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'Come, let us reason together'

The 31st Annual State Congress will commence at Anzac House on Monday, 29th September. Congress is the Parliament of the League. It draws together delegates from every part of the State. The will of Congress is carried out by the State Executive.

Sub-branches may send to Congress one delegate for every 100 members or part thereof. The maximum representation from any one sub-branch is six delegates.

The items on the agenda number 340. The number of sub-branches in the State total 221, and the total financial membership of the League, for the purpose of Congress, is 22,546. These are what might be termed the mechanics of the Congress.

There is, however, the other side of Congress which is vitally important to the life of the League. Congress enables members scattered throughout the length and breadth of the State to meet and exchange views; and renew old comradeships. To secure the ties of friendship, foster mutual understanding, and promote goodwill. Here is an exemplification of a great unity in diversity. These erstwhile comrades-in-arms are drawn from all sections of the community. They are engaged in differing avocations and each has his views, opinions and convictions. With the influx of the younger men from Second World War, there is a disparity in their years and experience; yet, despite these differences, they are drawn together into a unity which is the very life-blood of the League. Despite these divergencies they meet on common ground varying only in the detail but unanimous on the main issues. The League was born under conditions of service, of stress and sacrifice and hardship, all of which welded ex-servicemen into a unity which neither time nor circumstances really alters. Thus was the League founded on comradeship.

Let us ensure that Congress is permitted fully to interpret the true spirit of the League, omitting any carping criticism which creates rancour or discord. The rules are simple—is it kind? is it necessary? is it true?—elementary but effective. Not what is said, but how it is said: "Men must be taught as though you taught them not, and things unknown proposed as forgot." Remember, the soft answer turneth away wrath.

And so we look forward to the coming Congress with feelings of hope and expectation, strong in the knowledge that the League is engaged on a high mission, and that its members are citizens of no mean city.
THE LATE COLONEL H. B. COLLETT,
C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.

His Last Public Address: An Exhortation to the League

Four days before he died, on August 15, 1947, the late Colonel Collett delivered a stirring address to the youngest sub-branch in the League—the Highgate sub-branch.

It seems fitting that our late leader should have exhorted the League through its youngest sub-branch, always to keep in mind the high purpose of the R.S.L., its comradeship, its provision for others, its public service.

The address which he gave is printed in full below. It is opportune that this exhortation, which is also a warning, should come at this time when Congress is about to meet.

It behoves every one of us in the League to ponder well his words and to follow the great example which he set.

I appreciate being asked to speak to you at a stage so early in your career as a sub-branch.

I appreciate, too, the action of your president in selecting the subject of my talk. He showed sound judgment because it is well that you should understand, from the beginning, why you are here, why you wear this badge, and what is expected of you.

As a matter of fact this is not a talk, nor an address, but rather a series of considered statements setting out the salient features of our purposes and indicating the landmarks by which we are directed on our course.

The whole field is too wide to cover on an occasion such as this and, therefore, have written out what I may say in order to have the whole, logical and connected.

I am not going to DETAIL to you the "objects" and "policy" of the League. These are set out in clauses 2 and 3 of the Constitution and may be adjudged well-balanced.

But in order to fully grasp the meaning of the activities of the organisation, some knowledge of its history is essential. On this point there is far too much ignorance. The other day I was a pleased listener to Mr. Benson going over some of the ground—and with good effect—but he will probably admit to you that he did not touch on one-tenth of our record of achievements—a very creditable record. To this we might devote another day. Sufficient to say for the moment, that in the "L.L." Men’s Sniper, Mark II; last month, a commentator, using Mr. Churchill, wrote: "IT IS ASTONISHING HOW MUCH HAS BEEN DONE FOR SO MANY BY SO FEW."

The more you ponder over that remark the greater will appear the truth—as applied to you and I and the nation at large.

We all have served in the Defence Forces of Australia made up of hundreds of thousands of men and women. Of that multitude, I would like to ask, what is the greatest aggregation you have seen at any one place at the one time?

