To Account Rendered

"The two world wars were forced upon us. We had to fight to preserve our way of living. Now we have as great a war to rebuild and modernise the battered structure of our national life so that all people, particularly the younger people, will have their opportunities."—Sir Herbert Gepp.

For the first time, after six years of blood and tears, we are able to commemorate Anzac Day in the serenity of Peace and the consciousness that Right has at length triumphed over the concentrated forces of Evil. To those of us who have lived through two world wars, the Great Day is something far more than a national holiday.

It means more than the commemoration of a gallant feat of arms; more even than the celebration of final victory after years of unstinting sacrifice and patient endurance. To the individual it brings back memories of gallant lads who "went like kings in a pageant to the imminent death." To the politician, it will mark the advent of Australia as a nation among older nations. To the military historian, it will point the beginning of the practical training of a young army in the hard school of warlike experience for the greater campaigns that were to follow. All such aspects of the annual commemoration of Anzac Day have been stressed again and again but, one thinks, the most enduring feeling of all will be the feeling of gratitude to the flower of the Nation's youth who, twice within living memory, went forth to offer their very lives for all that we hold sacred. As the Poet Laureate, John Masefield, wrote: "All that they felt was the gladness of exultation that their young courage was to be used." All that we feel today is compressed within the two minutes of reverent silence during the homage to the fallen at Dawn, and when we assemble in our thousands on the Esplanade and elsewhere, later in the day.

There is another aspect of the Anzac Day commemoration, however, which is not always so clearly defined; that is, the expression of our indebtedness as a people and as individuals to the men who made the landing on Gallipoli, and the men who made other landings on the beachheads of jungle-clad and malaria-infested islands in that ocean so inaptly named the Pacific. From this point of view, the regular recurrence of Anzac Day is a reminder of that indebtedness, an account rendered, which can be liquidated only by the sympathetic care and adequate replacement of the survivors of either or both wars in civilian life. Our gratitude to the fallen must take the practical form of service to the living. To make this Commonwealth a "land fit for heroes to live in" is a task beyond the purview of a phrase. It goes far beyond the privilege of the politician, and calls for more than the science of the statesman. It is the task, the privilege and the bounden duty of us all. Men who have returned from the inferno of battle, or from the monotonous months of service behind the lines, scarred in mind and body, must be made whole. If they cannot be given completed physical rehabilitation, they must get the economic and social rehabilitation to which they are so justly entitled. The pathway of this duty is not reserved for the party or the section; it is the thoroughfare towards reconstruction which must be trod and maintained by all.

The first responsibility of nation and individual alike is that of ensuring that the young people who have returned to civil life shall be given all the opportunities they missed through their service. In our own organisation that responsibility has been crystallised into an ideal. All sorts and conditions of men have been given lip-service to this ideal. There are enactments on the Statute Book for carrying the ideal into practice in the concrete walks of employment and the green pastures of land settlement. Our Government has produced plans, but how tardily are those plans being carried into operation! There is a preference section in the Rehabilitation and Employment Act, but that part of the Act is being policed with a timorousness that is almost hamstringing. One trembles to think what the
position might be today if this League had not functioned and fought the battles of the ex-serviceman during the years between the wars! The heart of the people, thank God! is in the right place. The national conscience would eventually have seen that the discharged serviceman was accorded some measure of justice; but it was the existence of an organised body of servicemen in the country which stirred that national conscience into action.

The place this League has won, and still occupies in the public esteem is, in itself, a tribute to the spirit of Anzac. It was not for nothing that Australian Governments, both Federal and State, have entrusted the League with the annual duty of judging the cases of entitled servicemen. The League has shown new formations the value of organising, and the necessity for doing. Whether it will be possible or not for all ex-servicemen personnel to be enrolled in one big union is a matter for future congresses to decide. However desirable such a big union may seem at first sight, the quantity of membership is not half as important as the quality of that membership. A solid, efficient body can accomplish far more than a large amorphous mass. This, too, is realised by those who would infiltrate the League for the purpose of wrecking it, by those who would discredit it in the public eye, and by those who would blunt the spearhead of its penetrating usefulness with the muzzles of appeasement. Such tactics, carried on for the most part in the interests of sections that are not only outside ex-servicemen's organisations, but inimical to all they stand for, are the token of the fear bred by the League's growing strength and influence. That strength must be fostered, and that influence must be expanded if we are to liquidate the great debt we owe to the men of Anzac and to those who so nobly upheld the Anzac tradition during the more recent war.

State President's Monthly Newsletter

Anzac Day

With the advent of April, our thoughts in the League are directed towards Anzac Day. This year the celebration promises to be larger than ever before. Sub-branches should have their arrangements completed early, in order that there shall be no hitch. Anzac Day is now our National Day and credit can be taken by the R.S.L. for having built up a national conscience, and the annual celebration will be carried on enthusiastically by the new members of our organisation. This year it is expected that at least 10,000 will take part in the march, and the attendance at the Anzac Day Service will be increased proportionately. In some States, action has been taken to restrict the numbers marching because of the expected increase. For instance, in Victoria and South Australia, only those who have been active service will march; but, in Western Australia, all who enlisted in the service will join in, and there will be no restriction as to service. Sub-branches are asked to give full publicity to Anzac Day arrangements, and to see that all old and new members are on parade. The country sub-branches should see that there is a service in each centre, and sub-branch presidents should give the address where possible.

Federal Executive Meeting

From March 15 to March 18 I attended a meeting of the Federal Executive in Melbourne, at which the new Federal President was appointed for the balance of the current year. It will be remembered that, when we were at the Federal Congress in Perth, Sir Gilbert Dyett announced his intention to retire. Mr. Eric Millhouse, K.C., State President of the South Australian Branch, was elected, and nominations for next year's Federal President will be called, two months before the next Federal Congress, which will be held in Melbourne next October.

Membership

The membership of the League, as at the end of December, 1945, was 271,907. Since December, membership of the W.A. Branch has increased by 10,000, and is now approximately 33,000. With proportionate increases in all the other States, it was estimated that membership throughout Australia was not less than 350,000 at the end of March. A very important matter is for sub-branches to see that all subscriptions are renewed, otherwise figures will drop. Membership committees should be active in this direction.

Preference

The matter of preference in employment was considered, particularly the policing of the preference provisions of the Re-establishment and Employment Act. The Federal Executive considered that each sub-branch should have a vigilance and action committee for this purpose. Sub-branches are asked to take this action and, where necessary, inform the State Secretary of breaches of the Act. It should be remembered that quick action is necessary in these cases, otherwise it is more difficult to obtain redress.

Army Canteen Board

Much attention has been given to the amount of money held by the Army Canteen Board. According to the latest information, the Government will soon set up a Canteen Trust, on which the League will have representation, to control the Army Canteen Fund. Already amounts have been made available by the Canteen Board to the Soldiers' Scholarship Trust.

Other Matters

In the Press I have dealt at length with the main points of the Federal Executive meeting. Housing, rehabilitation, land settlement and pensions are urgent matters, and further representations will be made to the Government. A special meeting is to be held in Canberra during the last week in May to consult with the Government and have a deputation to the Prime Minister on land settlement and rehabilitation matters. Action is being taken to have the rural loan increased from £1,000 to £1,500.

League Buildings

It is desired to incorporate the name of the R.S.L. in the titles of all halls owned or controlled by sub-branches. The name "Anzac House" is to be reserved for the Head Office in each capital city.

Food for Britain

We hope to ascertain the total value of contributions made, in cash or kind, by the League to the Food for Britain appeal. Sub-branches are requested to advise any donations made by them. It

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Loans

The amounts invested in war loans and the current Security Loan should also be stated, in order that the Federal Treasurer may be advised of the total investments made by State branches and sub-branches in war and postwar loans.

Sir Gilbert Dyett

In conclusion, I would like to say that all members of the League will appreciate the wonderful work of Sir Gilbert Dyett, as Federal President for 26½ years. The League has built up a great prestige and he has worked very hard, in a voluntary capacity, for the good of all ex-servicemen. We thank him for his splendid service and wish him good health and a very happy and contented retirement.

N.S.W. GOVERNOR

With all due respect to other Australians who have held Vice-Regal appointments, members of this League will feel highly gratified that, at long last, such an appointment has come to a distinguished veteran of two wars. The appointment of Lieutenant-General John Northcott, as Governor of New South Wales in succession to Lord Wakehurst, came as a surprise to most people, especially as the names of two other Generals, one Australian and one British had been mentioned in this connection, and Lieutenant-General Northcott had already taken up duty as Commander-in-Chief of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan. The appointment is the climax to a distinguished military career. He was born at Creswick, Victoria, which was also the birthplace of the late Mr. John Curtin, fifty-five years ago, and educated at Grenville College, Ballarat, and the University of Melbourne. He commenced his soldiering in 1908, when he was commissioned in the Ninth Light Horse. In 1912, he was appointed to the Administrative and Instructional Staff (now designated, the Staff Corps) and was stationed in Tasmania when war broke out in 1914. He left Australia as Adjutant of the 12th Battalion, and was severely wounded in the landing at Gallipoli. After the 1914-18 War, he graduated from the Staff College, Camberley, and the Imperial Defence College, London. He held the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel when 1939 found us again at war. He attended the Dominions Conference in London as Australian Representative in the last three months of 1939. Early in 1940, he was, for a time, Acting Chief of the General Staff in Australia. In the following year, with the rank of Major-General, he was placed in command of the First Armoured Division. In this capacity, he took an advance party of armed forces to the Middle East. When Japan entered the war, he returned to Australia. With the rank of Lieutenant-General, he was appointed in April, 1942, to the command of the Second Australian Corps. In September last year he was appointed to his present post in Japan. In the announcement of his new appointment, the words "His Majesty the King has approved" have more than routine meaning. Lieutenant-General Northcott is personally known to the King and Queen. When Their Majesties (as Duke and Duchess of York) toured Australia in 1927, Major Northcott, as he was then, was attached to their personal staff. For services rendered during the tour he was created a Member of the Victorian Order.

