LIBERATION AT LAST

An Australian war correspondent has told a pathetic story of the reactions of Australian soldiers whom he met, when they were released from a Japanese prison camp. Not only had these men suffered atrocious treatment at the hands of their sub-human captors, but they also suffered the mental torture of believing they were hated and despised by their own countrymen. However, throughout all their sufferings, they retained their confidence in their commander, Lieut.-General Gordon Bennett, and the belief that the R.S.L. will look after them.

As the late Mr. John Curtin said, "part of Australia's heart is locked up in Malaya." It was in that region that so many thousands of our gallant young men tasted the bitterness of defeat and surrender that all their valour could not avert. As the weary years dragged on these lads were without news of their people, and their people heard very little of them. The Japanese authorities who could neither win like gentlemen nor lose like men persistently denied access to these men by members of the International Red Cross, and refused even to indicate their places of internment. The disgusting revelations of sadistic policy and fiendish cruelty that have come to light since the surrender of Japan show clearly why the little brown reptiles were so reticent on this score. Nevertheless, although we did not know what was happening behind the veil of secrecy, Australian soldiers, and Australian civilians, too, were often disappointed, and sometimes impatient, because a more direct effort was not made to recover Singapore and set our men free. The strategy of the war, however, precluded this, and we know now that all our men were not suffering in the same place.

It would have been a generous gesture on the part of the Australian Government if General Gordon Bennett had been allowed to represent Australia at the surrender of Singapore, as General MacArthur was present in Tokyo. That he was not seems an extraordinary example of bad manners and worse policy, for which it will be difficult to find an official explanation that will satisfy most Australians. We in Western Australia owe a deep debt of gratitude to General Bennett. It was he who insisted that the State should be put into a state of defence and not thrown to the wolves when the first shadows of invasion crept towards our north-western shores. It was he who demanded and was entrusted with the task of taking measures for the defence of Western Australia. Had he been listened to during the fight for Malaya, the Japanese success, even if it could not have been turned to defeat, would at least have been far more costly. It was his ambition to lead a liberation force into Malaya, but that ambition was never achieved. One cannot help feeling that a gallant and distinguished Australian commander has been given a very raw deal. We, as a paper, consider we were fortunate in being able to publish a first-hand story of the famous escape from Malaya, by one who helped to organise it and took part in it. That story, which appeared first in The Listening Post, was reprinted by service magazines in other parts of Australia and the Empire. It was a crushing rejoinder to the vile, whispering campaign that was directed against General Bennett, after he had come back to give Australia the benefit of his experience in jungle warfare. That is why we were glad to read that the men who fought under him have not hesitated to praise him to war correspondents after these three bitter years.

One cannot but concur the authorities in their decision to delay the return of liberated men until they have received necessary medical treatment. Naturally their friends and relatives want them back as soon as possible, but they must first be physically fit to stand the trip. Years of malnutrition and mental anxiety must have left a deep mark on even those whose physical sufferings have not been so great. The liberation of the body must be followed by the liberation of the soul. There was something particularly fiendish in the mental tortures inflicted by the Japanese. Our lads were told they would get no pay; that they would get no war medals; and that no jobs would be waiting for them when they got home. Many poor lads were allowed to die in the belief that their countrymen at home despised them because they could not gain a victory under overwhelming handicaps, and had to surrender when any other course would have been mass suicide.

One statement that was made by a large group of liberated men to correspondent George H. Johnstone was: "We have no demands to make, but most of us feel that we are owed something, and we are relying on the R.S.L. to look after us." Boys of the Eighth Division, the R.S.L. will certainly look after you. We know you did your best, and that your best was better than the best your enemies could do against you. One cannot win every battle. There is often a nobility in defeat that is an inspiration to future victory; and a losing battle against overwhelming odds has, many times in our national story, been the precursor of ultimate and complete success. To us, the men who fought so gallantly but so hopelessly in Malaya and Singapore rank with the heroes of the beaches at Dunkirk. They are true heirs of those who landed on Gallipoli, only to evacuate the Peninsula several months later. We, in this country, are now waiting to welcome these men home, to bind up their wounds, and give them that loving care
and kindness, that sympathetic understanding, which alone can wipe away the scars of mental suffering. But about their physical welfare, the work of the R.S.L. is offered in the recent Federal Act, will be good enough for these men. It is almost an insult to mention their sacrifices and sufferings in the same breath as the performances of war workers on the home front. Therefore, these boys have placed their faith in the R.S.I. and, if we know our own organisation, that faith has not been misplaced. As dear old "Dryblower" Murphy once wrote—"We shall remember—We shall repay."

LAND SETTLEMENT

After much talk and little action, the legislative machinery has begun to drive in a leisurely fashion towards the achievement of a land settlement scheme for service men. Before the end of August, the House of Representatives commenced to debate a land settlement scheme paper, which had been submitted by the Minister for Post-war Reconstruction (Mr. Dedman). Two valuable contributions to the discussion were made. One was by Mr. Lemmon (Labour, W.A.) and the other by the Deputy Leader of the Country Party (Mr. McEwen). As an Australian member, Mr. Lemmon was able to give the House valuable information about the possibilities of land settlement in this State. Mr. McEwen spoke from the practical experience he gained as a soldier after the first world war.

Mr. Lemmon declared it was unwise to resume large properties for soldier settlement, if they were already producing to capacity, when we have wide tracts of unoccupied land in Australia. He said that, in the South-west of Western Australia, the land had never been drought-striken. It is most suitable for the production of foodstuffs, for which the world in hours of peace, the few years the South-west can produce all types of fruits, fat lambs and young beef. This area, he went on, is ideal for soldier settlement, but it will never be properly developed while soldier settlement is administered on a State basis. Settlement is a national work. In the meantime, wealthy States with accumulated prosperity from wartime industry, can spend more money on encouraging settlement, while we have land areas of better land most suitable for improvement. Mr. Lemmon considered that the Commonwealth should arrange for vast areas of Crown land to be opened for soldier settlement. Emphasis should be placed on the production of items in demand. "If it was justifiable years ago for the Government to spend money in taking farmers off their wheat farms," he said, "that is proof that we are nearly at saturation point in the development of the wheat industry. The wool industry will also have to meet the challenge of synthetics."

The Deputy Leader of the Country Party (Mr. McEwen) said that soldier settlers should not have to suffer for faulty establishment planning. The Government should not risk failure by being parsimonious in its planning. It should make holdings for servicemen large enough to yield an adequate return. The main factor in the failure of soldier settlement after the former war had been the restricted holdings. "If we are going to contemplate soldier settlement at all," Mr. McEwen went on, "it must be with an air of liberality. We must have the right settlers, and we must give proper assistance. Even more important, the settlers must be assured of a market for their goods." Mr. McEwen said that returned men should not be given hard, unbear ing ground to break in. They should be given good homes, not sub-standard shacks, of which so many were seen after the former war. They should have every domestic convenience installed. He would not like to see a repetition of former instances, when men were left without electricity in their homes, although transmission lines passed by only short distances away. He did not want to see settlers have to work for years to get these conveniences. Mr. McEwen said that he was a returned soldier settler after the war of 1914-18, and had seen much misery resulting from the faulty administration of the scheme. Social and transport facilities and community centres should be provided for soldier settlers, and the men should be trained before they are sent on the land.

These two speeches are given as instances of the general agreement of all parties in the principle that only the best is good enough for the returned man; and that the mistakes of the older settlement scheme must be avoided. Most of us, one thinks, will agree with the principles of the agreement on land settlement between the Commonwealth and the States. It is the over-leisurely way the approach is being made towards putting those principles into practice—the most of us find irksome. Evidence of this is shown by a speech made by the Deputy Leader of the State Opposition (Mr. Thorn) in the Legislative Assembly on September 5. Mr. Thorn emphasised the urgent need of putting the servicemen's land settlement scheme into operation. He introduced a motion expressing alarm at the failure of the responsible authorities to put the scheme into effect, and asked the House to call for an immediate announcement that the necessary legislation will be introduced this session. Mr. Thorn approved of the set-up for the control of the land settlement scheme in Western Australia. State officers, he said were men of proved ability, and the Commonwealth must acknowledge the fact that the work of their project is to succeed. The Commonwealth Government, he went on, is trying to initiate a policy of socialisation, with the result that it will consider only a leasehold scheme. This, Mr. Thorn declared, is not suitable for Western Australia. Servicemen should be at liberty to select either a freehold or a leasehold scheme. Under existing machinery, servicemen will be protected from making an unwise choice of land. Therefore, a scheme might be introduced in Western Australia to help soldiers through our Rural and Industries Bank. Mr. Thorn said that, when he gave notice of the motion a month ago, the Lands Department had received 600 applications for land. Hundreds of inquiries are also being made to the League about land settlement for servicemen. The applications now number between 1,500 and 2,000. It is urgent that all machinery should be ready to deal with the position. He knew the scheme was pressing for finality, but he felt that, if the Commonwealth would agree to an optional scheme, permitting settlement on either a freehold or a leasehold basis, some headway would be made.