At Tel-el-Kebir, early in 1916, there must have been approximately 50,000 men. Some of us were amongst them. In 1917 I saw 33,000 Australians at a Royal Review. With the backgrounds of Gallipoli and France, the sights were impressive. In them you had the elite of the nation. Volunteers to serve. Takers of hard knocks, Patriots—if you like.

Seeing and pondering, it occurred to me then—in what manner can THEY best serve after the war? I suppose that I was impressionable; I hope I am still.

I remember that some time in 1916 I discussed the issue with General Sir Brudenell White, whom I had known since we, were junior officers together. Generally speaking he agreed with my views, but his advice was to this effect:—

"It's up to you. I am a regular soldier. When you return to Australia you will revert to ordinary citizenship. You have responsibilities now.

You will have obligations then. In civil life you will find 'that there will be needed, sorely, that direction and mutual support amongst you that is being displayed by all of you as members of the A.I.F."

Nearly three years later, General Birdwood, in his final order prior to demobilisation, propounded the same principles and followed up with good oral advice on the occasions of his visits to us.

Anyhow, there was the vision that some of us had. Alexander's phalanxes and Caesar's legions were to march again! But it did not work out on those lines. Difficulties were encountered. How those difficulties were met is history. I leave the matter there and merely offer you the idea as the background of our work and continued existence.

(Continued in our next issue)
HORSES OF WAR
It is estimated that 958,600 horses and mules were killed in the Great War.
Of the British horses, 51,308 were killed by gunshot and 67,932 wounded. One hundred and seventy-eight were killed by gas and 1,868 rendered unfit from the same cause.
The most famous war house was David, of the 107th Battery, R.F.A. He served throughout the South African War, 1899-1902, and as a wheeler in a gun team went to France in August, 1914. He served for the duration. He qualified for the Queen's Medal with four clasps, King's Medal with two clasps, the 1914 Star with bar, War, Victory and Long Service Medals and had four wound stripes.
The Duchess of Portland took David to her Home of Rest for Old Horses and he died in his sleep in 1921.

Of the 169,000 horses which left Australia for war service, only one—"Sandy," the favourite charger of General Bridges, who died from wounds received at Anzac and who is buried at Dunrobin, near the Royal Military College which he founded—came back.

During the visit of Lieut.-Colonel F. W. Bell, V.C., Western Australia's first V.C., several other V.C. winners who were available at the time were invited to meet him at Anzac House.
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* That during the past year, 148 War Service Homes were under construction, and 128 building applications approved?
* That 90 widows' cases have been assisted under the special Section of the Act?
* That Australia is short of more than 20,000 houses?
* That the current demand for new houses is 40,000 annually?
* That permits are not necessary for the erection of alterations or additions to factory or business premises up to £100 in a financial year?
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* That controlled materials are timber, wire and wire products and asbestos cement products. Cement and cement products, bricks, galvanised iron, and gas pipes; also ferrous castings for building purposes including cast iron, porcelain, enamelled ware, and sanitary earthenware?
* That under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme, 157 holdings have been purchased and approved by Commonwealth and State?
* That these were private properties and comprised 448,335 acres?
* That the total purchase price is £23,106.
* That some ex-servicemen have been badly let down when purchasing stud cattle, which proved to have been infected with T.B.?
* That the rents for caravans are considered to be exorbitant?
* That the matter was raised by deputation to the Premier, who undertook to have the matter investigated?
* That the Burma Ex-Services Association has formed a War Graves Committee, with the object of forming personal contact with relatives of ex-servicemen buried in Burma?
* That this committee, in conjunction with the War Graves Commission, undertake to place flowers on graves on any specific dates.
* That they will also supply photographs?