Like most men who have made soldiering their profession, Lieutenant-General Northcott is a man of few words. As a junior officer he took his work seriously and gave much intensive study to the machine-gun, which was a comparatively new arm in those days. Though of a serious disposition, he has a pleasant nature which should win him popularity in his new appointment.

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Sniping at the League

By Ex-Executive

Sniping constitutes an irritant in war and peace. In either atmosphere it is a form of under-cover warfare, which does not demand any sacrifice of courage. The sniper is just a person who lies in wait—and only too often lies in print—and lets drive when a target of opportunity presents itself. Such an opportunity was provided when the State Executive recently declined to be represented on a Council formed of representatives of a number of servicemen's organisations. To those who have read the published report of the discussion that took place at the Executive meeting, when this decision was made, the reason for it appeared perfectly valid. The Press correspondence that followed made no effort to argue any case against that decision. One and all, they singled out individual members of the Executive for malignant abuse, or endeavoured to discredit both the State Executive and the League itself. Under all this, there is an obvious dislike of the League and a seeming desire to divide its ranks.

It is not my purpose to speak for or against the decision made by the Executive, for the simple reason that no worthwhile argument against that decision was advanced by the League's furious critics. Rather would I draw attention to a general pattern running through these attacks, a pattern that can be traced in similar attacks that have been launched previously in our own and other States. There is something very familiar about the tactics that may be described as "infiltrate and smash." The charges made against the League are so familiar that they are now almost threadbare. In the first place, there is the blatant assertion that the League is hostile to other servicemen's associations, and the implied accusation that the League is afraid of these other bodies. In the second, there is the attempt to divide the younger Diggers from the older members by the repetition of untruths that the older men seek to retain control of the Executive to the exclusion of the younger men.

By anyone who has had first-hand experience of League work, such statements will be treated with contempt. So far from showing any hostility to other servicemen's organisations, the League—of which I have been a very active member in three States—has always fostered the formation of unit and other associations. Years ago, in our own State, the R.S.L. gave much help to the old contemporaries when they formed their association. I was a member of the State Executive when it sanctioned the formation of an Imperial ex-servicemen's sub-branch, the now disused Norwood sub-branch. That sub-branch was short-lived, but its early death was no fault of the R.S.L. Ex-Imperials have been members of former Executives, and there are two Ex-Imperials on the present Executive. This is mentioned merely as a refutation of the statement of the secretary of an Imperial ex-servicemen's association to the effect that this League has never made any move for Ex-Imperials. Throughout its history, the League, and particularly the W.A. Branch, has never neglected an opportunity to fight, and to fight hard, to secure justice for our ex-Imperial comrades. The endeavour has always been to secure for them the same concessions as those enjoyed by Australian ex-servicemen.

To show the lengths to which reckless and malignant critics will go in their efforts to discredit the R.S.L., I may mention the reaction of a letter-writer to the Press report that, at a recent meeting of the State Executive, members had shown concern at the delay in bringing ex-servicemen's wives and children from England to Australia. Instead of being grateful for support from such an influential quarter, the letter-writer took advantage of the occasion to belittle the efforts of the League; to launch a personal attack on a League official, and to assert that the League's interest in the matter was superficial and belated. The general tone of the letter was too stupid to merit a reply, but unfortunately palpable lies like this may be accepted as truth by the outside public. In point of fact, the League took up the question of the brides left behind in England over four years ago, and these efforts have been consistent and continuous ever since. As to their success or otherwise, I cannot pretend to speak, but the fact remains that something is being done to bring these young people home to their men and the fact also remains that it was the effort of the League that secured the continuation of the payment of allotments to wives in England, after their husbands had been discharged in Australia.

Now, let us examine the charge that the older men—"the die-hards of the 1914-18 war" as one critic called them—are clinging to office and keeping younger men off the Executive. Before going any further, it may be mentioned that the "die-hards of the 1914-18 War" made the League what it is today. That they should be prepared to place their leisure and experience at the disposal of the younger men should be entered to their credit and not made a matter for an ill-natured and ill-informed sneer. Here again criticism withers under the searchlight of truth. At the State congress of 1944, there was a manifest eagerness to elect returned men of the recent war to the State Executive. As a result, at least one-fourth of the incoming Executive included returned men of the recent war, two of whom were veterans of both wars. At last year's State Congress, more of the younger men were among the delegates, and slightly more of the younger men were elected to the Executive. Readers of "The Listening Post" need no reminder that the younger men are taking their places on committees as secretaries, and even in presidential chairs. Everywhere, the attitude of the older men is to encourage the young fellows to accept office and, in many cases, there has had to be much persuasion before the young chaps can be induced to discard an initial reluctance to push themselves forward.

It is a mystery to me why some authorative statement has not been issued to the Press on behalf of the State Executive. Admittedly, it is not worthwhile to reply to every rat-bag who rushes into print to criticise the League, or its officials, but unfortunately, too prolonged a silence may make people, who are not aware of the truth of these matters, believe that where there's smoke there's fire; and there is evidence that such a belief is more germinating, not only among the outside public, but among returned servicemen who should know better. The history of nations has shown that one of the biggest fifth-column activities is the appeasement policy of inactivity.

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Australia is thirty-one years older today than on that dawn of April 25, 1915, which was crimsoned by the sacrifices of her soldiers at the landing on Gallipoli. The years between have been tragic years: full of sufferings and the bereavements of war, and of the distress that followed inevitably in the wake of world tragedy. Yet, the memory of the landing, and our reverence for the men who there in subsequent fields of war, laid down their lives at the call of duty, remains undimmed. As the years pass, the personnel of those taking part in the celebration of Anzac Day is changing. The children of another generation are already making their presence felt, but they are all sufficiently close to the great tragedy to appreciate the sacrifices and to remember the Nation’s debt to those who paid the price of patriotism. Still later, the intimate relationship will grow fainter, but the soul of Anzac Day must never be lost.

The poignancy and the pain will pass, but the fragrance of the memory will be imperishable. It will serve down the years as a stimulation to service in the best interest of Australia. Anzac Cove, and its environs today, are marked by cemeteries where lie the gallant dead, in the midst of new villages and farms, which the people of Gallipoli have established there in the days of peace. Our soldiers gave up everything for the salvation of the Empire. Their people and their descendants will prove themselves worthy of the supreme sacrifice made for them, only if they live up to the same ideal of duty, and by carrying this ideal into the maintenance and the enrichment of that peace which the sacrifice secured.

Anzac Day should be a day of remembrance, as much as a day of resolve. The greatest tribute we can pay our dead Anzacs is to do our part in completing the work they so nobly and so splendidly started.

THE NEW FEDERAL PRESIDENT

Eric Millhouse, K.C., State President of South Australia, was unanimously elected Federal President at the recent meeting of the Federal Executive. His election will be welcomed by all who have had the privilege of meeting him. He created a very favourable impression at last year’s Federal Congress, which was held in Perth, and enabled many metropolitan members and League officials to meet personally the man who is now called to the highest office the League can confer. Nevertheless, there had been so much talk of someone outside the League altogether being elected to succeed Sir Gilbert Dyett that there was general surprise when the Federal Executive received only two nominations. The other was from the Victorian State President, Mr. Holland, who withdrew his nomination, so that Mr. Millhouse was accorded a unanimous election. He will hold office until the next Federal Congress in October, when there will be another presidential election.

Mr. Millhouse embodies a rare combination of brains, brawn and boundless enthusiasm for the welfare of the League. He was a gunner in the First World War, and sailed away on active service just after he had been admitted to the South Australian Bar in 1915. His service in the A.I.F. was with the Eighth Battery. From 1923 to 1928, he was Crown Prosecutor in South Australia. He became a K.C. last year. He has been State President of the South Australian Branch since 1942. Therefore, his wide knowledge of men and affairs will be reinforced by long and practical experience of League problems and League administration, all of which should prove invaluable in guiding the larger destinies of our organisation. Sir Gilbert Dyett will not be an easy man to follow, but all who know him feel confident that Eric Millhouse will prove a worthy successor, quite capable of coping with the tasks that lie ahead.
Vale Lord Gort

There was tragedy in the coincidence by which the news of the death of Field Marshal Viscount Gort reached Australia on the very day his predecessor as Governor and defender of Malta, Lieutenant-General Sir William Dobbie, arrived in Sydney. Lord Gort's death, at the age of 59 years, followed a relapse after he had been slowly recovering from an operation which he underwent last November. He was a member of a distinguished soldiering family, of Norman-Irish ancestry, and brought 32 years of hard and varied experience to the highest job in the British Army when he was appointed Chief of the General Staff over the heads of 30 senior generals in December, 1937. He had courage, dynamic energy and a great kindness and human sympathy, but not the least of his personal assets was a personal acquaintance of conditions in China and India. He inherited his title through the death of his father, and received his first commission in the Grenadier Guards at the age of 19. During the War of 1914-18, his dash as a subaltern earned him the nickname of "Tiger Gort," and he received so many citations for valor that it was said he had no right to be alive. Strangely enough, he was not awarded the V.C. until near the end of the war. This was on September 27, 1918, after he had been awarded the D.S.O. and the M.C. On that day, the Guards Division was advancing towards the crossing of the Canal du Nord. Gort was in command of the 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards, and in the lead of the 3rd Brigade. Under heavy fire, he led up his men but there was some unexpected obstacle to their progress. While dealing with this, Lord Gort was twice wounded, but he directed the final attack, and organised the captured position before collapsing from his wounds. More than two hundred prisoners were taken in the attack, as well as two batteries of field guns and many machine-guns.

