1945

At the commencement of the meeting of the State Executive on July 18, the State President referred to the death of the late Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin. Delegates stood in silence as a tribute to Mr. Curtin and to the Commonwealth Government the League's sympathy had been extended. It was recalled by delegates that returned soldiers had lost a good friend in Mr. Curtin.

The State President extended a welcome to Mr. Harry Wilson, a former member of the State Executive, who is now representing No. 17 D.C. A welcomes was extended to Colonel Claridge, Major Hunt, Major Whittell (Bridge town) and Mr. S. T. Coyle (Kalgoorlie) (Leave of Absence). A letter was read from Mr. M. E. Zeffert on account of ill-health. Mr. Yezis was appointed deputy on the Regional Reconstruction Committee.

P.O.W. Welcome. The State Secretary reported that 300 invitation cards had been issued for the welcome to recently released prisoners of war and other repatriated services in the ballroom at Anzac House on July 25. It was stated that his Excellency the Lieut.-Governor Sir James Mitchell, K.C.M.G., and other State Executive delegates were invited to assist in the welcome.

Correspondence. The State Secretary read a letter from Brigadier R. E. Baxter-Cox in reply to congratulations on a recent despatch. The State Secretary reported that Lieut.-Colonel Mitchell's health was improving.

A letter was read containing the League's Solicitor's opinion as to the best method of holding land where two sub-branches had cooperated.

War Service Homes.-A circular containing the Minister's reply in connexion with difficulties of building War Service Homes was received. It was resolved that the question of purchasing existing dwellings be taken up by the War Service Homes Commission.

Federal Executive. It was advised that the Federal Executive would meet on Thursday, August 2. The State President (Mr. Anderson) and the State Secretary represent the W.A. Branch. Agenda for the Federal Executive meeting were reviewed by the Management Committee. Re-establishment and Employment Bill. The State Secretary read letters (a) The Minister for Postwar Reconstruction (Mr. Medd) stating that the Bill could not be postponed or withdrawn. (b) No. 17 D.C. requesting that more publicity had not been given to the League's views. (c) West Leederville sub-branch, expressing strong resentment at the passage of a preferential Preference Bill. (d) No. 14 D.C. suggesting that a meeting of sub-branch presidents and secretaries was required, and that the suggestion of a meeting of sub-branch presidents and secretaries to discuss the rehabilitation question, be considered after the State Executive meeting.

Victory Loan. Congratulations on the League's efforts in support of the Third Victory Loan were extended by the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Director of Works of the W.A. Housing and Works Department. Mr. J. A. Latham announced the winning of a pennant, desiring that this should be presented at the Annual State Convention. Mr. Latham's suggestion was referred to the Agenda Committee.

V.D.C.—Western Command Headquarters advised the appointment of Lieut.-Colonel R. W. Blair as Commander of the V.D.C. in this State.

The proposal was then made to extend the appointment to the sub-branches. The appointments of officials, as advised by No. 17 D.C. (Fremantle District), were reported.

A letter was read from Lord Birdwood conveying best wishes for the War Veterans' Home Appeal. It was resolved to convey congratulations to the new Premier (Mr. Wise) and a message of appreciation for past services to Mr. Willcock, with the hope that he would soon be restored to normal health.

District Committees. The report of the Management Committee drew attention to the opinion of the League's Solicitor in regard to the constitutional dependence on those District Committees. It was decided that, the attention of congress be drawn to the procedure of the District Committees, and the by-law referring to the formation of these organisations.

Further, a number of items submitted by the Rehabilitation Committee for consideration by the Federal Executive were unanimously confirmed. The League approved the other recommendations expressing dissatisfaction with the Minister's Report on Rehabilitation and Employment Act. These recommendations and the report of the committee were submitted to the Minister, with the request that the Minister refer them to the Minister for War, the W.A. Branch, and the W.A. Premier, and to the formation of these organisations.