* That correspondence should be addressed to Secretary, Ex-Services Association, Burma, Rangoon Development Trust, Rangoon?
* That farmers are entitled to the Repatriation £10 free gift for tools?
* That it does not apply to employee farmers?
* That it does apply to those farmers who have rehabilitated themselves on their farms?
* That when finality is reached between Commonwealth and State regarding rentals and prices on structural improvements, ex-servicemen interested in the War Service Land Settlement Scheme will know where they stand?
* That several of the successful applicants for farms under the scheme are actually on their farms, but only as caretakers?
* That this is admittedly better than not being on, the farms at all?
* That, unfortunately, this applies only to a small percentage of the applicants?
* That there are four nominations for State President, eight for Trustees (3 to be elected), eleven nominations for Vice-President (2 to be elected) and 63 for State Executive (18 to be elected)?
* That this is a healthy sign?
* That Trumpeter Bill Stewart, late 10th L.H., was recently on a visit from Sydney?
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Donnybrook.
The above sub-branch passed the following resolution at its meeting on August 25:

"That this sub-branch is dissatisfied with the new issue of The Listening Post, and that the State Executive be asked to write to country branches asking them what form the paper should take as The Listening Post is obviously mainly for the benefit of country members, and that this recommendation be presented to the incoming Listening Post committee."—G. E. Anderson, Hon. Sec.

A candid critic who called in at Anzac House recently opined that The Listening Post was merely a re-hash of what had already appeared in the morning Press.

Ah, me!

A metropolitan sub-branch urges the Executive to bring The Listening Post "back to its former high literary standard."

Mrs. P. Gallop, 33 Angwin Street, East Fremantle

"Today we received our copy of The Listening Post and would like to congratulate you upon the new issue. It is much more interesting than before and is altogether a great improvement. I would also like, as an Englishwoman, to thank you for the article "The Lion is Wounded." It is splendid; in fact I think it so good I am sending this copy to my sister in London, and I was wondering if you could spare two more copies. I would like to send one copy to another sister and one to an English evacuee whom we had for five years during the war, who is still very interested in Australia. "Thanking you in anticipation."

North Perth

"Congratulations of the sub-branch for fine effort in producing a much better and more interesting official organ of the League."

Mt. Lawley-Inglewood

"Received copy new Listening Post. Think it is a grand publication."

Gascoyne

"That this sub-branch wishes to express its confidence in the personnel appointed by the State Executive to control the new journal."

Bunbury

"Committee extend congratulations on first issue of new journal. It is a very fine effort indeed, and we look forward to future issues with pleasure."

Shenton Park

"Last month I was instructed to write to you complimenting you on the new issue of The Listening Post."

"Back": R.S.L. magazine, St. Perth, Australia

"Congratulations on 'Listening Post'. It's a vast improvement on the old job and is now an appealing little magazine. I've pinched one or two para. Best wishes to you and all in Perth. Howard Trotter, Man. Ed."

Kondinin Sub-Branch

"It is with great pleasure that I pen these few lines to congratulate you and your staff on the highly commendable work you are performing. This sub-branch wishes you to know that a unanimous motion has been carried here applauding the high standard you have set in the production of the new Listening Post and sincerely hoping that the present standard will be maintained in the future."

C. F. Dean, Narrogin

"The new Listening Post is okay by me, and it is pleasing to read that it now belongs to the League. All the best to the new publication."

"Green Envelope"

"The editorial department of the new Listening Post must be credited with an improvement in the journal from the literary point of view, but from the fading view of most old Diggers' eyesight we would suggest the Management Committee urge for a little more printers' ink on the subject to improve that view also."

Maylands

"Complimentary remarks were passed at the last meeting on the first issue of the new Listening Post. I was instructed to write congratulating you on a fine effort."

Fremantle D.C. 17

"Delegates express opinion that the new issue of The Listening Post was highly satisfactory."

Geoff Hawksley, Public Relations Officer, Melbourne

"Hasten to congratulate you on the new Listening Post. Very much improved indeed. Keep it up."

Shenton Park

"Members last meeting express satisfaction new Listening Post."

Harvey

"At the last meeting of the sub-branch a motion of congratulation was carried on the new Listening Post. Hope you will be able to carry on the high standard you have set."