Throughout his military career, Lord Gort played the role of what our American allies call a "trouble-shooter." He had the knack of turning up in dangerous places at opportune moments, and of doing difficult and thankless tasks. In 1917, he was in command of the Shanghai defence forces. There, he rescued a party of nurses under the fire of a horde of Chinese bandits. He reconnoitred the training of the army in India, where he attained the rank of Major-General. After the Munich surrender had shown the military impotence of Britain (brought about very largely by the hue and cry after the wicked armament-makers) Gort was allotted the task of working against time to bring Britain's atrophied defences more nearly up-to-date. He found time to visit France in 1938, and inspected the famous Maginot Line.

At the outbreak of war, Lord Gort was appointed commander of the British Expeditionary Force that went to France. The famous French writer, Andre Maurois, himself a veteran of the former World War, who was liaison officer between the French and British Armies, says that Gort always declared that Hitler would attack through Belgium in Spring. However, the French High Command, pinning their faith to the Maginot Line although they may have remembered how the Germans outflanked the Nancy-Rhine-Verdun system of fortresses by going through Belgium in 1914, disregarded. When Gort's prediction was proved right, he was left with the task of directing the fighting. The British withdrawal to Dunkirk-followed, and it was largely due to Gort's leadership that an overwhelming disaster was averted, and 337,000 British and Allied troops were evacuated.

When Gort landed in England, he uttered the characteristic words: "We will meet them again and victory will be ours." He started immediately to prepare for the future victory by training Britain's new armies for the offensive, and was appointed Director-General of the Home Guard.

In 1941, Lord Gort went, as Governor, to organise the defence of Gibraltar, the only part of Western Europe that remained in Allied hands. The famous Rock was converted into a vast underground fortress, with a power house, gun-repair shops and even a hospital in the network of caverns. Next year, Lord Gort became Governor of Malta. He landed during the 2,300th air raid, and the officials meeting him prostrated themselves involuntarily as the bombs fell nearby; but the bombing was past its worst, and the main problem Gort had to face was that of the blockade. He put the island on half rations and, to economise fuel, he rode everywhere on his bicycle. During his two and a-half years on the island, Malta received its George Cross, opened a new airfield and was rejoiced by the invasion of Sicily and Italy. The King visited Malta in the summer of 1943, and promoted the Governor to the rank of Field Marshal. Shortly before leaving Malta to take up his next post as High Commissioner in Palestine, he was presented with a sword of honour by the people of Malta as "a token of admiration, gratitude and love" and in recognition that his "determination and organising ability had saved Malta."

Before being able to complete his task in Palestine, Lord Gort's health broke down. It had been undermined by the privations of Malta, where he was also seriously burned in a bomb incident. He had to return to England for the operation which, unhappily, failed to save his life.

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Mr. Earle B. Arney, Associate to the Chief Justice, has been appointed Acting Magistrate and Warden of the Murchison and Clifton Magisterial Districts, with headquarters at Cue. Born at Dandénong, Victoria, he was educated at the Hale School, Perth. Mr. Arney served with the A.I.F. in France and Flanders, in the First World War, as a member of the 2nd Battery, Australian Field Artillery. He did his law course after he came back from the war. During the recent war, he was a particularly enthusiastic member of the V.D.C. in which he was O.C. of B Coy., Fremantle Battalion.

Mr. S. M. Bruce, former Prime Minister, and former Australian High Commissioner in London, has had such a long and distinguished public career that his military service is now almost a forgotten episode. Only occasionally is it remembered that he won the Military Cross while serving as a Captain with a British battalion at Cape Helles in 1915. During the recent war, Mr. Bruce was Australian Minister to the Netherlands, while the Netherlands Government was in exile in England.

A Major of the 1st A.I.F., also a Military Cross wearer, Keith Officer was appointed Australian Minister to The Hague at the beginning of the month. He has had a good training for the new post, having been Australian Charge d'Affaires in Moscow, Chinking and Tokio.

Most Diggers will be pleased to learn that a V.C. winner of the recent war, Mr. A. R. Cutler, has been selected by the Commonwealth Government as the next Australian High Commissioner to New Zealand. Mr. Cutler was the first of the young Diggers to become a State Secretary of the R.S.L. He held that position for a time in New South Wales. More recently, he has been Assistant Commissioner of Repatriation. It was in that capacity that he was in an appearance at the Federal Congress of the League in Perth last year. Mr. Cutler won his V.C. in Syria in November, 1941. In that campaign, he suffered a severe wound which necessitated the amputation of a leg. Most people know of his distinguished military career, but it is not generally known that he is a Bachelor of Economics of the University of Sydney.

Another veteran of the First World War has received a senior Government appointment. He is Mr. W. H. Wyatt, who has just been appointed Government Printer in Western Australia. A native of London, he served with a British unit in France, Egypt, Salonika and Palestine in the 1914-18 war. After that he was a technical officer in His Majesty's Stationery Office, and Superintendent of Printing to the Palestine Government. He joined the Government Printing Office of the Straits Settlements in 1935. Two years later he became Government Printer and Superintendent of Printing in the Federated Malay States. Mr. Wyatt was interned in Sumatra as a prisoner of war by the Japanese from 1942 to September, 1945.

Mr. A. R. Driver, a civil engineer attached to the Public Works Department, is to be congratulated on his appointment to succeed Mr. C. L. A. Abbott as Administrator of the Northern Territory. The new Administrator is a highly qualified and experienced man in his own profession, besides which he has had a distinguished career in the recent war. Born at Albany on November 25, 1909, he came to Perth in 1918 and received his education at the Thomas Street State School, the Hale School and the University of Western Australia. He joined the Public Works Department in 1928 as a cadet engineer. He enlisted as a sapper in the 2/4th Pioneers in July, 1940, and received his first commission in the following October. He served in Timor, Darwin (the 2/4th Pioneers was the only A.I.F. battalion at Darwin when the port was bombed early in 1942) and afterwards held several staff appointments. Later, he served in Bougainville and New Guinea. He rose to the rank of Major and Temporary Lieut.-Colonel. He returned to the Public Service after he was discharged from the Army on December 12, 1945.

With deep regret we offer our heartfelt condolence to that good Digger, W. (Wz) Sinclair, vice-president of the Mt. Hawthorn North Leederville sub-branch, on the recent loss of his wife. The late Mrs. Sinclair had been ailing for some time. At a recent meeting of the sub-branch, members stood and paid the silent tribute to their bereaved comrade.

Before the end of last month, the Stork presented Perth sub-branch committee man Ern McLeod with a Bar to his PA, the citation having reference to the arrival of another little Australian, a son. This was revealed, as the news commentators say, when Ern presided over an informal head-wetting ceremony in the Anzac Club. Rumour has it that Ern has now switched from Scotch to Irish, and the marching song of the Perth branch of the McLeod clan is "Oft in the Stilly Night."

The two West Australian servicewomen selected for the Australian contingent that will march in the Victory Parade in London next June are both daughters of Diggers. Chief Officer Sheila Mary McClemans, Director of the W.R.A.N.S., will lead the Australian service women in the march. She holds the B.A. and LL.B. degrees of the University of Western Australia and was one of the first women to practise law in this State. Her father, Canon McClemans, who served with the A.I.F. in the First World War, has long been a popular and active member of the Claremont sub-branch. Western Australia's other servicewoman representative is Corporal Phyllis Margaret Hird, of the A.W.A.S. Phyllis is the daughter of Harold Hird, who served with the Mobile Artillery in the First World War. Her mother's brother, Tom Hewett, of the Mt. Hawthorn branch, was also a gunner. Before the selections of Australia's Service representatives were made, it was stated officially that appearance would count, along with other qualifications. No one who has seen the published photographs of these young ladies will feel inclined to dispute the verdict of the selectors.

Bill Harrison, of the Perth sub-branch, who served with the 10th Light Horse during the First Great War, has recently resigned from the Crown Law Department after 33 years' service. This step was taken, we understand, on account of indifferent health. Bill was prominent some years ago as pianist at R.S.I. functions. He is an Associate of the Trinity College of Music, London, by examination, and intends to intensify his musical activities.

Mt. Hawthorn's sick report includes Harry Blunt in No. X Ward. Harry is one of the best batsmen in the cricket team and is a good all-rounder. Sport from well far from well are Les. Longbottom, Bill Scates, Sid George and Tom May.

The 1946 interstate eight-oar championship, to be rowed in New South Wales next month, will see a Bunbury sub-branch member in the West Australian crew. We join with Bunbury in congratulating Stan Stevens in thus attaining one of the highest distinctions open to those who engage in this very strenuous sport, and sincerely hope that the crew will be successful in bringing this championship back to the West with them.

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"Where Did You Get That Hat?"