Sympathies. This League's sympathy and hopes for speedy recovery were sent to Messrs. J. M. Corbett, M.L.C., and M. Lewis (President Perth sub-branch) for their President's illness.

Club Committee. It was reported that renovations had been made to the refrigeration of Anzac Club, and that supplies had compelled the closing of the bar at 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Repatriation. The report of the Repatriation Committee referred to a recent despatch to the Public Service Commissioner regarding the loss of pay by ex-servicemen when attending repatriation medical reviews. A number of other letters relating to hospital treatment were referred to, and the report was adopted.

W.A. Branch. The resolution was reported that total collections now amounted to £5,861, including a donation of £1,000 from Bocas Ltd.
July 10, a united social at Victoria Park and on July 11, attended a meeting of the 44th Bn.

Legal Assistance.—A letter was received from the Prime Minister's Department in connection with the proposed conditions of soldiers' settlement. This was referred to the Land Committee.

Patronage.—The Federal Office had forwarded a ruling by the War Cabinet that the following would be the order of discharge from munition works:
(a) Single men or women; (b) married men without family; (c) ex-members of the Forces, and persons judged to be entitled to preference under the Re-establishment and Employment Act. The State Secretary reported that he understood that an unmarried alien had secured a certificate from the Attorney-General entitling him to buy land.

The supply of a booklet for a report. This was referred to the Land Committee.

Sub-branches.—Appointments of officials made by the Press, Nedlands and Bunbury sub-branches were confirmed.

A. L. P. all donors of foodstuffs and an outstanding establishment and Employment Act. The supply a booklet for a report. This was referred to the Land Committee. The event was confirmed.

Declarative Booklet.—A Sydney printed, a correction would be from the Attorney-General entitling him to buy land.

M. Hawthorn again urged that recreation and other amenities be provided at the G.D.D. It was resolved to ask the League's representative for a report.

National sub-branch submitted a motion of protest against the preference sections of the Re-establishment and Employment Act. The motion was put to the vote and was carried.

Vandalism.—The Commissioner of Police notified that there would be no further vandalism at King's Park, which is now receiving the close attention of the police.

Legislation.—A Sydney firm offered to supply a booklet containing comments on recent legislation, but, as on understanding that the matter is now receiving the attention of the Commonwealth Government, it was decided that no action be taken.

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(Late 52nd Battalion)
Mrs. Dean presided over a large gathering at the monthly social, at which Major Norman Bromley was the speaker. Mrs. T. C. Wilson thanked the speaker and Mrs. Brownlow seconded the vote of thanks. Mrs. Carmody arranged the musical programme in which the performers were Mrs. J. Carmody (songs), Mrs. Chauncey and Miss Lions (piano duet) and Miss Lions (violin solo). Mrs. J. Collins thanked the artists. Mrs. Dean asked those present to help with the canteen and the Red Cross circle for sewing, which meets every Friday morning.

SUBIACO

Mrs. McKinnay (State President) supervised the election of officers at the annual meeting in June. The following were elected: President, Mrs. Burgess; vice-presidents, Messrs. Cribb and Jackson; secretary, Mrs. Rowe; assistant secretary, Mrs. Row; treasurer, Mrs. Condon; trustees, Messrs. Seaton, Richardson and Shand. Regular visits were paid throughout the year to neighbouring hospitals and institutions. At present, members are very busy in connection with the War Veterans’ Home appeal. Miss Billie Condon is candidate for the Miss Australia competition. Arrangements have been made for the entertainment of Lemnos patients to a picture afternoon on August 20.

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WEMBLEY-WEST LEEDEBVILLE

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting: President Mrs. Kinman; vice-president, Messrs. Jones and Scott; secretary, Mrs. McCallum; treasurer, Mrs. Davenport; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Keegan; assistant secretary, Mrs. Nimm. A musical afternoon was held on July 15, and the Rev. Watts gave an interesting address. The proceeds went to the Mission for Seamen. The auxiliary visited Wooroloo and distributed comforts.