Thanks for your encouragement. —Editor.
STATE CONGRESS

Procedure of Opening Night
Tuesday, September 30, 1947

1. 7.30 p.m.: President's welcome to delegates.
2. Credentials and roll call.
3. Provisional Agenda Committee Reports, Nos. 1, 2, and Final Report.
4. Appointment of Agenda Committee.
5. 8 p.m.: Arrival of His Excellency, Sir James Mitchell.
6. 8.5 p.m.: President's address.
7. Congress declared open by His Excellency.
8. Short speeches by the Premier and heads of the Services.
9. Presentation of trophies by His Excellency.
10. Vote of thanks.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Press Sub-Branch, held at the Y.M.C.A. on 3rd September, 1947, Professor Mauldin was the guest speaker. His address on "The British Financial Crisis" was reported in "The West Australian" of 4th September.

In the photograph (left to right): Mr. L. Sale, Treasurer Press Sub-Branch; Prof. Mauldin; J. E. Watson, Treasurer War Memorial Appeal; J. A. K. Tonkin, President Press Sub-Branch.

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INTEREST RATE ON LOANS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I refer to the paragraph under the above heading in "Pin- Out," August issue, and would like to make the following comments:

It is an accepted practice among commercial institutions to allow employees the use of the firm's facilities at cost or thereabouts, and in granting its staff loans at 2½% interest, the Commonwealth Bank is only following that practice. To suggest that the general public should be granted this privilege is as absurd as suggesting that the public should be able to enter any city store and purchase goods at the "house price." Staff loans are such a small proportion of the bank's advances that the administrative expenses are negligible, consequently the bank can afford to quote 2½% without actually incurring a loss.

Since the passing of the Commonwealth Bank Act, 1945, the Commonwealth Bank has been in active competition with the associated banks, and under these conditions the general rate on advances is 4½%, and it can be assumed that this is the lowest rate that will yield a reasonable margin of profit. Therefore the Commonwealth Bank is granting a decided concession in arranging housing loans at 3½%. This involved the setting up of a special department and it is likely that the margin of profit on these loans is very small—at least no move by any associated bank has been made to provide similar facilities.

As far as ex-servicemen are concerned, the War Service Commission is designed to meet their requirements, and any agitation for lower interest rates should be directed in that direction. But I doubt if the rate the Commission quotes does more than meet administrative expenses.

"BANK OFFICER."

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Shortages of raw materials have resulted in the rate of completion of new houses falling behind the speed shown in starting them. This is now being corrected by a nation-wide instruction to local authorities to suspend licences on the less essential types. At the same time first attention is being given to the quick construction of houses in rural and mining areas. This move is to ensure that accommodation shall be available for the increased manpower which is required for these vital industries.

In one operation the Government is providing the component parts of 20,000 prefabricated houses of a special concrete type, known as the "Airey" house, all of which are to be supplied to rural areas.

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"About a dozen titles" (says Dr. Bean, Official History, vol. 1, p. 36) were put forward by various officers.

"Too long!" said the General, bluntly, to some of these proposals. He would not on any consideration have the title 'expeditionary.' "It's not an expedition," he said. "I want a name that will sound well when they call us by our initials. That's how they'll speak of us. We don't want to be called the "B.L.U.F.""

"Australian Imperial Force" was his own suggestion, and, like most strong men, he adopted his own proposal in the end. Though the day when every military institution was called by its initials—as happened during the war—had not yet arrived, he was perfectly right in his forecast. It was by the letters 'A.I.F.' that the Australian Imperial Force became known throughout the Empire.

The term "A.I.F." is not altogether a general one. A man will say he served with the Light Horse, Artillery or A.M.C., while the infantryman will always say he served in the A.I.F. Consequently, many of the new generation erroneously regard the letters as signifying "Australian Infantry Force."