By C. R. Collins

According to a war correspondent's report, the British units of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force for Japan will wear the "Digger" hat, so long as the characteristic headgear of the Australian soldier, but with the brim unlooped and the crown flattened at the top, instead of denting. The correspondent suggested that this might cause heartburns, even resentment, among Australian soldiers, but there is no valid reason for any such reaction. Actually, Australia has no monopoly of the hat, which was the Digger's pride and glory in two wars.

The old brown hat would seem to have had its origin in the Cavalier hat of the seventeenth century. The Cavalier hat was gradually transformed into the Tricorn of the eighteenth century. The Tricorn gave place to the Shako and the Helmet of the nineteenth century, but, during the campaigns of the 'seventies in South Africa, the hat, as we know it today, began to make its appearance on the field of battle. It was worn by Colonial units, throughout the numerous little wars against Kaifers, and in the Zulu war. In De Neuville's painting of Rorke's Drift, two Colonial soldiers are seen, in that hat brim up worn the red coats who battled so strenuously against such overwhelming odds. Both are wearing the hat, one with the brim flat, the other with the side looped up. The Zulu War ended nearly six years before Australian troops were even sent abroad on active service. Those troops—the New South Wales contingent for the Sudan—sailed from Sydney in March, 1879, bearing breasts. During the South African War of 1899-1902, the hat, as we know it today, but with a slightly wider brim, became the favourite headgear of all irregular troops. It was worn by South African, New Zealand and Australian contingents, and by such units from the United Kingdom as the C.I.V. and the Imperial Yeomanry. Towards the end of 1901, a composite battalion of the Brigade of Guards came to South Africa, and saw many of us will be better off for having read this book, and more of us would be proud to have written it. ("Your Friend Ben." Price 2/- Perhbookellers.)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA
Forestry Department: Vacancies

Applications are invited for appointment to the following positions in the Forestry Department in the Public Service of the Territory of Papua-New Guinea:

- Forest Officer (District)—Commencing salary, £636 per annum, rising by annual increments to £723 per annum.
- Qualifications: Degree or diploma of recognised Forestry School, and experience in forest surveying and general practical experience of timber inspection and general experience in the supervision of logging operations.

- Assistant Forest Officers—Commencing salary, £516 per annum, rising by annual increments to £606 per annum.
- Qualifications: Degree or diploma of recognised Forestry School.

- Forest Rangers—Commencing salary, £462 per annum, rising by annual increments to £552 per annum.
- Qualifications: Sound experience in strip survey work for assessment of timber volume and modulus of elasticity, practical experience of timber inspection and general experience in the supervision of logging operations.

- Chief Draftsman—Commencing salary, £570 per annum, rising by annual increments to £664 per annum.
- Qualifications: Competent survey draftsman capable of setting up a drafting section, and practised in the use of air photos, for mapping purposes. Sketches should be submitted.

- Topographical Draftsman—Commencing salary, £400 per annum, rising by annual increments to £570 per annum.
- Qualifications: Experience in Survey or Forest Service drafting and in air photo work. Applications should be submitted as samples of work.

- Chief Clerk (Forestry Department)—Commencing salary, £570 per annum, rising by annual increments to £664 per annum.
- Qualifications: Accountancy qualifications and wide clerical experience, including knowledge of the Forest Service procedure in Australia.

- Forest Botanist—Commencing salary, £706 per annum, rising by annual increments to £786 per annum.
- Qualifications: Science degree at a recognised University, with a major in Botany, and with experience in tropical forest complexes in Australia or New Guinea is desirable. Familiarity with timberworking methods and practice essential. Ability to institute and maintain a botanical department, as well as know how to control and photography is desirable. The Income Tax Assessment Act does not apply to any income derived by a resident of the Territory from sources within the Territory.

Applications, accompanied by copies only of testimonials, setting out date of birth, full name, qualifications, experience, and stating whether married or single, should reach the Secretary, Department of External Territories, Canberra, A.C.T., on or before 23rd April, 1946.
THE WEARING OF BADGES

Through a breakage of machinery in the local manufacturer's plant there has been further delay in the production of badges, but the supply is now being expedited. In regard to the wearing of service badges, issued by the Department of the Army to discharged personnel, the League recently urged the Department of the Army to make proper safeguards against the improper use of the Returned from Active Service (1939-45) Badge and the Defence Department (1914-18) Badge. The Department of the Army replied that the Returned from Active Service (1939-45) Badge is protected by Regulation 31a, 5 (A), of the National Security (General) Regulation (inserted by S.R. 1942, No. 475). This reads: "Notwithstanding anything contained in this regulation, a person shall not make, supply, or offer to supply, wear, use or have in his possession any miniature or other representation of, or any brooch or personal ornament designed to imitate, any of the following badges supplied or authorised by a Commonwealth Department in connection with the present war, namely: (a) Returned from Active Service (1939-45) Badge; (b) Female Relative's Badge; (c) Mothers and Widow's Badge; (d) Australian Merchant Navy Badge.

"The prohibition contained in sub-regulation (5a) of the aforementioned regulation, also applies to the Returned from Active Service Badge, issued to members of the Commonwealth Naval and Military forces, in connection with the 1914-18 War." It is presumed that this badge is identical with that described as the Defence Department Badge (1914-18).

OFFICIAL WAR HISTORY

The Minister of the Interior (Mr. H. V. Johnson) has announced the appointment of writers who will undertake volumes of the Official War History dealing with the R.A.A.F.

They are Mr. Douglas Gillison, whose volume will cover administration, training and the early phase of the operations against Japan, and Pilot-Officer G. J. Odgers, who will write a volume completing the story of the R.A.A.F. in the Japanese war. Squadron Leader John Herrington was chosen in January to write the volume covering the part played by the R.A.A.F. in the war against Germany.

Mr. Gillison, who will shortly retire from his present post as press officer to the Minister for Air, Mr. Drakeford, is a journalist who has served on "The Argus" and "The Age" in Melbourne. He enlisted in the R.A.A.F. in 1942, in the administrative and
special duties branch, and served in New Guinea from July, 1942, to May, 1943, as public relations officer of Allied Air Force (North-Eastern Area). After a term at General MacArthur's Headquarters in Brisbane, he was placed in charge of public relations at Overseas Headquarters, R.A.A.F., London, where he also had charge of the historical records section. In February, 1945, he was recalled to Australia to become press officer to the Minister for Air. Pilot-Officer Odgers is a graduate in Arts of the University of Western Australia, with honours in history, and has done post-graduate work in history at the University of Melbourne. He was on the staff of "The Argus" in 1940-42. He joined the air-crew reserve of the R.A.A.F., but was eventually rejected on medical grounds and joined the A.I.F. After service in the Northern Territory and the Solomons, he was transferred last year to the R.A.A.F. War History Section in which he is still working.

RETURNED SOLDIER POLITICAL CANDIDATES

MR. W. H. BARBER

Another Digger aspirant for political honours is Mr. W. H. (Bill) Barber, of Boulder, who is standing for the North-East Province as an Independent Labour candidate. He is forty-eight years of age, and the youngest candidate for the Province. He had nearly four years active service with the First A.I.F. in a Medium Trench mortar unit. During his service he was wounded three times. He is an executive member of the Boulder sub-branch, and a past vice-president; a member of the Boulder City Council; a member of the conference of Local Governing Bodies, and represented Boulder at the Bunbury Municipal Conference. In addition, he is a member of the Boulder Caledonian Society and of the Boulder Comforts Fund. He runs his own business as a radio and electrical engineer and holds a radio operator's certificate and a 1st Class electrical fitter's certificate. It is his intention, if elected as an Independent Labour candidate, to fight for absolute freedom of thought and words, and to do what his electors would wish him to do.

THE LISTENING POST

We hope that our readers and advertisers will like the new set-up of the journal. The circulation has increased fourfold in the past few years, causing production difficulties. To overcome this trouble the publishers have recently purchased a rotary press, which, unfortunately, will not be available for about six months, which will print, fold and collate in one operation from the reel. In the meantime, we regret that copy which arrived after the 9th April has, of necessity, been held over. It is also hoped that it will be possible at an early date to procure more paper to enable a larger journal to be printed.

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★ The officers and other ranks of the No. 451 Squadron, R.A.F., have cabled a gift of £30.00 to the Federal Executive of the League, to be used solely for the relief of distressed families of servicemen in the Commonwealth. The amount has been allocated among the States according to branch membership on December 31, as follows: N.S.W., £178; Victoria, £128; South Australia, £68; Queensland, £61; Western Australia, £44; Tasmania, £16; and Australian Capital Territory, £5.

★ Last year's congress urged that a notice board be erected at Head Office, and G.D.D., giving the names of sub-branches, with dates of places of meeting. The State Secretary requests sub-branches to forward the necessary information, which should contain, the name of the sub-branch, meeting place, date and time of meetings, and the secretary's name and address.

★ Applications have been received from a number of individual members, who require tools of trade from the Salvage Depot at Karrakatta, but there are great difficulties in supplying these needs. In the first place, the tools required may not be available as the supply is small. Secondly, money must be paid on delivery and then the purchaser must attend to the packing and consigning, hence the difficulty in dealing with individual applications. The League's representative will keep in touch with the Salvage Depot, make purchases, and pack and mail them, addressed to the secretary of the R.S.L. sub-branch at the country town concerned. The sub-branch will be responsible for payment which should be made by cheque in the usual way. If this arrangement is considered satisfactory, orders should be forwarded without delay, and the system can be tried.

★ Contributions to the Malayan Nursing Scholarship, founded in appreciation of the services rendered by the Chinese community of Malaya to our prisoners-of-war, should be forwarded to Messrs. Smith and Goyder, Chartered Accountants, Perth.