STATE PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Peace

The past month has been one of momentous events. We rejoice at the downfall of Japan. The enemy nations are now brought to heel, and one of the main duties of the United Nations must be to see that the future does not hold further tragedies such as the world has witnessed over the last six years and in 1914-18. The motto of our League should be ever before us—"The price of liberty is eternal vigilance."

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SUB-BRANCH ADVICE COMMITTEES

In a letter presented to the last meeting of the State Executive R.S.L., the Federal President (Sir Gilbert Dyett) recommended that State Branches and sub-branches of the League throughout Australia form Business Advice Committees to assist men and women returning from this war to enter business with some degree of security.

There were many cases after the last war of soldiers being victimised and sold businesses which were quite unsuitable and not capable of returning a decent living to the purchaser. It is suggested that the committee consist of business men, an accountant and, if possible, a solicitor. Where such professional, men are not available, a sub-branch should co-opt reliable business or professional men in the locality.

Discharged personnel should be encouraged to consult sub-branch secretaries in every case before purchasing a business, and then the particulars of the proposed purchase should be referred to the committee.

The Federal President said it is imperative that those concerned should get a fair deal in starting business life again, and the League should be able to render valuable assistance and advice.

The Executive of the W.A. Branch endorsed the suggestion of the Federal President and decided to convey the recommendations to sub-branches.

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COMMONWEALTH RECONSTRUCTION TRAINING SCHEME

The Chairman of the Regional Reconstruction Training Committee recently forwarded to all sub-branches a leaflet indicating the main provisions of the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme. In that scheme reference was made to living allowances payable to discharged ex-service women whilst in full-time training.

It is now advised for general information that War Cabinet has approved of those living allowances for women members and widows being increased from 2/10/- per week as from the 11th July, 1945. The allowances now payable are as follows:

1. In the case of a woman trainee living at her parent's home, the living allowance payable to her should be increased from 2/12/- to 2/15/- per week, and from 2/15/- to 1/- 4d. per week.

2. In the case of women living away from home, the living allowance should be increased from 2/15/- per week, which is 2/12/½d., plus the 1/- 4d. living-away-from-home allowance as granted to women trainees at present.

3. The rates of dependants' allowance up to a maximum of 2/- 4d. per week.

The chairman of the committee desires that executives of sub-branches should revise the leaflet accordingly.

10th Light Horse Association

At the quarterly committee meeting on September 5, it was unanimously agreed to hold a Victory reunion at Aragon House on Wednesday, October 10. The committee expects a bumper night, and it would be appreciated if country members who intend coming down would get in touch with the hon. secretary, Roy Perry, 22 Cooper Street, Redfern, as soon as possible in order that some estimate can be arrived at, so that suitable arrangements can be made for the catering.

The annual dinner of the members of the 10th Light Horse Camel Corps and allied mounted units who served on the Palestine fronts and members of the 2/10th A.L.H., A.I.F. and 10th Armoured Regt., who have served overseas in the present war and are connected with Australia, will be held at Aragon House on October 10. The annual dinner of the members of the 10th Light Horse Camel Corps and allied mounted units who served on the Palestine fronts and members of the 2/10th A.L.H., A.I.F. and 10th Armoured Regt., who have served overseas in the present war and are connected with Australia, will be held at Aragon House on October 10.

New Businesses

In reply to inquiries made by the R.S.L. in connection with the training of ex-service men who are proprietors of businesses prior to enlistment and who desire to resume their previous occupation, the Minister for Post-war Reconstruction (Mr. Dedman) has advised the League that Rationing Order No. 38 provides that no new businesses in rationed goods can be commenced without the permission of the Rationing Commission. The major object of this is to preserve openings for discharged ex-servicemen in their normal class of business. Broadly, permission for new businesses is given only where existing facilities in a district are inadequate or the applicant is a discharged serviceman desirous of re-entering the business in which he was engaged prior to enlistment.

Permits for new manufacturing businesses must, however, be obtained under the New Manufacture control, the administration of which has relaxed considerably, so that about 90 per cent. of all applications have been approved. It is anticipated that the administration of this control will be further relaxed as the war commences to wind up and the present policy of assisting ex-service men to re-establish businesses will continue.

SERVICE RIBBONS

The Department of the Army has advised the R.S.L. that, with the wording of service ribbons that only one ribbon, that of the Africa Star for the 1939-45 Star, may be worn, and this applies uniformly to all A.M.F. personnel, whether they be returned P.O.W. or otherwise.

The department states that it has been ascertained that, through a misunderstanding, some of the P.O.W. were permitted by the Australian Army Staff in England to wear both ribbons, and this may have given rise to some complaints by the League.

The whole question of entitlement to the wearing of ribbons is now being considered by the Government.

SERVICEMEN AND THE METAL TRADES

It will be remembered that, early in the war, the Commonwealth Government set up, under National Security Regulations, a trade dilution scheme, and trained people to do trade which, normally, was done by tradesmen. The people so trained were called "added tradesmen", and were paid tradesmen's rates of pay. They each signed an agreement to abandon employment as an added tradesman and if they were regarded as competent to perform the work, were available and offering for such employment. A few of the early discharged personnel from the Forces were taken into the trade dilution scheme, and a large majority of the added tradesmen were not successful. The position is now, that if the Government does not accept men under the post-war reconstruction training scheme to go through the procedure for acceptance as tradesmen, the added tradesmen will be in a position to go back into the industry and occupy the tradesmen's positions, to the exclusion of men now being discharged, or about to be discharged, who have received extensive training while in the Services. In a letter to the R.S.L. headquarters, the Minister, in the beginning of the month by the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson), it was suggested that the Minister for Post-war Reconstruction should clarify the position for the information of Service personnel. An announcement of the policy of the Government, in relation to the many men who have had training in the Navy, Army and Air Force in the metal trades, particularly at fitting and turning, should be made without delay by the Minister for Post-war Reconstruction.

At present, there is a strong objection to a new trade dilution scheme, under the trade dilution scheme, will remain in the engineering industry, to the exclusion of the ex-servicemen, as no training is being afforded for these men under the reconstruction scheme. As the men who have had such training in the Navy, Army and Air Force, where they have been through many schools, trade tested and trade grouped, to be excluded from becoming new tradesmen in the civilian life is a distinct injustice. As no training is being given in the metal trades similar to other trades, it appears as if this is the case.

TANGIER

A Forgotten Episode

By C. R. Collins

Tangier, the North African port, is to be brought under international control again. Most readers will recall that it had been an international zone up to 1940, and that when the Germans seemed to have had a good chance of winning the war it was occupied by General Franco's men. Now the Spaniards have had orders to a new and wider control system, bringing in the United States and Russia, is to be established. Few people today, however, remember that Tangier was once an English possession, that it was the African station to be garrisoned by British troops, and that, when the station was finally abandoned, it presented the authorities at home with a first repatriation problem.

In the Seventeenth century Tangier was held by Portugal, but it was given to Charles II, along with Bombay in India, as part of his wife's dowry, when he married the Portuguese princess, Catherine of Braganza. Charles declared Tangier free port, invested it with great privileges. As it held an important strategic position, in respect to the Mediterranean trade route, he strengthened its fortifications, threw a garrison around it, and ordered a mole for the harbour. That was a vast bulwark of those days, and it was the only sum Charles I spent to any useful purpose. The Moors, however, strongly resisted the presence of a foreign and Christian garrison on their soil. Tangier was frequently attacked and, in 1680, it was closely besieged. At the time it was garrisoned by the 2nd Foot, the Queen's Regiment, now the Queen's Royal (West Surrey) Regiment. Their commander was Col. Percy Kirk, who had earned an enviable and notable notoriety for his ruthless treatment of Monmouth's rebels. According to popular belief, the men of the 2nd were nicknamed the "Grangina" because of their merciless slaughter of their African enemies after Sedgemoor. Actually, they received that nickname in Tangier. Their regimental badge was, and still is, the Paschal Lamb, which was the badge of the House of Braganza.