Perhaps the splitting up of this was best exemplified by Parliament, when it voted the country's thanks to the A.I.F. and the A.M.C. In the order authorising the formation of the force it was styled "A.I.E.," or "Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force," being gradually displaced by the letters A.I.F.; but never at any time was a badge or initials issued or authorised for wear showing "A.I.F."
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From left to right, so far as we can ascertain, the figures are: (?) Ross Keesing, (?) Bob Cook, Carl Ferguson, Rabbi Freedman, (?) Dr. Joe Kenny, (?) Tom Riley (now Bishop of Bendigo, (?) Dean Moore, the late Cliff Gillett (organiser) and E. S. Watt.

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**HOW LONG, OH LORD, HOW LONG?**

The Minister for Lands has made the welcome announcement that the second quota of dairy farms for qualified ex-servicemen will be thrown open under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme. It is understood that the second quota will comprise 17 South-West dairy farms. This would be good news if, following a similar announcement made many months ago, that 50 farms were being thrown open, it meant that 17 ex-servicemen were going to realise their ambition to acquire farms under the scheme. It is depressing to know that, despite the 50 farms, 25 of which were wheat and sheep farms, and 25 dairy farms, that the ex-servicemen who were the successful applicants for those properties are still not on those farms as owners.

**CARETAKERS**

The Minister has stated that most of the men on the first quota of farms were on the properties. They are on these properties as caretakers only, which is better, of course, than not being on them at all; but it seems that they should be on those farms as the owners, and not merely as caretakers.

Apparently the Federal authorities have not yet come to a decision on the valuation of the 25 wheat or sheep farms included in the first quota.

This Commonwealth bottleneck is very difficult to understand, as it seems to the onlooker that there should not be any great inherent difficulty in reaching finality about the valuations of the farms and the rentals and repayments in respect of purchasers of stock, plant and machinery.

**CANBERRA BOTTLENECK**

The R.S.L. is very satisfied with the handling of the War Service Land Settlement Scheme from the State angle. It is considered that the State officers handling the scheme, from the Minister downward, have handled the broader details of the scheme with efficiency and despatch, and if any blame attaches for the prolonged delay in the scheme being brought to fruition, it must lie with the experts in Canberra.

**FARMS ON THE HORIZON**

It is interesting to know that cost estimates and farming programmes for a third quota of 24 wheat and sheep properties had been forwarded by the State to the Commonwealth authorities. The position may, therefore, be summarised as follows: 70 wheat and/or sheep farms are in the following states of progress towards settlement. The first 25 which were forwarded to Canberra last June have not yet had their valuations approved by the Commonwealth. The second quota of 21 wheat and/or sheep farms have been approved by the Commonwealth as to the developmental plans and the cost estimates, but, like the first 25, the valuations are hung up in Canberra. The third quota of 24 wheat and/or sheep farms have had their cost assessments forwarded by the State to the Commonwealth, but they have not yet been approved. That accounts for 70 wheat and/or sheep farms. There are, likewise, 66 dairy farms involved. It will be remembered that of the first quota of 50 farms made available last June, 23 of them were dairy farms. The rentals of those farms to be charged have been notified to lessees and some of them are actually on the farms, but only, as already mentioned, as caretakers.

**DAIRY FARMS**

The Minister for Lands announced a few days ago that a further 17 dairy farms were now being thrown open for selection in the South-West. How long it will be before these farms reach the state of completion, even of the 25 in the first quota, remains to be seen. The Minister assures us that, in addition, there are 24 additional selections, the plans of which are nearing completion. So far as the dairy farms are concerned there are, therefore, 66 of them in various states of progress towards completion.

It will be seen, therefore, as already mentioned, that so far as the State authorities are concerned, the matter is being pushed reasonably well, but the delay occurs in Canberra. It is understandable, of course, that the Commonwealth Government who finds the money, and for which the State is only acting as agents, under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme cannot take the risk of jeopardising the outlay on those holdings until it is perfectly satisfied that there is a reasonable chance of success. Any delay that occurs on the part of the State acting as agent for the Commonwealth, it seems, is inevitable and unavoidable.

**WHAT CAUSES THE DELAY**

There are numerous administrative intricacies which involve the expenditure of time and effort. Amongst these may be mentioned the large area of country to be covered when searching for suitable properties. Then there are the inspections, the valuations, soil classification, assessment of productive capacity of the properties, and then the detail involving bringing the properties once inspected, selected and acquired within the scope of the relative Acts.