MAYLANDS

During the month visits were made to Claremont Hospital and Sunset, where comforts were distributed. Donations of knitting wool of any kind would be greatly appreciated by patients who spend much of their time in making rugs. Members paid a return visit to the Swan View auxiliary. The Victoria Park auxiliary was also visited. The T. & P. D. men were visited at Gledhill Buildings, where a pleasant afternoon was spent at bridge and darts. The men provided the auxiliary with four new dresses. It was pleasing to see Mr. Charlie Walker again after his spell in hospital. The dance in the Maylands Town Hall on August 2 augmented the funds for returned men in hospital. Their nominee for the Miss Australia competition was present. The quarterly social was also a great success. Several presents were made to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Barlow, who were recently married. One of the guests of the evening was the auxiliaries’ State President (Mrs. McKinnay). At the annual meeting the following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. P. Turpin; vice-president, Mrs. O. Feilds; secretary, Mrs. M. Hackett; treasurer, Mrs. M. Keld, trustees, Messrs. M. M. Cleeg, C. Smith and M. Harrington. The auxiliary commenced work in earnest last February, when a raffle and Paddy’s Market put the financial position on a sound basis. The first social on April 27 was attended by the State President (Mrs. McKinnay), members of the State Executive and of other auxiliaries. Thanks are due to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Lionel, who provided the music, and to the artists, Mrs. Hoel, Miss Copron, Mr. Bill Nelson, Master B. Waite and the M.C., Mr. A. J. Saxby. A child...

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VICTORIA PARK

Meetings were held on July 19 and July 17. Both were fairly well attended, and presided over by Mrs. Tolmie (President). On July 10, the auxiliary invited other auxiliaries to a social evening to aid of the War Veterans’ Home appeal. Mrs. Pendergrass and her son provided the music, augmented at intervals by service men. Everything went with a swing. Supper was served by the social committee, and they were complimented on their splendid effort. Mrs. Pone is to be congratulated in arranging yet another successful evening. On July 24 Mrs. Jackson, assisted by Mrs. Haygood, held a social afternoon at her home in Kent Street to augment the funds of the War Veterans’ Home appeal. The sum of £67/18/- was realised. On August 2 members and their husbands were the guests of the sub-branch, “Miss Australia” (i.e., Miss Maitland) was introduced. Various functions are being arranged to support her effort, and already a good start has been made. Neil Sheldon-Jones and other artists provided entertainment, mingled with dancing. Mrs. Phillips reported on her visit with Mrs. Haigh to the Edward Millan Home, where 39 patients were provided with comforts.

BULLS BROOK

All retiring officers were re-elected at the annual meeting on June 2, except the two vice-presidents. The new vice-presidents are Messrs. F. Keith and G. Cunningham. Mr. F. Hadley was added to the social committee. A social evening followed general business. The district unit of the V.D.C. were the guests. The following members are to be congratulated in their work; £10 to the War Veterans’ Home appeal; £5/5/- to the civilian lame and limbless appeal. The meeting on July 7 was well attended by new members from the present war. Five pounds were donated to the Bullocks District Football Club. At the Anzac day meetings of June 19 and 20 respectively were donated to the Salvation Army Self-Dental Appeal and the A.C.F.

KUKERIN

The sub-branch “moved up one” in the meeting list when it was decided to hold bimonthly meetings instead of the quarterly meeting as in recent years. The new plan will operate on an all-sub-branch basis. Among the regular attenders at meetings is Mr. H. E. Hills, a veteran of the Second World War. Members were asked to welcome Mr. Goodcheer, who had not been at meetings for some considerable time. Membership is growing and sub-branch numbers are well to the fore in all bodies connected with the progress of the district. Sympathy is extended to Mr. L. D. Stedman (12/16) and members of his family in their recent bereavement.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