During 1680, Tangier was reinforced by companies of the Royal Scots, and by strong detachments of the English Guards, as the Grenadiers were styled then, the Coldstream, and other units. The Royal Scots were garrisoned there, but the others were merged into a composite force, known as the King's Battalion. It was not a very large garrison to oppose the countless desert warriors of Muley Ismail, the Moorish leader, but what they lacked in quantity they had in quality. They ended the siege.
The Balik Papan Landing

BY 2/16th BATTALION

A lengthy and interesting newsletter has been received from the battalion covering the Balik Papan landing, and the following are some extracts:

"Reveille on Sunday, July 1, was at 0300 hours, and before dawn a red glow on the horizon showed we were close to Balik Papan. The water was choppy when we landed, but everyone was too absorbed to worry about being seasick. The sky was blackened by smoke from burning oil tanks and oil wells. On landing, it was fortunate that we had carried out the duties of repatriation that took no count of or asked for by the English. But the expensive affair, including the curbing of the King's structure, was refused. As a result, the place was thoroughly routed, but no provision was made for absorbing the men of the Tangier garrison into civil labour. They had to be provided for; but the repatriation of those days was a repatriation that took no count of rehabilitation. No provision was made for absolving the men of the Tangier garrison into civil labour. There was not enough under arms, and severe pains and penalties were provided for breaches of discipline or of the civil law.

The Balik Papan landing was a remarkable fine banner, the most every man had ever seen. They signed a treaty of peace.

The waterfront was choppy when we loaded, but the Moorish cannon, and the Royal Company attacked Malang Proper. Immediately the Norseman, where he was married. He leaves to his own devices. They had to be provided for.

The besiegers were thoroughly routed, but the records indicate the fierce nature of the hand-to-hand fighting by stating that the Royal Scots had 174 serious casualties in an hour's fighting. The total British casualties were 35 officers and 432 other ranks. The Guards and Marines captured four pieces of Moorish cannon and the Royal Scots captured a remarkably fine banner, the standard of Muley Ismael. As a result, the place was abandoned in 1683. Before they left, the troops dismantled the fortifications and the expensive mole was blown up by the Navy.

Before the formation of a standing army feature of England, wars were invariably followed by wholesale demobilisation. The return of troops of the Regular Army to England, from a foreign service in which no quarter was given or asked for by either side, greatly alarmed the English authorities. These men, unlike their predecessors of previous campaigns, could not simply be disbanded and left to their own devices. They had to be provided for; but no provision was made for absorbing the men of the Tangier garrison into civil labour. There was not enough under arms, and severe pains and penalties were provided for breaches of discipline or of the civil law.

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ant arrest at Guildford in 1921. This resulted in the recovery of a large quantity of stolen building material. In 1925, he was in charge of an expedition to the Warburton and Rawlinson Ranges, north-east of Launce-
ton, in which he allegedly killed aborigi-
natives. On that occasion he obtained infor-
mation of great value to the Police De-
partment.

A link with the past has been broken by
the death of Group Captain Eric Harrison, who was known as the “Father of the R.A.A.F.” He answered the Last Call in Melbourne at the age of 79 years. Group Captain Harrison was a Canteen Captain in Victoria. He went to England in 1911 to learn flying with the Bristol company. In August, 1911, he gained his pilot’s certificate, which was No. 131 on the world’s reg-
is. In 1913, he became a member of the Royal
Air Force, where he was flown as a member of the Avia-
tional Instructional Staff, which expanded from a small beginning into the R.A.A.F. of which all Australians are so justly proud today. The staff until the outbreak of war in 1914 were Lieuts. Harrison and H. A. Petre. Under them was a handful of mechanics and five aircraft. In February, 1914, they opened the Senior Instructor’s post at Point Cook. Group Captain Harrison conducted the first flying course in August, 1914. Among the officers he trained were Air Marshal R. Williams and Group Captain T. W. White (now Member of the House of Representatives). On November 30, 1914, Group Captain Harri-
son had command of the first flying unit from any Dominion to be sent overseas. This was a flight of the Australian Flying Corps, which took a BE 2A and a Farman seaplanes to where the war was being fought. The unit saw no action and returned in 1915. Group Captain Harrison commanded the Point Cook School until 1918. He trained and sent overseas the first three A.F.C. squadrons. In 1927, he became Dir-
ector of Aeronautical Inspection, a position which he held at the time of his death, al-
though he had been on sick leave for some months.

At a recent meeting of the Osborne Park
sub-branch, members were sorry to hear that his popular, M.C. and ardent worker, Mr. Alex Gost, had had a severe illness. Mr. Nerd Snashall, the sub-branch’s oldest mem-
er (he is 84 years old) is a very sick man, while another member, Mr. Hennigan, re-
cently met with an accident. To all these sufferers we extend greetings with the wish for their speedy recovery.

We join with Bunbury sub-branch in ten-
dering sympathy to the Mrs. Fred Roberts and family on the official confirmation of the death of her son, Flight Lieut. K. Roberts, D.F.C. It was a tragedy of the inva-
sion of Normandy, June 6/7, 1944, that he was reported missing over Caen.

Bunbury members are glad to see Vin-
cooper back in Melbourne after his opera-
tion. He still depends on a stick for safe going, but he hopes soon to be able to move under his own power. Bunbury’s president, Bob Gibson, was able to get along to the official welcome for the returned from European prison camps. He was still present in the garrison battalion. Also present was Capt. Wally Pickworth, of the 19th Garrison Bn., who was recently released from service.

A local record for three brothers is claimed for the Clarkson boys of Dongarra. Charlie Clark-
os, who was welcomed as a new mem-
ber at the July meeting of the Dongarra sub-
branch, soldiered with the 2/28th Bn. He
was captured at Ruin Ridge and taken to
Italy. He managed to escape and did much strenuous work fighting with guerrilla bands and eventually succeeded in crossing the Alp
s, after nine hectic days and nights, and reached the safety of southern France. Brothers Reg and Norbert, who were liberated from P.O.W. camps in Germany, are now back in the old home town.

A new member of the Dongarra sub-
branch, Dave Brand, is standing for the
Greenough by-election as an endorsed Liberal. He served abroad with the 2/11th Bn. and was wounded during the fighting in Grec-
reece.

We join with Geraldton sub-branch in congratulating Inspector W. H. Archibald of the W.A. Police Force on his recent pro-
motion to that rank. “Archie” has been a committeeman of the sub-branch for some years and is ever ready to give a helping hand to the Digger.

Mrs. Happy’s news is that she is now back in circulation after his leg operation.

Mrs. Bunbury has returned clients from the “Father of the League,” who was known as the “Father of the R.A.A.F.” He answered the Last Call in Melbourne at the age of 79 years. Group Captain Harrison was a Canteen Captain in Victoria. He went to England in 1911 to learn flying with the Bristol company. In August, 1911, he gained his pilot’s certificate, which was No. 131 on the world’s regist-

A constant review of Army stores is
maintained to ensure that wherever stocks of any particular item are in excess of requirements the surplus is made available to the
Commonwealth Disposals Commission without de-
vantage. It is all that the Commission’s review of activities during the first six months of operations reports that the total value of disposals effected in respect of items made available by Depar-
tment of Munitions, Allied Works Coun-
deral Department of Munitions, the Navy, the Army and Air Force, etc., of which £1,168,811 was realised on items made available by the Army. In addition, a number of small craft made available by the Army were disposed of through the Department of the Navy. Store renders surplus as a result of obsolescence, chang-
ing requirements as operations spread to new theatres, the switch from defence to attack, etc., and declared for disposal as at the date of issue of the Commission’s review, included more than twice the number of motor vehicles sold, 2,800 motor cycles, 58,500 M.T. spare parts, 13,600 motor tyres, 4,500 horse-
drawn vehicles, 365 sets of harness and sadd-
les, 19,000 tons of hessian, 55,000 civilian suits, 32,000 pairs of civilian shoes, 19,000 pairs of gauntlets, 22,000 civilian hats, 22,000 pairs of women’s shoes, 190,000 torch batteries and quantities of film, screws and paint.