★ It is found that applicants, who cannot comply with the eligibility qualifications, are still being enrolled by sub-branches, with resulting unsatisfactory on both sides. Among the latest instances are those of men being enrolled, although they did not leave Australia until after August 15, 1943, although the Federal Office had ruled that eligibility ceased on that date. It is important that those enrolling new members should carefully examine the discharge certificate. Unless this is done, needless worry is caused, and the League has had to apologise and refund subscriptions.

★ Our congratulations to W. (Bill) Reece, State Executive delegate and president of the Bayswater sub-branch, for his able and hard-hitting letter in The West Australian on April 7. Not only did he state very clearly the position of the R.S.L. in regard to other organisations, but he showed up in their true light the recent attempts to make mischief between the League and these various bodies. The letter was all the more effective by virtue of the fact that Bill served with the Second A.I.F.

★ Most real Australians breathed clearly again when the Minister for External Affairs (Dr. Evatt) explained that no form of trusteeship for the former Mandated Territories of New Guinea and the adjacent islands would be acceptable that did not give Australia the exclusive administrative control of the islands and the right to establish bases in them for their defence and for the defence of Australia. In short, the Government demands a trusteeship that is annexation in everything but name. But why not go all out for annexation? Surely these territories, captured in one war and defended so gallantly and so expensively in the next, are sealed to us by ties of blood as well as proximity. There would seem to be some vestige of the old milk-and-water appeasement on the proposed trusteeship, which is refreshingly absent from the views expressed with such virility by the Government of South Africa and the people of Tanganyika. The South African Government has bluntly demanded that the League should give to the expressed desire of the people of Southwest Africa, for incorporation in the South African Union. The desire, by the way, was expressed through the elected Legislature of the Territory. In Tanganyika (formerly German East Africa) every expression of public opinion has been in favour of the constitution of the Territory as a British Colony, and vehement opposition to the retention of anything remotely resembling the former Mandate.

★ Australia's Lieut.-General John Northcott was one of the first of the Empire's soldiers to cast doubts on the impregnability of the Maginot Line, which he had an opportunity of seeing shortly before the outbreak of the recent war. He spoke, not as a military engineer, but as a keen student of military history and strategy, pointing out that no line ever conceived or constructed was incapable of being overcome. He had historical backing for this opinion. The Roman walls in Britain kept the Picts and Scots back for a couple of centuries, or so, but they were not proof against the English pirates, who outflanked them from the sea. The Great Wall of China was over-run by the Tartar Horde, because its very length attenuated the defence. We all know what happened to the Hindenburg Line in 1918 and Finland's Manнерлин克莱 lummed in 1940, through the sheer exhaustion of its defenders. Unfortunately, between the wars, too much credence was given to the views of Liddell Hart, and especially to his pet theory that modern gunnery and modern fortifications would lay heavy odds against the attack in future wars. The Maginot Line was the latest in permanent fortifications, but it fell, because the Germans repeated their strategy of 1914 and smashed through Belgium and through the Sedan Gap.

★ The late Field Marshal Lord Gort, like his predecessor at Malta, Sir William Dobbie, was a deeply religious man. After Dunkirk, armchair strategists like H. G. Wells and the fireside friends who echoed Wells in Australia, made the campaign of 1940 an occasion for criticizing British generals, particularly Lord Gort, because they were unable to make bricks without straw. But they had erred in the number of their mistakes. The erudite critics had the lamentably bad taste to make sneering remarks about "praying generals." As Wells and his cohorts were all professors of world history, it is a wonder they forgot that Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, the father of field artillery, Oliver Cromwell; the father of modern cavalry tactics, Wolfe; the conqueror of Canada, Lee, and Jackson of the American Civil War, inspired by the recent events of the Empire's soldiers to to the campaign of 1940 and the more particular Lord Gort, because they were unable to make bricks without straw. The erudite critics had the lamentably bad taste to make sneering remarks about "praying generals." As Wells and his cohorts were all professors of history, it is a wonder they forgot that Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, the father of field artillery, Oliver Cromwell; the father of modern cavalry tactics, Wolfe; the conqueror of Canada, Lee, and Jackson of the American Civil War, inspired by the recent events

Returned Nurses

The monthly meeting of the Returned Army Nurses' Club was held in the Clubrooms on April 4. There was a large attendance. A luncheon is to be held in the Clubrooms after the parade on Anzac Day.

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State Executive

MARCH 27, 1948

At the meeting of the State Executive on March 27, Mr. R. Halcombe was welcomed as a new member.

Anzac Day.—Arrangements for the march and other ceremonies, submitted by the Anzac Day Committee, were adopted. The State President and members of the Executive were invited to attend the Fremantle ceremonies.

Repatriation.—The report of the Repatriation Committee mentioned a complaint about travel facilities to the Northam T.B. Hospital, and suggestions made by the committee for improvements. Members have also made delays in the payment of medical subsistence, successful appeals for pensions. Fremantle prescriptives and the appropriate cheque taken in connection with inquiries from several sub-branches on repatriation matters. The report was adopted.

War Veteran’s Home.—It was reported that the fund for the War Veteran’s Home was now £30,248. Some substantial donations were received during March, and the average weekly collections are being maintained at about £230 a week. Plans were discussed and an endowment is being made to find a suitable site.

Rehabilitation.—The report of the Rehabilitation Committee covered a number of problems concerning ex-servicemen, deductions and attendances at the various Government Departments dealing with motor vehicles, fuel, licences, tools of trade, employment, housing and a number of other matters. Another report concerned baker’s ovens offered for public tender and acquired by three large baking firms in Perth, to the exclusion of three ex-service applicants. The report stated what steps have been taken through the department to obviate a recurrence.

Miss Meares’ Appointment.—It was resolved to send a letter of congratulations to Miss Mary Meares on her appointment as Red Cross visitor.

Sub-Branches.—Permission was granted to the Kalgoorlie sub-branch to adopt a set of by-laws for the sub-branch, subject to the by-laws being within the consideration of the League and subject to approval by the State President. Complaints were received from Melville, Mundaring and Narrogin sub-branches concerning the delays in rehabilitation, particularly as to building. It was resolved to refer Melville and Narrogin’s letters to the War Services Committee.

Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch wrote regarding the other ex-servicemen’s organisations. A reply was sent to the Secretary.

Letter was received from Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch concerning the condition of clothing worn by inmates of Sunset. Action was deferred pending a report from the Superintendant. It was resolved to send a copy of the letter to the Nedlands sub-branch.

Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch.—Kalgoorlie sub-branch requested permission to call a meeting of delegates of all ex-service units. Permission was granted, the reply being left in the hands of the State Secretary. Kalgoorlie sub-branch requested that the Minister for Mines be approached with request that prospectors’ allowances be raised from £17/10/- to £21/0/- a week to induce men to take up prospecting. The request was referred to the Rehabilitation Committee. Letter was received from the Kalgoorlie sub-branch concerning shortage of employment on the Goldfields and urging that ex-servicemen should be warned against going to the fields in search of work.

P.P.O.W. Sentences.—Letters were received from Pilbara, Midland Junction and Maylands Sub-Branches protesting against lightness of the sentences imposed by the Military Tribunals on Japanese war criminals. It was resolved to forward complaints to the Federal Office.

Honour Rolls, Sales Tax.—The Taxation Department advised that Memorial Boards were exempt from sales tax under Exception Item 46. Honour Rolls in honour of men who have enlisted in the Forces are subject to 1½ per cent. sales tax. The matter will be referred to the Federal Executive.

Sub-Branch Activities

DALWALLINU

The monthly meeting of the Dalwallinu sub-branch was held at the Dalwallinu Hotel on Friday, April 5. Mr. H. J. Handly presided over 25 members, and it was decided that owing to the increase in attendances that future meetings be held in the road board supper-room. The financial statement was read by the treasurer, showing the general and censorship accounts with credit balances of £42/5/4 and £12/6/4 respectively. It was decided to meet members of the Wubin and Pilbara sub-branches to discuss the proposed zoning of the sub-branches. Mr. Arthur Bell (late 32 Bn., First A.I.F.), who is now residing in Perth, sent along his cheque for £10 for future subscriptions, stating that he felt the returned man would need assistance now more than ever. His action was greatly appreciated. It was decided to advertise in the Press for the names of those who had enlisted from the district and who were now residing elsewhere, so that a complete list of names could be obtained for the Honour Board. A letter of protest was being forwarded to the road board to have them in action in appointing a non-serviceman to the position of secretary when, in the opinion of the sub-branch, a returned man qualified for the job was available. The sub-branch is holding a service in the Dalwallinu Hall at 3 p.m. on Anzac Day, when the Rev. Riley, son of the Bishop of Bendigo, will conduct the service.