The Commonwealth Government to date has approved of the purchase of 169 holdings, comprising 484,463 acres, at a total of over £1,000,000. Of these 169 holdings so acquired, 106 are in the process of being allotted as indicated earlier. Distributed as to 70 of them for wheat and/or sheep farms, and the balance 66 for dairy farms, leaving 33 farms available for allotment. The process of acquisition of suitable properties has been a slow one, and the supply has been very disappointing.

**WHAT ARE THE CHANCES?**

With the comparatively narrow field of selection for suitable properties, and the slow rate of purchase, it seems that, when the remaining 33 properties have been finally allotted from the existing pool of properties acquired, the rate of allotment of farms must surely be considerably delayed unless, of course, more suitable land is immediately made available for selection and purchase. The Minister for Lands (Mr. Thorn) has stated in the Press that the Commonwealth has given approval for the purchase of 169 holdings; 146 are in various stages of allotment, leaving 33 still to be allotted as already mentioned. After these 33 have been allotted, and we only need refer to the figures which have been quoted from time to time, as to the number of applicants for farms who originally
applied and we get a rather depressing picture of what it seems, will happen.

AN ANALYSIS

There were 2,606 ex-members of the Forces who applied for land under the scheme, of which 242 were classified as eligible and suitable. Of that number, the figures already quoted show that only 169 are within measurable distance of acquiring a farm, as that is the number of holdings to which the Commonwealth Government has given approval for purchase. That means that 73 applicants who have been classified as eligible and suitable will still await allotment. Add to that number an additional 409 who require varying periods of practical training ranging from six months to two years. Another 231 have yet to be classified. It will be seen, therefore, that the rate of absorption, already proved to have been exceedingly slow, will, it appears, be still further retarded unless there is a greater intake of properties to meet the requirements of applicants for farms. This all seems to underline the necessity for a further examination and pushing forward of the State scheme under the Rural Loan scheme. This would relieve the pressure on the greater Commonwealth scheme without in any way replacing the major scheme.

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R.S.L. DEBATING COMPETITION
WEST PERTH TEAM

The West Perth sub-branch team, comprising Messrs. J. Canny, G. T. Wilkinson and N. Stehn, debated with the Subiaco team, the subject "That the school-leaving age should be raised to 16 years."

Subiaco team, who were on the affirmative side, won the debate. West Perth, although they had the difficult end of the subject to debate, nevertheless put up an excellent effort.

The chairman was Mr. S. A. MacNamara, and the adjudicator Mr. I. R. Hanger. Mr. Hanger can be seen in the photograph assessing the results.

MISSING FRIEND

The following letter was received by the Editor from Andrea F. Hunter, c/o. Truby King-Harris Hospital, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin, New Zealand:

"I believe the Commercial Bank's Perth office has requested you to advertise in your journal for Cfn. D. W. Carlson further to my inquiry for this person.

"A friend of Mr. Carlson's, now believed to be farming in Western Australia, and was in the Army with him for some time, is Mr. Jack Burton. I regret that I am unable to give you more information as to what part of Australia he is farming in, but it is quite possible he is known to the Returned Servicemen's League.

"His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, are in South Australia, where Mr. Carlson was also known, but once again their address is unknown to me.

"Enclosed please find a copy of Cfn. Carlson's photograph which I would like you to insert in an edition of your journal."