As a result of desert warfare in the Middle East and the type of campaign waged in the tropical jungles of the Pacific is graphically illustrated by a battle against the incidence of battle casualties, including killed in action, died of wounds and wounded in the field, officers and other ranks in the two theatres. In the 1944 campaign, when the Sixth Division swept through Cy-
renaica to Benghazi, officers sustained casual-
ties at the rate of 4.1 per cent per month, other ranks at the rate of 2.5 per cent per month, a ratio of 1:1.1. In the slower moving, hand-to-hand warfare of Aitape, Bougainville and Tarakan, officers sus-
tained casualties at the rate of 1.5 per cent per month, other ranks at the rate of 1.4 per cent per month. The incidence of casualties in the close-fought battles of the jungle was still heavier on officers than on other ranks, but the difference is very much less than was the case in the quick-moving, open warfare of the Middle East.
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**PRODUCTIVE WORK IN DETENTION BARRACKS**

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Between June, 1945, and April this year, soldiers in detention cut and distributed to military hospitals and field bakeries 4,280 tons of firewood, valued at more than £15,000; produced 183,000 lbs. of vegetables which were consigned in barracks or distributed to other units; constructed eight miles of roads in camp areas; under the supervision of Forestry experts felled and prepared 57,000 feet of timber; erected two barricade compounds in N.S.W. at a cost for materials of £600, which serve the purpose of similar barracks erected elsewhere under contract at £8,000 and £15,000; disinfected and cleaned more than 20,000 blankets and 15,000 pallasses; provided hospitals with a quantity of articles, such as lockers and stools, the product of carpentry classes; and at one barracks achieved a daily output of 200 pallets for use with fork-lift trucks, an output valued on civilian cost of production at £1,000 a week.

Reclamation and salvage duties performed included the repair of 63,500 articles of clothing and more than 1,000 tents; the reconditioning of 29,000 machine-gun parts and ammunition cases; 159,000 items of art-gas equipment; 30,000 helmets and 235,000 miscellaneous articles such as furnishings, lamps, buckets and axes; the manufacture from scrap material of 572 toys for distribution to the children of fallen soldiers; the recovery of more than 8,000 lbs. of brass from unrepairable webbing equipment; and the manufacture of 105 buckets from salvage containers.

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**Scabbards Off**

By FIP TOK

The political professor who bears the grand old English name of Laski and who is chairman of the British Labour Party seems to have been striking trouble with his own staff. During the British general election a few weeks ago, his main activity was quarrelling with newspapers, while real Labour men fought the election. During the years that preceded the war, Laski was one of the few at any price advocates who pleaded for disarmament when Hitler and his Italian accomplices were openly preparing for war against the democracies. His latest effusion was his classification of Britain as a second-class Power. For this, he was sternly taken to task by Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., a member of his own party, who caustically reminded him that true greatness has no relation to size and wealth, but depends on such things as the spiritual and the cultural. It was this lady M.P. who nobly championed the cause of the depressed ship-building area of Jarrow, while the professor was indulging in academic frivols about disarmament.

Japan is trying to save face by attributing her defeat to the atomic bomb; but the Allies will have none of that argument. Terrible and all as the effect of the atomic bomb was, its effects were local by comparison with the vast area of the Pacific war. Japan had been sliding down hill to defeat long before the new and terrible weapon was used. Its advent, and the Russian invasion of Manchuria, mercifully hastened an end that was inevitable. The use of the word "mercifully" in this place is no verbal slip. The sudden collapse of Japan saved thousands of lives on all sides. The world's reaction to the new bomb was naturally mixed. It is numbing to contemplate the possibilities of the atom in war, and the same view is that such contemplation will have a deterrent effect in the future. Mórals will deplore the necessity for using it, but, after all, war is a deplorable business altogether, and when all is said and done, the difference between the hand grenade and the atomic bomb is merely a difference in degree. The same type of person who condemns the use of the bomb condemns the retaliatory use of gas against the Germans in the former war. Admittedly, two wrongs do not make a right, but any means towards ending one war and preventing future wars must be regarded as justifiable. Nevertheless, as our French friends used to say in the former war, "it gives one furiously to think."

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In deference to a wish expressed by the State Executive of the League we do not comment upon the allegations made against the integrity of the Editor (Mr. E. S. Watt) in recent broadcasts by Mr. H. O. Kilkicat over Station 6KY. A full reply will be given at the State Congress and probably also from another source.

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Congratulations to General Sir Thomas Blamey for the warning he gave the Japanese commanders when they surrendered to him at Morotai. "In receiving your surrender," he said, "I do not recognise you as an honourable and gallant foe, but you will be treated with due but severe courtesy. I recall the treacherous attack upon our Ally, China, in 1937. I recall the treacherous attack upon the British Empire and upon the U.S.A. in December, 1941, at a time when your authorities were making the pretence of securing peace between us. I recall the atrocities inflicted upon the persons of our nationals as prisoners of war and internees, designed to reduce them by punishment and starvation to slavery. In the light of these evils, I will enforce most rigorously all orders issued to you, so let there be no delay or hesitation in their fulfilment, at your peril." Compare that with the simple but complimentary words of Lord Roberts when the Boer leader Cronje surrendered to him after Paardeburg. Holding out the hand of friendship, Lord Roberts said: "You have made a very gallant defence, sir." But South Africa has been described as the last of the gentlemen's wars. Our opponents in the present war were hardly human, much less gentlemen.

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Balance as at July 10, 1945: £26/7/6.
- Gnowangerup Road Board, 10/6; Denmark Road Board, 1/1/; Narrogin Road Board, £2/2/; Westonia Road Board, £2/2/.
Total: £24/8/6.

Proceeds from Street Appeal: £713/14/5.
Donations from W.A. Aged Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Fund, £5,000.
Total amount collected as at September 11, 1945: £13,141/14/8.

Sixteenth Battalion Association
At the last committee meeting discussions centered round the arrangements for the forthcoming annual general meeting and the grand reunion dinner to be held in Anne's House on Thursday, October 11, at 7.30 p.m. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend. The cost is 5/-.
The Committee are leaving no stone unturned to make the function an outstanding success, and will provide a splendid opportunity for old comrades to reminisce and talk over the good old times they had together at Moquet Farm, Baldivis, and so on, but forgetting Gallipoli. Members will regret to hear that another old Digger, Harold Birch, of Bunbury, has been officially notified that his son, who was posted missing for some time, is now reported killed in action.

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Our men, who have suffered so much in our cause, will soon be coming home. Those men will include the thousands who for years have languished in enemy prison camps.

Let us pause in our exultation to consider what comes after victory in the field. It will not have been a victory worth fighting for unless we, as a nation, resolve to make it complete.

For six years we have suffered hardships and family separations, and paid in money and materials for the result that the fighting services have achieved. It is now our obligation to see that we perform our duty to the fighting services as faithfully as they have performed their duty to the country from which they spring.

The war will not be over until we have won the peace as well as the actual conflict. As a nation, we still have great tasks before us. Until we have completed them, we will not have deserved our deliverance.

There still remain to the Australian people the greatest responsibilities of bringing home the vast forces which we have maintained in the various Pacific theatres of war; of speeding the release and the repatriation of the thousands of our men who have been prisoners of war; of maintaining scores of thousands of Service personnel until they have been reabsorbed into civil life, of caring for an indefinite period for the sick and wounded; of honouring our commitment of food to Britain and the devastated countries; and of maintaining forces to the extent that Australia anticipates in occupation of enemy and enemy-held territory.

We know that the war cannot be regarded as over for Australia until every Australian sailor, soldier and airmen has been returned to this homeland; until every Australian prisoner of war has been restored to his family; until every Australian service man or woman has been relieved of the responsibility of war, and equipped to occupy again the place in Australian civil life to which war service has so eminently entitled him or her.

The obligations that we owe to our service men and women are tremendous; but there are, as well, obligations that we owe the nation. If, at this difficult time, we do not channel large sums of surplus spending power in the hands of the public into the safe reservoir of Government securities, we fail in our responsibility to help to combat the menace of inflation. An orgy of spending now on goods and services which are still scarce could put irresistible upward pressure on living costs and produce an inflationary position that would lose us the peace, although we have won the war.

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The help of war loan committees everywhere has contributed magnificently to the victories we have achieved, but your help is needed just as much now as before to ensure the success of the Fourth Victory Loan. Let us resolve to combine to finish the job!

DEPENDANT CHILDREN

Pension Till 16 Years

The Minister for Repatriation has referred to a Congress resolution—

That the pensions being paid to children of war and service pensioners be continued until the age of 18.

Before the amendment of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act on April 1, 1943, the whole of the provisions were thoroughly investigated by Joint Parliamentary Committee, and the Committee did not see fit to recommend that the pensions of children be continued until the age of 18 years.

In the greater number of cases, children commence earning at about the age of 16 years. When a child is to attend a university, the Universities Commission makes adequate provision for its maintenance. In the case of children of deceased or totally and permanently incapacitated members, the pension ceases when the child attains the age of 16 years; but, if the child is apprenticed or continuing its education at school for a further year, the pension allowance is increased to cover its maintenance.

Under the existing provisions of the Act where a child's pension has been cancelled upon the attainment of 16 years of age, the Commissioner may grant a pension to the child, if upon the termination of the "child's" pension the child is, in the opinion of the Commissioner, unable to earn a livelihood.