FREMANTLE CITY

The sub-branch is having a particularly hectic time at present. Our office in the Fremantle Town Hall is the rallying ground for any returned men with problems or difficulties, and our secretary (Tug Wilson) is always kept on his toes in this and other activities. The Fremantle R.S.L. Band is progressing favourably, and there are a few vacancies for baritone and horns. The old wartime Sportsmen’s Home in High Street, Fremantle, has been taken over as a club and membership is

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MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

Nearly 150 members were present at the April meeting, which started off more like a swarm of bees than a gathering of returned men. Owing to the lowering of the standards over the past few months, the retiring president (Mr. W. T. White) considered that, after six years of office, a change would be beneficial to the sub-branch. Members thanked him for his outstanding services. The general, social, land and pensions committees consist of more of the younger members than hitherto. Mr. C. Kroschel, of the Perth sub-branch, a little way out of the city, distantly welcomed to the meeting. It was Mr. Kroschel who donated the initial gift to the local memorial hall. The sum of £43 was recorded in the meeting for this building. The financial statement showed a credit of £30.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

At the meeting on March 25, President Jack Herbert introduced 97 new members, who were a welcome addition to the ranks. The outgoing president (Mr. F. T. White) expressed the hope that the board continued to hold the crowd, but was also inconveniently close for the subject to be discussed, so Peter Huttman favoured to request the Immaculate St. Gilles’ Hall at the disposal of the meeting. The matter was fully discussed and certain decisions reached. The other important item on the agenda was the planning for the forthcoming elections. This resulted in Ollie Williams being returned. Nominations must be in his hands on or before April 30, and must be signed by both nominee and nominee, both of whom must be financial members of the sub-branch. Members are asked to note that nominations should be addressed to Mr. C. J. Williams, 21 Governer Road, Mt. Lawley, and a statement on the formation of the former committee will be declared at the May meeting, May 7. Management committee meeting: April 30. Members should watch the notice of the next meeting. Members of the management committee will be notified.

CARNA MAH

The following officers were elected on March 9: President, Mr. J. P. Cabbeeby; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Lucas and W. T. White; secretary, Mr. G. L. Schier; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Symonds. An application was made to the CWA for the disposal of the C.W.A. room for meetings. It was in this room that the March meeting was held. Other letters received were from the Deputy Director of Loans, thanking the sub-branch for co-operation in the Security Loan; from the Repatriation Commission requesting reports and recommendations; and from the Returned Servicemen’s History Centre, offering in the district. The arrangements for Anzac Day were left to the secretary. It was decided to invite the other sub-branches to a social gathering in aid of the War Memorial Funds. A donation of two guineas was made to the rood board for the Food for Britain appeal.

MOSS MAN PARK

Our March meeting was moderately well attended and the names of further new members were added to our strength. The secretary reported a satisfactory conclusion to a claim for a pension for the widow of one of our deceased comrades. Discussion on the formation of a sub-branch of the Rockingham branch, open to the next members of the association to be given a start in the near future. Reports from other committees indicate that things are moving along in good style. Members are reminded that the next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6.

Friday night in the month has been reserved for brief discourses, informal discussions, and open meetings, where the Post will be read first on the subject of "Private or State-controlled Enterprises," with senior members Messrs. Bill McKenna and Sam Lowth as opening speakers. An invitation to the formation of a rating committee, and sound advice for private enterprise. But with one or two exceptions, the last response from younger members has been none encouraging. On the last page of March, the women’s auxiliary’s venture in staging a special dance for fund-raising purposes. On Monday night R.S.L. dance, thanks to the untiring efforts of Messrs. Jack Gibson, Syd. Horne, Arthur Murray, John McKenna and Ray Horne, has become a sound, well-established weekly function.

PITHARA

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting on March 21, at which several men from the recent war were officially elected to office. Officers elected were: President, Mr. S. G. Maris; vice-secretary, Messrs. E. T.orden; C. E. P. Cottrell; secretary, Messrs. J. M. Browning; committee, Messrs. K. Johnston, A. Locke and D. McDowall; social committee, Messrs. C. E. Brownill, R. Harrington; membership advisory committee, Messrs. E. Monks, A. Locke and H. Welborne; auditor, Mr. J. Gatti. MOORGA

Saturday, March 16, was a red-letter day in the history of the Moore sub-branch, when 80 young men of the district were officially welcomed home from the front lines. The meeting appreciated the excellent job they did in decorating the hall and providing refreshments. Musical items were contributed by Messrs. Clancy, Blee, Turner and Glass. Mr. Mathison, who was on hand to help to make the evening go with a swing. Proposing "Our Guests," the president (Mr. J. S. Symonds) recalled that the last occasion on which the sub-branch entertained guests was in the same hall six years ago when the 25th Light Horse, many of whose members had since served abroad in many units, were entertained. Mr. Norman Hurley responded on behalf of the guests. He mentioned that, of all the 25th Light Horse members, six were present that night. He hoped and believed that they lived up to the high traditions of the first A.I.F. He thought it was the duty of all who could do so to join the R.S.I.

ARMA D LA DE

Mr. Egan presided over the monthly meeting on March 13. It was with regret that the members learned of the resignation of secretary Dick Millman. During the period he has held office, Dick has gained the confidence and respect of all his fellow members. Mr. Ray Blackburn, the acting secretary, welcomed the members who had returned from the war to the annual meeting. The secretary forwarded a resolution to the executive committee which will conduct dances and other entertainments to raise funds for the new hall and clubrooms. A special meeting of the sub-branch was held at Bayford on March 29.

SHACKLETON-KW O L Y I N

The Kwoylin Hall took a few steps nearer completion on March 18, when members who served in the First World War gave a welcome home social to the lads of the district who had served their country in the recent war. At 2:50 p.m. on Sunday, President E. W. Winter (Spiller) took the chair at a cheque-going gathering. The visitors included four members of the Royal Navy, who were in the district on a few days leave with their mates, and the acquisition of the programme. This lads, on behalf of his companions, said it was the best leave they had ever had. The toast of the Navy, Army and Air Force was proposed by Vennum Hobs (R.A.F.). Also on the programme was a song from Laurie Handside, Dave Barr proposed the toast of the State Executive. The Royal Navy then offered a song, after which J. Jamieson proposed the toast of the sub-branch, by Mr. C. G. Lipton. L. Tippel proposed kindness Sub-Branches and Ernie Finklestein of Quairading, who again provided harmonic harmony, which was followed by a true yarn of the First World War, told by E. Watson. Mr. A. J. Langdon proposed the toast of local governing bodies. Mr. W. Finklestein had decided to give a change of scenery for the members of the Executive Committee, and outlined the board’s postwar plans for bringing more amenities to the country people. Laurie Inkpin proposed the toast of The Press, to C. R. Smith responding on behalf of the Expeditionary Force. The toast was proposed and carried by Ernie Watson and responded to by V. Hobs, and a member of the Navy. In his toast to The Chairman, E. Butler advised the young men to make a good show of activities and attend meetings. Ken Veranmore presided over the piano.

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MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE

The meetings held during March have shown on the records another large batch of new members. The hall has been filled to its capacity. The committee have been marked by the keenness with which the debates, and from the way the various speakers respond to the motions, it is obvious that the sub-branch should have no difficulty in securing a good debating team for the country district. Members who have not been attending meetings are reminded that the hall will be full in the evenings and entrances are now being taken for the darts and should be handed in to the sports director, Mr. Traviss. It was pleasing to see so many of the old and new members at the birthday evening of the women's auxiliary, which was the last of the best functions that has been held, and it was a credit to the committee, the secretary and the committee were entertained in and Reg. Holland acted as MC. The cricket club report by Vern Stockman showed a win over our neighbours (West Leederville) and some good bowling and batsmen have been brought to light. Roy Florence played a good knock for 53 and in the Cooley brothers we have a good all-rounder bat and bowler, and with Morgan Herbert, Roy Stockman, Lou Nathan and John Grice, we should have a solid team for next season. We could also play a good football team with Max Tolley coaching them. Anzac Day will be observed by the sub-branch in the usual way, the members falling-in at the hall at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of laying the wreaths on the memorial and then marching along. The telephone to the RSA will be held at 3 p.m. Mt. Hawthorn School Choir will render their usual items. We would like to remind those members who are in business on their own account that the secretary would like them to hand in their forms, so that their names can be inscribed on the business directory board, to be erected in the hall. The meetings to be held in May are on the 5th, 10th, and 15th, and members are reminded to enter them in their diary.

SUBIACO

The brightest of Subiaco's entertainments for some time was the dance on March 28 held at the Subiaco Masonic Hall. Besides being a financial success, gratifying the committee, it was a real lively evening, with the younger members predominating. The next dance will be held in the same place on the 4th of April. A good deal of money has been raised to assist the operators. We would like to remind those members who are in business on their own account that the secretary would like them to hand in their forms, so that their names can be inscribed on the business directory board, to be erected in the hall. The meetings to be held in May are on the 5th, 10th, and 15th, and members are reminded to enter them in their diary.

WARBOG

The March meeting was so well attended that it was necessary to adjourn to the Ambulance Hall next door. Future meetings will be held on the third Friday in each month to enable members to attend. The charge to take effect in May. Various topics were discussed, and the house position receiving much attention. Messrs. Fossles and McLean of the Rural Bank (both 1914-18 men) attended and gave advice on loans to servicemen. As they are both busy men, their attendance was greatly appreciated. Arrangements for the reunion on April 27 were finalised.

BEVERLEY

The most important decision at the meeting on March 9 was the adoption of a plan, submitted by the president for the future R.S.L. Club Rooms. The two-storeyed hostel building, owned by the sub-branch, is to be converted into a modern single-storey hostel. The officers of the club and members of the sub-branch, and the work will commence as soon as the building has been vacated by the Army. The committee decided that the building should be donated £100. A strong committee will organise the functions to assist the building fund. The auxiliary was recommended to make towards the furnishing of the clubrooms. Another important decision was on the suggestion made by the president (Mr. C. Prior) that, as from 1946, no points would be given for more than two consecutive years. Meetings from now on will be held twice a month. Membership has risen from 35 in 1944 to 87.