At the monthly meeting on July 30 the new presidente was elected. It was decided to hold monthly meetings, instead of once a month. A chair. A very nice gesture of thanks on behalf of the sub-branch to the retiring president (E. J. Tomlinson) was made by Jack Herlihy, when he presented a Certificate of Service to Tomlinson, who has been actively and thankfully engaged for the committee and for his assistance to the chair whilst he occupied the chair. It is gratifying to learn that all members of the sub-branch are taking an active part in sub-branch work. Several of them have been elected to the different committees, which seems to indicate that they are prepared to take over from their older comrades who, after years of strenuous work, will be able to relax from their labours. The social committee is running a dance in the Town Hall, every Saturday night and would be pleased to see members come along and enjoy themselves and, meet other comrades. The women’s auxiliary has been doing a very fine job of work during the past twelve months for which we tender our heartiest thanks. The president was a very happy man when he read the ladies’ annual report, and realised the amount of work they had done. The unanimous verdict of the sub-branch was “Well done, ladies, we thank you.”

GLOUCESTER PARK

There was an attendance of nearly 60 at the last monthly meeting. Among them were many members of the 2/11th who seemed to be “Buff” Ryan and the second in command Brock Watson. After business, “Buff” Ryan gave a spontaneous address by himself. Mrs. Reed was welcomed back after his recent illness. Nurse Knowles has transferred to Cairns, but his place has been taken by George Fullock, so his memory will be with the sub-branch whenever he goes down. Members were pleased to hear of the discharge from hospital of Messrs. G. Partridge, A. Ryan, P. Whelan, Brock Watson, Bill Green and Bill Reynolds. A good report of the building committee was presented by Messrs. Strong and Gordon.

WEST LEDERVILLE-WIMBLEY

At the monthly meeting held on August 13, there was much discussion concerning the advisability of holding fortnightly meetings. Opinion was divided and the matter was deferred. The annual smoke social has been tentatively arranged for Monday, December 17. Nineteen new members have been enrolled this week and have been warmly welcomed by their secretary Bill Read. It was announced that the sub-branch was well attended by new members from the present war. Five pounds were donated to the Bullocks District Football Club. At the Anzac day meetings of June 19 and 20 respectively were donated to the Salvation Army Self-Dental Appeal and the A.C.F.

MARGARET RIVER

At the recent meeting the president (Mr. R. G. Forestier) welcomed Mr. Jim Wise, a local boy just discharged from the R.A.A.F. A letter of appreciation was received from Mr. L. M. Walter, Mr. Doug Shephardson and Mr. and Mrs. Burhinson for their valuable assistance at the Anzac Day service. A letter was received from the State Executive to seek an amendment to the Repatriation Act to secure for members of the...
the Merchant Navy the same assistance in re-establishment as members of the other Services. Messrs. Forester, M. Harland and W. C. Smith were appointed to a committee to consider the matter. June meeting Mr. H. Mason was welcomed as a new member. It was decided to purchase a slide for advertising the League picture shows. The auxiliary's annual social included a very pleasing item, the presentation of a cheque for £100 to assist the sub-branch in building the district memorial institute. The building fund is now in a good position, with £250 in cash and a block of land, which has been paid for. There was a fair attendance at the meeting. Among those present were Cpl. R. Forester, son of the president, who was home on leave. Motions for the congress agenda were discussed. A successful dance was held on August 18.

MUNDJOO JARRAHDAH

There was a good attendance at the July meeting, and it is pleasing to note the keen interest being shown by members and items for the congress agenda were discussed. The sub-branch will be represented at congress by the secretary, Syd Hopkinson. A motion transferring the surplus from the Xmas Hamper Fund to a welcome home to all returning lads of the district was carried unanimously. The next welcome home is scheduled for August 9. A public welcome organised by the sub-branch took place on August 4. The two lads welcomed Jack Day and Don Glover, both of Jarrahda. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, at Mundjoo one month and at Mundjoo the second Tuesday meeting will be held on September 13 at Jarrahda.