I consider the existing provision is adequate, and regret that I cannot see my way clear to recommend any alteration.

THE FIGHT AGAINST TROPICAL DISEASE

Disease is the bane of the Army in the field, and campaigns are won no less by the medical and hygiene specialists than by inspired leadership and modern equipment. During the present war, the Australian Medical Corps has achieved world leadership in its methods of combating tropical diseases and full credit must be given this body for the success of the Allies against the Japanese in the Pacific.

Dysentry

When the Japanese forced the passage of the Owen Stanley Range in 1942, and were within 30 miles of Port Moresby, a serious outbreak of dysentery occurred in the A.I.F. troops which had just been sent there to hold the enemy. This small force was all that remained between the Japanese and Port Moresby, and it was in danger of complete immobilisation through the disease. Officers
of the Australian Army Medical Corps, while in the Middle East, had experimented with the new drug, sulphaquinacine, for the treatment of dysentery and had obtained promising results. Supplies of this drug were hurriedly manufactured and sent to New Guinea by plane. This was distributed right up to R.A.F.'s for use at the first sign of diarrhoea. The treatment was completely successful and, as a result, the Japanese, who also were ravaged by dysentery and from whom our men had doubtless received the original infection, were driven back across the range to be finally exterminated in the Buna-Gona fighting.

In December, 1942, the dysentery rate in New Guinea was 212.64 per thousand per year. By December, 1943, this rate had been reduced to 62.82 per thousand per year. During recent months the rate has averaged 21.08 per thousand per year, this representing an improvement of 90 per cent. in 2 years.

★ State Executive ★

Correspondence received at the meeting of the State Executive on August 29 comprised letters from Professor Fox (Acting Registrar of the University of Western Australia) in regard to the appointment of the State President to the Commerce Appeal Committee; Colonel Blair, replying to congratulations on his appointment as Commander of the V.D.C. in the State; the Commonwealth Government and Mrs. Curtin, in reply to expressions of sympathy; Mr. J. O. Willcock, M.L.A., and the new Premier (Mr. Wise), appreciating good wishes; Mrs. Coles of Albany; in reply to a message of condolence; and Headquarters, Western Command, approving of the appointment of Mr. C. G. Williams as Welfare Liaison Officer.

It was resolved that a combined social evening be again arranged with the women's auxiliary for the opening night of Congress.

The State President acknowledged a letter from Miss M. M. Pridham, who is on duty in Sydney.

The State Secretary reported that the Congress agenda had been posted that day, and that the annual report was nearing completion, but that the auditor's report would be late this year.

Victory Parade.—The State Secretary referred to conferences with the Services and other organisations preparatory to the announcement of V.F.P. Day, and to the arrangements made for the parade and thanksgiving service. Appreciation was expressed for the services of Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Mitchell and the assistant marshals.

According to a Daily Mercury report from Mr. W. Holder, read, describing the existing amenities at the General Discharge Depot. It was stated that the depots for further battalions and the like at the G.D.D. was unnecessary. It was resolved that the State President arrange for a photograph of executive members to be taken before Congress.

V.D.C.—Mr. Yeates reported in connection with the disbandment of the V.D.C. On his suggestion, it was resolved that the Army Department be approached through the Federal Office, suggesting that country members be allowed to stake upon their titles.

R.A.A.F.—Mr. Yeates also announced the disbandment of the R.A.A.F. Recruiting committee. He reported to the wonderful success that had been achieved under the Empire Training Scheme. On the State President's suggestion, it was resolved to express the League's gratitude to Mr. Yeates for his work as liaison officer with the V.D.C. and on the R.A.A.F. recruiting committee. It was also resolved that the State President express to the Commander of the V.D.C. the League's appreciation of the loyalty, patriotism and efficiency of the V.D.C., since its formation by the League, and that this message be given publicity.

Trustees.—Aising out of the report of the Re­­­­­­lied Governors, Trustees, it was resolved that the Fed­­­­­­eral Office be asked to see if the League could not secure a distribution of surplus military clothing, including blankets and overcoats. It was also resolved that all sub-branches be asked to submit monthly reports on their amelioration activities.

C.H.I.—Mr. W. Smith submitted a long report, following visit of a special committee to the Clovermont Hospital, and the action that had been taken to secure some presentable clothing for returned soldiers. Further action was promised, and the report was also referred to one branch.

Anzac Clubs.—The report of the Anzac Club Committee referred to the necessity for the recon­­­­­­­struction of the refrigerator. As a result of representations of the Minister for Customs, approval has been given for the supply of refrigerators for one annual reunion each.

Land Committees.—The first report of the Land Committee referred to a conference at the Land Department, Western Australia, State officials and two senior Commonwealth officials being present. The second report referred to a meeting between members of the Committee and the Chairman and Commissioner of the Agricultural Bank. Both reports referred to action in the commencing of soldier settlement. The reports were supplemented by a verbal statement by Mr. B. C. Chambers, the Legislative Drafting and Classification Board, who expressed satisfaction that, at last, the work had really commenced.

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State War Memorial.—The report of the State War Memorial Commission on additional expenditure on the Memorial, and also the financial position. It was resolved that the present expenditure be increased to £26,000. It was also resolved that the order of retirement and any fresh appointments be considered when the committee met again. The committee also expressed the opinion that the existing equipment must be maintained in wreath-laying ceremonies, and that requests for such should be referred to the Memorial Board. The report was also referred to the War Memorial Committee.

Membership.—The report of the Membership Committee revealed the increase of capitation fees over those of last year and the difficulty in securing new members. In connection with the latter, the State Secretary had appointed Eastern States firms for extra bungs, but without success.

B.S.W.—The report of the B.S.W. Veterinary Home Committee referred to the recent street collection and the gymnastics at Gloucester Park, and the interest shown. The report was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. It was also recommended that the committee be reconstituted for September 5.

W.A. Veterans' Home.—The report of the W.A. Veterans' Home Committee referred to the recent street collection and the gymnastics at Parramatta Park, and the interest shown. It was also recommended that the committee be reconstituted for September 5.

R.S.I.—The report of the R.S.I. Home Committee referred to the recent street collection and the gymnastics at Parramatta Park, and the interest shown. It was also recommended that the committee be reconstituted for September 5.

Clothing, Discharged Personnel.—Representatives made by the Manjimup sub-branch two requests. Nothing for discharged personnel, but a report from the Army Minister that this matter is one for the Commonwealth Government. The State Secretary reported that visitors to the office had been very little in number, and that it was expected that the number of requests for sub-branches would be increased.

Buying Businesses.—In connection with reports of cases where discharged servicemen had been victimised into buying into dubious business concerns, the Federal President recommended the setting up of a small committee of the League to advise ex-servicemen who might be thinking of buying small businesses. It was decided that publicity should be given to the matter and that sub-branches be advised accordingly.

Federal Matters.—The State President reported on the meeting of the Federal Executive on August 22, and intimated that the Federal Congress would meet on Thursday, September 28. He also mentioned that a number of representations had been made from branches in regard to rehabilitation, were referred to the Federal Congress. The President was thanked for his services at this past meeting.

Federal President.—As the result of a ballot, it was decided that Lieut.-General Gordon Bennett be nominated for the Federal President. It was also resolved that the retiring treasurer, collector, and any other elected officials, be re-elected.

Visitors.—Visitors to the meeting who were somewhat surprised by the customary manner were Messrs. Bert Thomes, Church of England (Boulder), W. Rouke (Boulder) and W. Wilkins (Bruce Rock).

CRAINE.

There was a record attendance at the quarterly meeting on July 21. It was decided to hold monthly meetings until further notice on the third Tuesday, or the day following. The building fund stands at £1145, the latest fine donation being...
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the proceeds of a dance at Tunney Town. A new member, Mr. R. Logan, who has just got his ticket, was welcomed. Membership is now rapidly approaching the 60 mark.

MANDURAH

The V.P. parade, which assembled at the Esplanade, Mandurah, comprised two sections of the V.D.C. under Capt. Goode, a good proportion of the members of the sub-branch led by President Lee. Wells and Secretary Tom Gill, some members of the R.A.F.P. and a few members of the 2nd A.F., who fell in with the sub-branch, the ladies of the auxiliary and children from the school. The parade marched to the Hopman Valley Hall where the Rev. Watts, of the Seamen's Mission, conducted the thanksgiving service held on an over-crowded congregation. Mrs. Ward opened the service by singing "Land of Hope and Glory." After the service, the gathering adjourned to the local school ground where sports were held for the children. Each child received a prize. The sports were only conducted by the head teacher, Mr. W. Goode, assisted by members of the sub-branch, and the prizes were donated by the public. In the afternoon, a huge social and dance was held in the Hopman Valley Hall. On the following Sunday, members of the sub-branch and the local V.D.C. placed three tablets of remembrance in the local cemetery. The tablets were in memory of the late S. Scott (to replace one that had become damaged), and Capt. C. Wheeler and Mr. J. Anderson (a former president of the Mandurah sub-branch and a sergeant in the V.D.C.). Appropriate speeches were made by Capt. W. Goode (V.D.C. and past president) and the president, Mr. L. Wells.