MANJIMUP

More than 40 members, including a few Royal Naval veterans, attended the meeting presided over by the president (Mr. Lou Thompson) last month. Financial membership is now 278, of whom 46 were enrolled during the year. The Diggers' drive in aid of the Food for Britain appeal brought in donations to the extent of £28. A contribution to the ball was £11, the result of a special effort on the part of the whole town, when £100 was raised in this way. The remark made by Mr. Macpherson, a member of the sub-branch, that the committee, including the secretary, would not seek re-election at the annual meeting. He knew the office for six years and wants a rest. Members spoke eulogistically of his services. Messrs. Fossles, Reg. Monkhouse and Bert Faulks volunteered to assist Mr. Major for the balance of his term. A sum of £5 was voted to the women's auxiliary in appreciation of services. Mr. Jack Smith will be in charge of the Anzac Day parade, with Messrs. I. Davies, A. P. Faulks and Reg. Monkhouse as assistants. All returned thanks to those of the recent years who have given the committee the ir support, which will be forward to the War Effort for the benefit of the sub-branch.

DENMARK

There was a fair attendance at the monthly meeting on March 19. The secretary reported favourable replies from the authorities on several matters brought to the notice of the executive. It was decided to hold under notice of authority that certain jobs could be handled by the local committee, have gone to men who were not members of the Forces. There was further discussion on the Memorial Hall, and plans for
The monthly meeting on March 12 was well attended. Mr. Frank Baderick was again in the chair. He gave a warm welcome to Jarratwood members and expressed pleasure of meeting just-returning Nannup boys once more. Roy Hall took up the new cashier in good style. Secretary Merv Longbottom produced a pleasing monthly statement, which received full approval. On the motion of Mr. Fred Pearson, it was decided to press for a fully-paid, full-time Anzac Land Committee, whose members could devote their whole time in carrying out the duties and implementing the policy of the League. On the motion of Mr. A. Wickerton, it was decided to arrange a big show to mark appreciation of the work of the auxiliary. The proposed date is May 20. An enthusiastic committee was elected to go ahead with the programme for a local sports day. Anzac Day arrangements were discussed. It is expected that a good muster will take the march through Nannup to the football oval at 10:45 a.m. A full record is being made of the district's personnel for submission to the local governing authority.

MARGARET RIVER

Mr. W. Smith presided over a well-attended meeting on March 12. Arrangements were finalised for the Debutante's Ball on April 13, when debutantes were presented to Sir James and Lady Mitchell. A long discussion took place on the benefits of the R.S.L. funeral fund. Mention was made of the case of an imperial ex-serviceman, a newcomer to the district, who had died in indifferent circumstances. The sub-branch looked after the funeral arrangements. Information from R.S.L. Headquarters states that, as the man was an imperial ex-serviceman, he did not come within the scope of the funeral fund, which covers only members of the Australian Forces. The deceased man in question had been a financial member of the R.S.L. for the past 20 years. It was decided to bring the matter before the next annual State congress.

SALMON GUMS

More than 300 friends, many travelling over 80 miles, gathered together at the Grass Patch Hall on February 23 to welcome home and do homage to Tom Starcevich, V.C., and to the returned men of the Imperial. Tom led off the dance with his usual dash as his partner. His soldier brothers were all there too, and everybody had a wonderful time. During the interval a small group of ex-servicemen gathered outside the hall on parade, and with Tom in the lead were piped into the hall by Pipe Andy Simes. Tom was then seated between his mother and father, while he and the chairman of the reception committee (Mr. B. Shell) gave an address and then presented Tom with an illuminated Address, which was later autographed by many friends. Members then had a real good glimpse of real modesty, because Tom's reply was very brief and to the point. The president of the Salmon Gums sub-branch then spoke a few words, followed by Mr. Salmon of the Patriotic Fund Committee. The cheers were loud and many, after which the dancing started again and went on until daylight. The local residents supplied everything, even the top-notch supper, which everyone enjoyed. It was a night which will never be forgotten as long as people live in the Esperance district, and all our best wishes go to a very gallant boy—Tom Starcevich, V.C.

YORK

A general meeting was held on March 16, when the president (Mr. A. J. McDougall) presided over an attendance of 36 members. The secretary was instructed to secure a definite ruling from the League as to eligibility for membership, with special reference to service in Thursday Island and other similar islands just north of Queensland. The York Municipal Council was asked to state that it was the intention of the Council to give preference to returned servicemen. The women's auxiliary reported having held a very encouraging meeting and submitted a list of new officers as follows: President, Mrs. P. Farnery; vice-president, Mesdames P. Rose and F. Sims; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. W. Lewis; committee, Mesdames Hunt, Grooser, G. Baker, Middleton, Green, Warren and R. Smith. It was decided that the monthly meetings be held on the second Saturday in the month. Following a circular from Headquarters regarding Anzac Day, it was decided that similar local services be conducted as in past years and that the necessary arrangements be made by the president and secretary. A long discussion ensued regarding building proposals. It was finally decided that the sub-branch commence raising funds for a building and that the committee continue its endeavours to secure a suitable block of land.

MELVILLE

The monthly meeting on March 14 was the first held in St. George's Hall, Ascot House, which was kindly made available by the authorities. This has proved a great blessing, as the old hall is far too small for the present membership. Three new members and four visitors were welcomed by the president, Ted Colville. The recently-acquired land, which has been paid for, has been cleared. The building committee is busy preparing the laying of the proposed new buildings, bowling-green, etc. A grant of £10 from the Sons of the Australian and British Government Stock; balance used in the business). Wool and Produce Brokers, Land and Livestock Salesmen, Merchants, Metal Brokers: Shipping, Chartering and Insurance Agents. Proprietors of "Elder's Weekly."

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Meetings held this month were well attended. On March 5, Mrs. McKinlay, with Mrs. Henderson, attended the annual meeting of the Perth auxiliary. On March 10 the State President was present at the tea given by Shenton Park auxiliary to the ex-service committees of Lemnisc, Sunset, Eventide and the Home of Peace. Transport for this outing was provided by the Red Cross Transport, who took patients for a run before tea. On March 14, a sports directors' meeting was held, when final arrangements were made for inter auxiliary games. These will soon be in full swing. On March 19 Madames McKinlay and Henderson (the latter being representative on the executive for the Perth auxiliary) attended a social at Monash House, arranged by the Perth auxiliary. On March 28 many members of the executive accepted the invitation of the Mt. Hawthorn auxiliary to be present at their eighteenth birthday party. Mrs. McKinlay addressed the gathering. Mrs. McKinlay accepted an invitation to be present at a complimentary social extended by the members of Victoria Park auxiliary to their sub-branch members and wives. At a very representative gathering of old and new married, Mrs. McKinlay addressed the young wives and put before them the many phases of auxiliary work.

The State Secretary has been busy with routine work: arranging for Anzac Buffet and dealing with much correspondence from country auxiliaries. She has also had the pleasure of taking to the Lord Mayor's Food for Britain appeal many large donations from country auxiliaries. The hospital visitors reported, at a meeting on April 1, that they had made 80 bedside visits to Diggers in civilian wards of the Perth Hospital. These visits are welcomed by the patients and the comforts taken are very much appreciated, but the thought that they are not numbered among the forgotten gives them the greatest amount of pleasure. Both metropolitan and country auxiliaries can help the work of these visitors by sending in names of members from their districts who are unfortunate enough to be in hospital. Repatriation wards have also been visited this month and these visits are also welcomed by the patients.

All hospitals and homes will be visited at Easter time, when gifts and comforts will be taken to patients on behalf of these auxiliaries. Many donations for Christmas cheer arrived too late for distribution at Christmas time. All money held for this purpose is to be expended in the interests of the patients.

Arrangements are now being made for a combined outing at Anzac House on April 10 for all patients from hospitals and homes who are able to come along. Luncheon and afternoon tea will be provided through the kindness of country auxiliaries.

The Anzac Buffet held in Anzac House is still as popular as ever. Large crowds are to be seen each Sunday, and it is a pleasure to see also many discharged servicemen and members of the Royal Navy availing themselves of the hospitality and welcome extended to them on behalf of the State Executive of the League.

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**VICTORIA PARK**

At the meeting on March 8, Mrs. Powell was chosen to take the place of Mr. Raigh, as trustee. Madames Frue and Jennings were appointed joint sports directors. Arrangements have been made to hold practices in the R.S.L. Hall at Salford Street every Wednesday night. All members are welcome. Teams are being formed for bridge, table tennis, bowls, quoits and darts. The sum of five guineas was donated to the Food for Britain appeal. About 300 attended a very successful social evening on March 29. Mrs. Tolmie appealed to younger members to join the auxiliary. A bright programme of vocal and instrumental items was interspersed with dancing. Mrs. Sidden and her orchestra provided the music for the dancing. All artists and the orchestra gave their services voluntarily, and were thanked by the president (Mrs. Tolmie). Supper was served by Mrs. Gues and her social committee. Mrs. Frue arranged the entertainment. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8 p.m. The treasurer (Mrs. Matthews) will be pleased to meet intending members.

**MT HAWTHORN NORTH LEEDERVILLE**

The eighteenth birthday party of the auxiliary was a great success. Members of the sub-branch and their wives were well represented, and the guests included the State President (Mrs. McKinlay) and representatives of other auxiliaries. Mrs. McKinlay addressed the gathering, wishing the auxiliary many happy returns. Arrangements for Anzac Day are well in hand. At the request of the sub-branch, members are making a Cross for the service in their church. A vote of thanks was passed at the last meeting to Madames Lee, Rawlings and Snook, who carried on the job of War Savings officers throughout the war. Altogether, £794 worth of War Savings Certificates have been purchased by auxiliary members. Arrangements are well in hand for another entertainment for the old Diggers at Sunset and Lemnos.