TAMBELLUP

The annual ball was held on July 14 in aid of the R.S.L. Building Memorial funds. The results were better than even the most optimistic expected. Donations came from as far as Bordon and Gnegurup (about 50 miles). The main worry of the committee is the lack of floor space. The building fund is beginning to take on a healthy aspect. A handsome donation has been received from the Tambellup Redcliff Club, the proceeds of a recent dance. It is the intention of the sub-branch to build suitable rooms as a Memorial to the district, as soon as circumstances permit. As there is a local demand for storage facilities, the new building will serve as a meeting place for Diggers old and new. Membership has reached its highest in forty years with forty-four member having been enrolled recently.

KALGOORLIE

At the meeting on June 8 the president, Mr. J. R. Hylton, presented over a good attendance, over £1000 was raised for the sub-branch in building the district memorial institute. The building fund is now in a good position, with £250 in cash and a block of land, which has been paid for. There was a fair attendance at the meeting. Among those present was Cpl. R. Forester, son of the president, who was home on leave. Motions for the congress agenda were discussed. A successful dance was held on August 18.

GERALDTON

The monthly general meeting for July was fairly well attended and a good deal of business was dealt with. A warm welcome was extended to the president of the North West branch (Mr. R. J. B. Donald) and to the sub-branch members, who are present on leave from the sub-branch. Members of the sub-branch are now attending the meetings of the main branch, which was formed by the secretary, the secretary, and the treasurer. The meeting was well attended and a good programme was arranged, and was quite sure everyone present had enjoyed it. There was also a pleasant surprise when a donation of £250 was offered on behalf of members of the sub-branch. People were happy to have the opportunity of meeting the men of the sub-branch.

ARMADALE

The president (Mr. R. J. A. Donald) presented the annual report at the monthly meeting on July 11. It was decided to conduct a street appeal in aid of the War Veterans' Home Fund. One of the members of the sub-branch is a member of the Home Affairs Committee, and he has been appointed to act in that capacity. It is hoped that old members will resume their interest in sub-branch affairs, and we were happy to have Paddy Briers and Tom Gibson among the speakers. Mr. R. J. A. Donald, who was present, is pleased with the work carried on by the sub-branch, and he is looking forward to the next meeting with much interest. The sub-branch has always been active, and we are sure that the members will continue to support the sub-branch.

BAYPAN JUNCTION

Postwar problems will be discussed at the recent well-attended monthly meeting. It is evident that the district will be kept busy for generations to come. All members were in agreement that...
a start should be made with the job of bitumenizing the old Boyanup-Bunbury road (approximately 70 miles). The work will cut four miles of the distance. Donnybrook and other places beyond will also benefit, and there will no longer be the need to cross and re-cross the Preston River. This winter, the floods caused great concern. Mr. G. B. Duce made an offer to 103 FITZGERALD

Preston River. This, they had a 600-foot strip, but this would no longer be needed. The discussion made Mr. T. R. Renton, president of the Committee, Mr. G. C. Curlew, auditor; Mr. P. Palmar, secretary; Mr. E. C. Oliver, president, and Mr. C. Palmer; delegate to women's auxiliary. Mr. W. A. Cornish, president of the League, Mr. Archie Fontanini, who is to be congratulated on his very laconic address. Much routine work was disposed of at the monthly meeting. The ladies of the auxiliary have formed a larger set, which is already doing good work.

NARROGIN

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting on July 12, when many interesting matters were discussed, and items were considered for the congress agenda. The auditor's report showed that financial affairs are in a satisfactory position. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. A. W. Wilson; vice-presidents, Dr. Jacoby and Mr. V. Dawson; treasurer, Mr. W. O. Robinson; secretary, Mr. W. G. Graham; general committee, Messrs. R. Anderson, R. Hawke, H. Hammond, H. Brown, J. Paterson, A. Moon, C. H. Cook, F. Willis, A. Coughtham and A. Matthews; all the officers of the sub-branch, Mr. C. Forgan, R. Anderson and L. French; auditor, Mr. C. W. Allen.