BOULDER

The annual general meeting resulted in the election of the following officers: President, Mr. E. C. Bosustow; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Ellerby, J. Dobrigh, D. Hutchinson and A. Wells; executive committee, Messrs. J. Donovan, F. Kuhlmann, F. Shaw, C. Cooper, A. G. Thomas, R. Boddiner, W. Barber, T. Provan, F. Clayton, F. Rogers and J. Thomas; secretary, Mr. V. O'Grady; treasurer, Mr. F. Clayton; auditor, Mr. B. Rickett; assistant secretary, Mr. T. Provan. The secretary's report showed that membership had increased by 105 during the past 12 months. The majority of the new members were returned men of the younger generation. Concluding his report, the secretary paid tribute to the work of the retiring president, Mr. J. Ellery, and the assistance given him throughout the year by members of the sub-branch executive and of the women's auxiliary, who assisted as well in the sale of poppies and at various functions throughout the year. Special thanks were given to Mr. and Mrs. Maynard and their helpers for their work in connection with the weekly esquifs evenings; and to Mrs. Renton and her circle for their kind assistance in connection with the building fund. When the social side of the evening came, the new president, Mr. Bosustow, proposed the toast of "The Young Diggers." Mr. A. Wells responded on behalf of the young Diggers. He was supported by Mr. Ripoll. The retiring president, Mr. Ellery, proposed the toast of his successor and Mr. J. "toast of "The Old Digger."

BOYANUP JUNCTION

The president (Mr. Ciel Reilly) presided over a good meeting in August. Repatriation matters were discussed at length, while the acquisition of land by aliens was viewed with grave concern. The annual ball, which was to be held in September, was postponed. The sub-branch arranged and ran the Victory celebration. The Secretary, Mr. A. G. Scott, was chairman at the thanksgiving service. He and the Mayor of Bunbury (Mr. P. C. Lawrie) and the Rev. A. Mason delivered inspiring addresses. The service was attended by a large and representative gathering.

FREMANTLE CITY

The annual reunion on August 18 was a most enjoyable function, which drew an attendance of about 300. Sponsored by the North-East Fremantle and the Fremantle City sub-branches' building committee, a monster carnival was held on August 18. More than 3,000 people attended the function, which was held on Elder Smith's show floor. Both the Fremantle sub-branches are warm in their praise of the generosity of Elder Smith's, not only for making the space available, but for the co-operation of the firm's staff in staging the carnival. The programme was carried out by management and staff of D. J. Fowler Ltd., the Fremantle City Council, Western Command Band, and all the others who assisted in making night such a huge success. An able committee, of which Mr. J. A. Austin was chairman and Mr. F. Hood was organising secretary, was responsible for the direction of this unique function, while the local railway provided the support that was invaluable. An amount of £450 was realised. Miss Maida Moss, of Bicton, a returned soldier's daughter, is Fremantle's candidate for the Civic Ball September, 1943.
the Miss Australia competition. This talented beauty is in the Education Department and holds the Diploma of Physical Education. On her behalf the sub-branch took a part in the pageant. The president (Harry Wilson) will lead a strong team of debutantes to Congress, at which Fremantle City will, for the first time, have maximum representation. Incidentally, he has arranged for country delegates to look over our modern submarine. Those who would like this novel experience should see him at Congress. Future general meetings will be held in the R.S.L. Hall, South Fremantle. The next is on September 27.

**MT. HAWTHORN-NORTHERN LEEDERVILLE**

During August, 22 new members joined the sub-branch. All were welcomed in the traditional manner at the recent meeting. Members were glad to receive a visit from an old and esteemed friend, Mr. M. E. Zetter. He spoke on Legacy and Rehabilitation, and members were greatly interested to hear such first-hand knowledge of Legacy, which he described from its infancy to its present stage. Much of this information was given for the first time, particularly to members of the 2nd A.I.F. Another matter which members have in mind is the welfare of patients in Lemnos and Sunset. It is hoped that the sub-branch may be able soon to arrange another outing, especially since the one in July was so successful. Among the visitors were Dick Collins, who was warmly welcomed, and Major Christian (16th Bn). During the meeting Messrs. Bill Kay and Dave Wright were elected wardens of the S.S.L. Another round of games has been concluded. Some of the results are: Bridge, W. Bowles and W. Devine beat B. Stone and L. Vivian; bowls, T. Damon beat H. Sweeney; F. Thomason beat G. Carroll; H. Stanton beat W. O'Neill; A. Campbell beat T. Campbell; V. Christenson beat G. Bliss; L. Godhard beat R. Slaney; W. Overstone beat Bert London; J. Brown beat G. Moore. Table tennis: L. Vivian beat G. Carroll; G. Emery beat W. Harris and H. Sweeney beat R. Clarke. October meetings will be held on the 4th and 18th.

**CORRIGAN**

Illuminating figures were given by the treasurer at the last general meeting. His report included the following donations: P.O.W. funds £50; poppy sales £65/19/-; Tin Hats, £20/10/-. Much of the money was raised in conjunction with the patriotic committee raised £1,100, while a dance netted £270. Attention is now being concentrated on raising funds for the War Veterans' Home. Membership is increasing, especially as the "just returned" corps are joining up in appreciable numbers. The pressing need of the sub-branch is a comfortable place in which to hold meetings. Several members favour the acquisition of a sub-branch room in town.

**TAMBELLUP**

On Sunday, August 12, a Diggers' Golf Day was held at Goowangerup. About a dozen Tambellup members attended by invitation. The affair was splendidly organised. Nine holes were played in the morning and 18 in the afternoon, after an excellent lunch provided by the ladies of the district. A most convenient spot, after a strenuous golf, Tambellup players had the honour of bringing off three trophies out of the seven donated. Capt. Bob Meekin won the Service Men's and Ex-Army 1st prize; Mr. H. Cowan won the Civilian 1st prize; Mrs. P. Ellis won the Runner-Up Trophy in the same section, while G. Le Grand beat G. Norris in the Runner-Up Prize for the visiting Diggers. In the final speech-making, due tribute was paid to the Goowangerup ladies and to those various organisations which put such an excellent day. A full attendance of 75 took part in the 1st, and the thank-you dinner was conducted in the town hall by Padre Brain of Goowangerup. Membership has reached the 150 mark.

**GLOUCESTER PARK**

The general meeting on September 6 was a crowded one. After general business was disposed of, the members then celebrated our victory over Japan. The president gave a brief address on the success of the three services in bringing this conflict to a successful conclusion after many years of hard work, grief and sorrow. Treasurer then turned to the beverage and meat committee, much to the satisfaction of all present. Bowls, darts and quoits, plus the piano, kept the place moving until a late hour. Among those present was our old friend Arthur Downs. It is hoped that the next couple of months, but now seems to be on the road to making his weight fall again in the future. The August meetings were very well forward. Forty-four new members have joined.

**CARLISLE**

The monthly meeting on September 6 was well attended, and much business was discussed. The president (Mr. Charles Finch) welcomed 16 new members, all from the 2nd A.I.F. It is very pleasing to see these young members filling the ranks. The hall was very well attended, and a good night's dancing was enjoyed by all.

**BASESENDEN**

Membership has increased during the past month. Many returned from England, and others have joined the sub-branch. A hearty welcome is extended to all. During the past month the sub-branch was visited by Mr. H. A. Wood, the chairman of the Chief Administrative Officer in this State of the Department of Post-War Reconstruction. Members of the auxiliary attended to a large degree until he had got everything in order. Mr. Ulrich, the liaison officer between the Dads' Association and the League, also paid a visit, and outlined the objects and aims of the association. Anyone desirous of joining this association should communicate with Mr. C. Bird, 15 Hamilton Street, Bassendean. The Miss Australia competition is going well, but Dick Fry could do with more assistance. The very good series of functions has been arranged for this month, Misses Lunn, Matthews and others are asked to support the movement. Meetings are now held weekly in the sub-branch's own hall.