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AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (W.A. Areas)—RAAF Repatriation, National House, William Street, Perth; 4th Thursday each month; President: C. A. Hines, Howard Hill (off Howard Hill), Perth; Secretary: A. J. Hayles, c/o. Fooy’s Garage, St. George’s Terrace, Perth.

ARTILLERY COMRADES’ ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; First Saturday each month at 3 p.m.; President: A. Cunningham, 108 Rockwood Street, Mt. Lawley, Joint Secretaries: E. Henley and A. J. Snow, 231 Seventh Avenue, Maylands.

BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; when necessary. President: D. M. Bain, Anzac House, Perth; Secretary: Mrs. W. James, 23 Coldstream Street, Leederville.

EX-MACHINE GUNNERS’ ASSOCIATION—Gregson’s, 52 King Street, Perth; Friday before Anzac Day, and 2nd Friday in October; President: Mr. A. A. Hayles, c/o. Elgin, Smith & Co. Ltd., Fremantle; Secretary: E. S. Everson, 150 Barham Street, Perth.

FEDERATED T.B. SOLDIERS, SOLDIERS & AIRMEN’S ASSOCIATION (W.A. Branch)—2nd Floor Wellington Buildings, 158 William Street, Perth; 1st Monday in each month; President: C. R. Prudden, Richmond Hill Rd., Nedlands; Secretary: J. T. Plumb, 497 William St., Perth.

MEDICAL ARM OF UNITS ASSOCIATION—Room 53, 3rd Floor, Gledden Building, Perth; 4th Thursday in each month; President: H. R. Leedervill, C. W. Brick, Holden Road, Roleystone; Secretary: H. W. Rigg, 28 Elizabeth Street, North Perth. Phone WM 1112.

PARTially BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (W.A. Branch)—Room 53, 3rd Floor, Gledden Building, Perth; 1st Thursday in each month; President: H. W. Rigg, 27 Dunbar Road, Claremont; Secretary: E. S. Pearson, Atlas Building, Perth. Phone WM 1112.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AND IMPERIAL ARMIES’ ASSOCIATION—Monash House, cnr. Flinders and King Streets, Adelaide; President: John Wood, c/o. "West Australian"; Secretary: Mr. Gumpertz, 358 Hoy Street, Perth.

R.S.L. SUB-BRANCH DIRECTORY

ALBANY—R.S.L. Institute; 1st Friday each month, 8 p.m.; President: J. McDougall, York Street; Secretary: R. McKenzie, 20 Spencer Street.

ARMADALE—R.S.L. Clubrooms; 2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.; President: Spencer Gwynne, Secretary: E. C. Bonham.

BALLARD—R.S.L. Sub-Branch; 2nd Saturday every month, 8 p.m.; President: A. W. Folland, Ballad.

BASSENDEN—R.S.L. Sub-Branch; every Thursday at 8 p.m.; Business Meetings on Pension Day; President: F. Snowing, Whitleaf Street, Bassendean; Secretary: J. B. Corbin, Bassendean.

BAYSWATER—Town Hall, alt. Wednesday, 8 p.m.; President: W. Reece, Mant St.; Bayswater; Secretary: R. Hookway, 15 Arundel St., Bayswater.

BEDFORD & MORLEY PARKS—Riley’s Hall, Beaufort Street, Inglewood; 4th Thursday in each month at 6 p.m.; President: W. Simms, 98 Sime Road, Bedford; Secretary: D. Smith, Beverley; Secretary: R. G. C. Prior, Beverley.

BOYANUP—Boyarup Lesser Hall, 2nd Thursday each month at 8 p.m.; President: C. Kelly, Secretary: A. J. Scott.

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

BULLSBROOK—Bullbrook Town Hall, 1st Saturday, monthly, 7 p.m.; President: Gus Pickett; Secretary: Bert Scalfbury.

BUNBURY—R.S.L. Sub-Branch; 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 8 p.m.; President: F. G. Brodka, 252 Scott Street, Bunbury; Secretary: Harold Birch, Box P.O., Bunbury, Phone 218.

BUSBELTON—R.S.L. Hall; 2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.; President: R. G. Thomson, Box 64, Busselton; Secretary: G. B. Hinson, Fairbairne Rd., Busselton.

CALINGRI—Mr. Plant’s Home, last Wednesday in each month; President: W. S. Campbell, Colloins, 106 Calingiri Street, Kalgoorlie; Secretary: W. J. Surgenor, Calingiri.

CANNING DISTRICTS—Agricultural Hall; 4th Sunday, 10 a.m.; President: G. C. Pointon, Carine; Secretary: R. McMinn, East Cannington.

CAPEL—Cape Hotel, last Friday each month; President E. L. Summers, Capel; Secretary: C. H. S. Bix, Cape.

CARLISLE—Carlisle Memorial Hall; 1st Thursday in each month; President: Mr. L. Gillespie, 48 Marr Street, Carlisle; Secretary: Mr. W. E. Palmer, 32 Bishopsgate Street, Carlisle.

COLLINGWOOD—Collingwood Town Hall, 8 p.m.; President: W. Shannon, Coombe Street, Collingwood; Secretary: H. May, Collie.

CORNWALL—Town Hall; 1st Saturday in each quarter; President: Major J. J. L. Baker, Box 7, Cornwall; Secretary: B. E. Henry, Box 7, Cornwall.

COTTESLOE—Cottesloe; 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.; President: S. H. Hubbard, 5 Me Neil Street, Cottesloe; Secretary: E. Gervais, 13 John Street, Cottesloe.

THE IMPERIAL EX-SERVICEMEN’S ASSOCIATION—Monthly general meeting first Monday night in each month, Perth Trades Hall; President: Mr. A. Honan, 347 Vincent Street, South Perth; Secretary: Mr. A. Honan.

TOTAELY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION—Room 53, 3rd Floor, Gledden Building, Perth; 1st Pension Day of the month at 2.30 p.m.; President: W. P. Griffin, J.P., Beckida, Secretary: Jack C. Walker, 204 Wellington St., Mt. Lawley.

LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; when called; President: M. J. Elliott, 49 Fifth Avenue, Mt. Lawley; Secretary: Roy.

11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Annual meeting; December; President: W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard’s Ave., Lesedville; Secretary: C. A. P. Godfrey, 42 St. George’s Terrace, Perth (acting Secretary).

16th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Annual meeting; February; President: W. B. D. Howard, 98 St. George’s Terrace, Perth (Committee); Secretary: Mrs. Howard, 98 St. George’s Terrace, Perth.

28th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Annual meeting; May; President: Mr. C. L. H. Alexander, 109 Fourth Avenue, Mt. Lawley; Secretary: Mr. C. L. H. Alexander.

32nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; nearest Saturday in each month; President: R. A. Geddes, c/o. Millsers Timber Trading Co., St. George’s Terrace, Perth; Secretary: W. Rutherford, 5 Elizabeth Street, North Perth.

2/4th MACHINE-GUN & BATTLE MEMBERS ASSN.—Mr. Ambrose Office, 3rd Floor, C.M.L. Buildings (committee room); 1st Tuesday in each month at 8 p.m.; President: C. E. Green, 71 Mount St., Perth; Secretary: E. Footman, 118 Main Street, Mosman Park.

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CLAREMONT—Parish Hall, Stirling Highway; 1st Thursday in each month; President: W. Hopkins, 93 Ainslie Avenue, Claremont; Phone: 3627; Secretary: J. J. Ryan, 22 Brasseys Street, Swanbourne, Phone 8212.

CRANBROOK—Cranbrook Hotel, quarterly, by notice; President: J. R. Nervish, Cranbrook; Secretary: T. R. Edge, P.O., Cranbrook.

DALWILLOW—Dalwallinu; 1st Thursday in each month at 8 p.m.; President: J. L. Hakey, Dalwallinu; Secretary: G. Mercer, Dalwallinu.

DARLING RANGE—R.S.L. Clubrooms, Canning Road, Kalamunda; 3rd Saturday in each month; President: R. S. Logie, Box 49, Kalamunda; Secretary: G. F. Scott, Kalamunda.

DENMARK—R.S.L. Sub-Branch; 2nd Saturday in each month at 8 p.m.; President: T. L. Hullah, Secretary: A. L. Steward, Strickland Street.

DONAGHA—L. I. Sloper’s Premises, Port Denison; 1st Saturday each month at 8 p.m.; President: H. Clarke, Donybrook; Secretary: S. Sawyer, Donybrook.

DORRIN—Town Hall; 1st Wednesday in each month; President: I. Madden, Secretary: P. T. Meek.

DUMBLEDGE—Dumblay Hall; 2nd Saturday each month; President: A. C. Morgan.

DURBURY—R.S.L. Sub-Branch; 2nd Saturday each month; President: W. W. Button, 19 Cuthbert Road; Secretary: R. J. F. Button.

DUXFORD—Duxford Hotel; 2nd Saturday each month; Secretary: W. J. B. Cumming, 19 Curlewis Street, Fremantle; Phone: 5095.

DULLING—Dulling Hotel; 2nd Saturday each month; President: A. A. Hills, Fremantle; Secretary: A. C. Morgan.

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