CALINGIRI

An illness prevented the attendance of the president, Mr. Cliff Martin, at the meeting on July 21, the vice-president, Mr. Wally Campbell, took the chair. The minutes were extended to L.A.C. Franklin (R.A.A.F.), who is home on leave, and to L.A.C. (Pilgrim) (R.A.A.F.), who has recently been discharged. Mr. Bert was welcomed by Noel Fordham (12th Field Ambulance), who has completed his service in W.O. In the V.D.A. No weather prevented the sub-branch from being represented at the Toodyay reunion. Calingiri favoured the economies of the new system, and said suitable zones could be arranged. Members considered that the financing of the War Veterans' Home should be the responsibility of this body. The sub-branch unreservedly supported the petition to the Federal Government, that the sub-branch in the district be not less than 100 members. Order for a Xmas present. Members are tacking up building up the enrolment fund, which, at present, is at low ebb. A donation of £5 has been made to the Legacy appeal. The next meeting were June and for the congress agenda.

NORTHAM

The annual meeting of the Northam sub-branch was held on August 1, (Mr. A. J. Presting, R. G. Pilgrim) president. A letter from a local resident suggested that representations should be made to the authorities to have soldiers' medals displayed without charge. The meeting was open to all members. No money was raised for charities, but this was to be arranged by the sub-branch. The sub-branch in the district is now less than 200 members. Order for a Xmas present. Members are tacking up building up the enrolment fund, which, at present, is at low ebb. A donation of £5 has been made to the Legacy appeal. The next meeting were June and for the congress agenda.

OSBORNE PARK

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BUNBURY

There was a large and most agreeable attendance at the annual meeting on July 9. Dimly visible in the clouds of nicotine haze, over 60 members took an active part in the evening's dis-
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helped to place a very concrete proposal before members at an early date, after which it was a matter of ceaseless organization and raising activities. Delegates and committees have also been active on War Veterans' Home appeal.

Miss Australia, No. 16 District Committee, and all the sub-committees such as to make the enterprising and capable Elizabeth Wallis, who was the organizer for the Sub-branch, a very active source of inspiration. It was through her efforts that the sub-branch was able to achieve its goal.

The sub-branch, Comrades of the War Veterans' Home, had a most successful meeting at theInicio's Hotel on the 10th, to which was present President H. J. Wallis, Secretary P. H. Scott, Treasurer F. H. Boyd, and a number of members. The meeting was opened by the President, who gave a brief account of the work of the sub-branch and the progress made.

The sub-branch has now been in existence for over a year, and during that time has made considerable progress. The committee has been very active, and has made many important contributions to the war effort.

The sub-branch has also been successful in raising funds, and has been able to purchase several items for the use of the veterans. The members have been very enthusiastic in their support of the sub-branch, and have given generously of their time and effort.

The sub-branch is now looking forward to the future with confidence, and is determined to continue its good work.

Mr. J. R. Wallis, President of the sub-branch, paid tribute to the members for their hard work and dedication.

The meeting closed with the singing of the national anthem.

The sub-branch continues to work hard, and is grateful to all those who have supported it.
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Gloucester—Wembley Hall, 347 Hay Street, East Perth; 1st Thursday; President: C. J. Lambe, Wyatt Road, Baywater; Secretary: W. W. Moore, P.O. Box 2, Armadale.

Gnowangerup—Soldiers’ Room, bi-monthly; President: S. W. Granger, W. M. McLachlan, W. M. Marrison; Secretary: W. W. Mallinson, 12 Hay Street, Walpole.

Goomalling—Memorial Hall; last Friday each month, 8 p.m.; President: W. T. Dean, phone 14; Secretary: E. A. Shipman, phone 12.

Geraldton—Y.M.C.A., 1st Sunday; President: A. H. Cockburn, 84 South Street, Geraldton; Secretary: H. M. Moore, 31 Market Street, Geraldton.

Gloster—U.126; President: E. M. Rush, 1st June; Secretary: A. J. Chipburn, 253 Hay Street, Geraldton.

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