**DONGARRA**

There was a full attendance at the annual meeting in July. Tom Glickson was re-elected president, with Irwin Buryes as vice-president, daughter Helen as secretary, for a further year. Members were increased by the addition of returned men from the present war, and many recently welcomed were Flight. Sgt. Keary (R.A.A.F.), who had returned from the Alaska, and Mr. Concert (2/8th Bn). A very successful card party was held on August 18 to raise funds for the W.V.H.A. Home.

**MELVILLE**

During the absence of the president, the senior vice-president (Colonel Dunkley) presided over the meeting. Many new members were welcomed, bringing the strength up to 60. Long-year membership was 30. Most of the new members are men recently returned from service. The secretary (Mr. E. C. Grae) has received an appointment with the N.G.A. in the R.A.A.F., and Mr. C. Cardwell, the secretary of the first War Veterans' Home, has had to resign. Mr. S. G. Willard now holds the position. An appeal was made for funds to build a new hall, and they are growing and arrangements were made to raise funds for the W.V.H.A. Home.

**WAROONA**

On June 16, a dinner and social evening was given to the women's auxiliary and members of the sub-branch. The president (Mr. B. C. Thoms) welcomed the guests, who sat down at gaily decorated and well-filled tables. Honours are due to the Diggers who were on
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The performers were Messrs. Elliott, Exley, and Messrs. T. Morland, B. Jenkins, and F. B. Brearley. Mr. C. Walmacy was at the piano.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

There were over 100 members at the monthly meeting on September 10 when the sub-branch was domiciled in the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Cambridge Street. The president again had pleasure in welcoming a string of new members.

The sub-branch has now decided to hold two meetings a month—the 2nd and 4th Monday commencing next month. Further information concerning the conduct of these meetings will be announced later. Further donations have been made towards the Christmas Hampers Fund, and many donations and post cards at Hollywood, and any member who would like to assist with the fund will please, in touch with the president or secretary. Members were glad to welcome back an old stalwart, Mr. J. F. D. Foxwell, who had been away but in hospital was an inspiration. The sub-branch has decided to offer a prize of sub-branch capitation fees for all members overseas and outside the State. We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Bert Pike in hospital, but he should soon be about again.

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OSBORNE PARK

Excellent attendance marked the meetings on August 29 and September 18 over which Mr. Wickes presided. A hearty welcome was extended to six new members. Messrs. Harold M. Old, Richard Blakely, and young M. Field delegates to Congress. Mr. J. S. Costello, one of the new members, has taken over the Osborne Park Hotel.

SUBIACO

The monthly meeting on August 29 was well attended. Notice of motion was given to raise the subscription from five to ten. This will be discussed at the annual general meeting on the last Wednesday in November. The meeting was convened at 8.30 p.m. in King’s Hall, Subiaco. Mr. C. E. Stark was in the chair. Up to the last general meeting £112 had been raised for the sub-branch home appeal. This is a 50-50 effort between the sub-branch and the sub-branches, but the inadequate support coming from sub-branch members is an anomaly, with no prizes given for guessing who contributes most. Members who enjoy dancing are asked to support the sub-branch home appeal. All branches of the services were in evidence and most adjacent sub-branches were represented, including a member from far away Corrigin. A revival of interest in the local Memorial Park was shown by the appointment of a committee comprising Messrs. Craze, Broad, and Bennert to co-operate with other bodies in the district who were interested in the project.

KATANNING

A general meeting was held on August 31. An attendance of about 40 members was present. The meeting was convened at 8.30 p.m. in the Royal Hotel. Four new members, including a returned P.O.W., were welcomed. The agenda for the Soldier Settlement Congress was discussed. Messrs. R. A. Out and Jim O’Malley were nominated as delegates to Congress. Mr. J. Sheriff, one of the new members, has taken over the Osborne Park Hotel.

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BUNBURY

On September 5 a special welcome home reception was held at the local R.S.I.L. Hall. The guests of honour were Mr. W. E. Percy, Darcy Boulton, Tom Griffiths, Geo. Exsitt, A. W. Hazeldine, Florence Goodhew, Joe and “Bluey” Shaw, with apologies Ross Pollock and Jim O’Malley were nominated as delegates to Congress. Mr. J. Sheriff, one of the new members, has taken over the Osborne Park Hotel.

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ing solid headway. They are held every Thursday in the Masonic Hall, Ninth Avenue. Efforts for the War Veterans' Home appeal are also bearing fruit, but the big splash will come on October 21, for which a very strong committee is working. Full particulars will be broadcast later. The ladies of the auxiliary are greatly appreciate for their fine efforts at providing supper for dances and the other jobs they are carrying out. At the last meeting members had the pleasure of welcoming home Sgt. Misset, who was the unwilling guest of the Noosa. He has now joined the sub-branch and looks like taking a strong part in its affairs. The building fund is steadily growing, and more will be heard as time goes on. Delegates Lamb, Hicks and Hummerston journeyed to Birdwood to attend a District Committee meeting on August 14. They were cordially received by the other representatives. Deciding to try a bit of footpaddling on the way home, they set out with Hickey leading, but a while later Hummey, as a cavalry man and not used to walking at 250 miles an hour ground speed, had to put the curb on the air force, and the P.B.I. The article in the August Listening Post by Mr. Napier is causing a lot of deep thinking, and there will be a lot of discussion on the matter. Mr. Napier has made a very strong case and the idea is worth immediate action on the part of every sub-branch. Treasurer Hicks is a proud man these days and never ceases talking about how soon the new building will take shape. He must know something.

GERALDTON
The 1945 Diggers' Ball organised by the women's auxiliary was an outstanding success, and has been unanimously voted as the outstanding show ever seen in Geraldton. The sub-branch organised all the march, and other jobs they and this was exceptionally well attended by members, and included R.A.A.F. men and women, V D.C. members, fire brigade, auxiliary and younger set members and nurses from the local hospitals. At the conclusion of the march, a short thanksgiving service was held in front of Birdwood House, with the president (A. B. Rutherford), presiding. Through the kindness of Inspector Archibald, several sick members in the local hospitals participated in the parade in the Inspector's car. The community concert conductor, Bob Cooper, is at present in the Repat. Hospital, in the interests of improving his condition, fitted him with a speedy recovery. He has done a great job for the sub-branch's distressed Diggers' fund and we hope to see him on the job again.

NANNUP-JARRAHDale
The monthly meeting was held in the Nannup Road Board Hall on August 21, when many pleasant and interesting features occupied that help of members. Some of the boys who have returned from P.O.W. camps in Germany are now at their own security in Nannup. Among those who were at the meeting are Ron Howes, Ross Mowle, Wally Marlow, Mervyn Hammond and Jim Dean, all under 30 years of age, but with a lifetime of gryn and bitter experience behind them. Changeable conditions. Important items for Congress were discussed. A satisfactory balance sheet was presented, showing a credit of more than £30. This was due to the very successful annual ball. The congratulations for its success are extended to the sub-branch, the Ford and his band of helpers. Unfortunately, Stan is feeling the effects of his stay in hospital. Joe Mountford is relieving him for the time being. Mr. Mr. Blyth has been appointed to the building committee and will probably leave the district. The women's auxiliary staged a function on September 8 in aid of funds. At the monthly meeting it was resolved that all sub-branch members give them every assistance. Mr. F. P. Pearson will again represent the sub-branch at Congress. Members accepted with regret an apology for the absence of Mr. Bill Dunnett, who was laid up with a cold.

MUNDJONG-JARRAHDale
The welcome home to Pte. J. Day and D. Glover was, unfortunately, marred by bad weather, but those who attended had a very enjoyable time. The chairman welcomed the guests back to the district. Both looked well in spite of their long residence in Europe's Stalags, and warmly thanked the sub-branch for the evening. Once again members heard of the wonderful work carried out by the Red Cross on behalf of and among the prisoners of war. Both the returned lads have joined the sub-branch and members look forward to seeing them at future meetings. Unfortunately the secretary, Syd. Hopkins, is unable to attend Congress. His place will be taken by George Lytter. The sub-branch, working in conjunction with other local organisations, took a leading part in the V.P. Day Thanksgiving Services, both in Mundjong and Jarrahdale. Both services were well attended.

Women's Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE
Two well-attended meetings of the State Executive have been held during the past month, and much routine work was done in connection with the forthcoming Congress, which will be held in Mt. jarrahdale, September 25. Members are looking forward to meeting their sisters from country auxiliaries. All country and metropolitan auxiliaries are now throwing themselves into the task of raising funds for the proposed War Veterans' Home and functions for this appeal are the order of the day.

The Anzac Buffet is more popular than ever, as evident in the large numbers of Service personnel who have attended in recent weeks. The hospitality of the League, and a victory spirit pervades itself in all their movements. Mrs. McKenzie, and the late Miss E. Cameron, of the Subiaco auxiliary, was a judge at a fancy dress ball on August 10. On August 19 Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Henderson attended a Memorial Service at the War Memorial and the President laid a wreath as a token of remembrance on behalf of all.

For VALUE and Friendly Service
On August 26 Subiaco auxiliary arranged a tea for the patients of Leonard and the Home of Peace, and at which function Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Hendry represented the auxiliary. Mr. Anderson (State President of the League) presented Mrs. McKay with a cheque for the F.O.W. fund. Mrs. Rankall represented the Auxiliary and presented a Certificate of Service to one of the members.

Mrs. McKay went to Donnybrook on Wednesday, August 26, to lunch with the auxiliary members of which she is a member. On Thursday afternoon she attended a meeting at Bannister and at which members from Manjimup were present. Mrs. McKay gave a short resume of the work of R.S.L. auxiliary.

A meeting was arranged at which members of the sub-branch and auxiliary were present. Mrs. McKay, in the course of a short speech, appealed for wholehearted support for the War Veterans’ Home appeal. The President then went on to Manjimup, journeying this time by truck. An afternoon meeting has been arranged with muswell items and a talk by the State President who is expected to arrive back on Saturday.

Mrs. Stockman, with her auxiliary, presented a cheque to the War Veterans’ Home committee, which included the State President (Mr. Anderson), the President (Mr. McIlroy), Mr. Davles, Colonel Mansbridge and Mrs. McKay. The cheque was for £15/16/-, and it had been raised entirely free of expense by themselves. An outstanding effort was that of Mrs. Jackson who presented £57/5/-, and others who are to be congratulated on their efforts. In presence of Mrs. Lynch, J. Campbell, T. Jarvis, S. Hughes, E. Robinson, P. Neel, S. Pyman, A. Morgan and Meadades Stockman were present, and Mr. Anderson and Mr. Chapell thanked the girls for their great work, after which the State President presented prizes to the abovementioned girls. Mrs. McKay delivered a speech entitled “The Unsung House.”

On September 5, Mrs. Stockman visited Merredin, and was present at the Tableau of Nations, portrayed by Tiny Tots, which was enthusiastically received, and the presentation of 20 prizes to the children. On Saturday the Mayor, Mr. Moors and Mrs. J. McIlroy were also present. Mrs. Keith Smyth, who trained the debaters and Tiny Tots, is to be congratulated on presenting such a spectacular floor show. A V.F. Pumper Frollic was held in the Town Hall on August 25. On the following Saturday in the Queen’s Park. The auxiliary secretary, supported by members of the auxiliary and the sub-branch, did much to make this meeting such a success. Mr. L. J. Chapman (an ex-service man) was well to the fore with free drinks for the kiddies. The auxiliary committee, as arranged football and the next day. Mrs. Holley, the auxiliary’s correspondent of The Listening Post, is present inconvenienced with a bad hangover. She will represent the auxiliary at the coming conference.

ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEWOMEN

AFL FORCE ASSOCIATION (W.A. Area)—RAAF Rendovas, National House, William Street, Perth; 4th Thursday each month; President: Mrs. A. Hines, 70 Lincoln Street, Perth; Secretary: A. Harris, c/o Foy’s General Store, Perth.

ARTILLERY COMRADES’ ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; First Saturday 4th and 1st weeks of each month; President: Mr. T. E. Gourley, 70 Lincoln Street, Perth; Secretary: Jack Kenny, 138 Sixth Avenue, Inglewood.

BLIND SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; when necessary; President: Mr. V. W. James, 32 Collingwood Street, Leederville.

11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Annual meeting: December; President: W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard’s Avenue, Perth; Secretary: E. J. Elliott, 42 St. George’s Terrace, Perth (acting secretary).

MAX-MACHINES MILITARY ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; President: Mr. W. Y. Allen, 318 Graham Street, Perth; Secretary: Mrs. W. White, 153 Collingwood Street, Perth.

MEDICAL ARMY UNITS ASSOCIATION—Room 53, 5th Floor, Glededen Building, Perth; Quarterly meeting; President: Mr. Frank Stirling, 158 Harthorne Road, Perth; Secretary: R. J. Perry, 158 Hay Street, Perth.

PUBLIC SERVICE UNION—Room 53, 5th Floor, Glededen Building, Perth; 1st Monday in each month; President: W. P. Glitho, 501 Broadbank Street, North Perth; Secretary: C. E. Ryan, 56 Field Street, North Perth.

R.L. SUB-BRANCH DIRECTORY

ALBANY—R.S.L. Institute; 1st Friday each month, 8 p.m.; President: T. F. Blam, Secretary: S. K. Blackburne.

ARMADA—R.S.L. Sub-branch; 2nd Monday, 8 p.m.; President: Spencer Hisen, Secretary: R. H. Millham, Freemantle Road.

BALLIDUD DISTRICTS—R.S.L. Hall, 3rd Saturday every month, at 8 p.m.; President: G. J. Allen, 62 North Street, Bunbury; Secretary: T. O. Allen, 62 North Street, Bunbury.

BASSEYJDEN—R.S.L. Hall; every Thursday at 8 p.m.; Business meeting: 1st Thursday of each month; President: G. J. Mitchell, Secretary: Ralph Savage, whitbread Street, Bannister; Secretary: F. Hughan, 61 Kalgan Street, Bunbury; Secretary: E. S. Everett, 190 Suburban Road, South Perth.

BAYSWATER—Town Hall; alternate Wednesday, 8 p.m.; President: A. J. King, Secretary: Boy-actor, Secretary: R. Noonan, 18 Arundel Street, Bayswater.

BEDFORD—MORLEY PARKS—Cnr. Beaufort and Wood Street, Inglewood; 2nd Monday, 8 p.m.; President: Mrs. N. J. Craig, Secretary: G. W. Craig, 111 Morley Hill Road, Inglewood.

BIBRALE—R.S.L. Hall; every Thursday at 8 p.m.; President: G. J. Mitchell, Secretary: Ralph Savage, Whitbread Street, Bannister; Secretary: F. Hughan, 61 Kalgan Street, Bunbury; Secretary: W. G. Moss, 190 Suburban Road, South Perth.

BROOKTON—R.S.L. Clubrooms; 1st Friday, 8 p.m.; President: S. Whittington; Secretary: L. H. Thomas, Brookton.

BULLERBROOK—Bullerbrook Town Hall; 1st Friday, 8 p.m.; President: J. Watson, Secretary: B. Scambell.

BUSSELYT—R.S.L. Hall; 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.; President: J. A. Atkinson, Secretary: Prince Road, Busselton.

CALIUM—R.S.L. Sub-branch; 2nd Sunday, 8 p.m.; President: W. G. Bryant, Secretary: 1st Thursday each month; President: G. J. Martin, Secretary: R. W. Radcliffe, Secretary: J. M. C. Martin, Secretary: Janet Court, Bannister; Secretary: W. G. Moss, 190 Suburban Road, South Perth.

CANGING DISTRICTS—Agricultural Hall, 4th Sunday, 10 a.m.; President: G. J. Mitchell, Secretary: Ralph Savage, Whitbread Street, Bannister; Secretary: F. Hughan, 61 Kalgan Street, Bunbury; Secretary: W. G. Moss, 190 Suburban Road, South Perth.

CAPPIL—R.S.L. Sub-branch; 1st Wednesday each month; President: E. J. Summers, Secretary: 1st Thursday; President: C. R. J. Cappil.

CARLISLE—Pickering Memorial Hall; 2nd Thursday in each month; President: C. G. Finch, 56 Beast Avenue, Carlisle; Secretary: T. S. A. Thomson, 56 Beast Avenue, Carlisle.

COLLIERS—SOLDIERS’ Hall; 1st Sunday of each month; President: T. H. Sarre, Secretary: C. R. J. Cappil, Secretary: T. S. A. Thomson, 56 Beast Avenue, Carlisle.

CORRIGIN—R.S.L. Hall; 1st Monday in each month; President: Major: A. M. Phillips, Secretary: C. W. Edwiek, Secretary: £. B. Cuthbert, Secretary: 56 Beast Avenue, Carlisle.

COTTESLOE—R.S.L. Hall; 1st Saturday in each month; President: S. H. Hubbard, 5 McNeall Street, Cottesloe; Secretary: T. S. A. Thomson, 56 Beast Avenue, Carlisle.

CRAWLEY—R.S.L. Hall, Binnington Highway; 1st Thursday in each month; President: W. Ford, 138 Cheltenham Road, Cottage; Secretary: J. J. From, 28 Enderle, Sarre, Cottages, Cottesloe.