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1. In 1920 women and civilians were made eligible. No award has yet been made.  
2. Capt. W. R. Annear, 11th Bn., who was first shot in the head while lying on the plateau above Ari Burnu Knoll.  
3. Western Australia: enlistments, 32,231 or 9.9 of the total population. The lowest, was Tasmania and Victoria, which both showed 7.9 percentage of the total population.  
4. Yes. In May, 1937, the colours were changed to rose pink and pearl grey.  
5. The first shot in the Great War was fired on the morning of August 4, 1914, by A2 Bty. of the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery, from Fort Nepean, Port Phillip Heads, commanded by Capt. Williams. The first shot by the British Army was fired by "C" Sqn. of the 4th (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards, commanded by Capt. C. B. Hornby, who, incidentally, drew the first blood by running a Uilhan German officer through the neck with his sword.  
6. Yes and No. The "Rising Sun" symbolises the young nation of the Southern Ocean. It is considered to be a development from the sheaf of swords and bayonets chosen by General Hutton in 1902 as the emblem for the first Australian Commonwealth Light Horse.  
7. Members of the A.I.F. at both referendums voted in favour of conscription. The voting was: 1916, 72,399 for, 58,894 against; 1917, 103,789 for, 95,910 against.  
8. Lieut. N. M. Loutit (later Lieut. Colonel, D.S.O., commanding 45th Bn.) and two men of the 10th Bn., one of whom was Pte. Foreham (later Lieut.). About 8 p.m. on April 27 they reached Scrubby Knoll three miles from Kilda Harbour. Earlier than that, Pte. A. S. Blackburn (later Capt. and V.C.), Pozières, and L/Cpl. P. Robin, both 10th Bn. scouts, crossed Gun Ridge north of the Loutit party and saw the Narrows over a mile and a half from Anzac Beach. These men are credited with having penetrated further inland towards the objective than any other Allied soldiers on Gallipoli. (Brig. Blackburn, V.C., is President of the S.A. Branch of the R.S.L.)  
9. The first gas attack was at Yp. es against the 13th Royal Canadian Highlanders on the left of the British line on April 22, 1915. Ernest Lissauer, Jewish writer, an exile from Germany, aged 55, who died in Vienna in December, 1937. "The Hymn of Hate" was always matter of deep regret by his author, and it gave rise to the popular term behind the Allied lines "to strafe." The Germans took reprisals on British officer prisoners of war in retaliation for a Punch cartoon of "A German family having its morning hate."  
11. No; and neither can we. In the First World War 12 soldiers won the same decoration on four separate occasions—the original medal, and subsequently three additional bars. They were: Seven officers won the D.S.O., and 3 bars; four officers won the M.C., and 3 bars; one other rank won the M.M., and 3 bars. The last-named was an Australian stretcher-bearer. No soldier has ever won three bars to the D.C.M., but nine other ranks won two bars to the D.C.M.  
12. What is the R.S.L. doing? One Answer at Least  

On Sunday, September 7, the Subiaco women's auxiliary held their annual Lemnos day. This provided for the entertainment of the patients at Lemnos hospital, which included an afternoon at the Shenton Park pictures kindly made available by Messrs. Marshall and Williams. High tea was attended by over 100 guests and patients. The guests included the Mayor of Subiaco (Mr. Bathgate), Mrs. Cardell Oliver, Mrs. Stockman (State secretary, Women's Auxiliary), Mr. Lonnie (president, Subiaco sub-branch), Colonel Olden and Mr. Chappell, representing the State Executive.  

The president of the auxiliary, Mrs. Burgess, presided and after tea a dance was held. Altogether the function was a complete success and amply demonstrated that the League does function and that the work goes on without any great publicity. Further, this is only one of many similar functions which takes place wherever there is an auxiliary or a sub-branch.

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Friends of Major John Stillwell will regret to learn of his death, on July 3, 1947, at Geelong (Victoria), after a prolonged illness.

Major Stillwell had a long military career with the 44th, enlisting as a private in the militia battalion in 1927. He obtained his commission about three years later and served continuously with only a short break up to the time the A.I.F. unit was disbanded on the Atherton tableland in North Queensland in 1944, when he was transferred to 1st Australian Army in New Guinea. Major Stillwell was a keen officer and made machine gunnery his hobby.

He was for a time A.D.C. to the Lieut.-Governor (Sir James Mitchell). Aged 39, he was the son of Canon F. Stillwell who was for many years rector of St. Mary's (Church of England), West Perth.

In private life he was a member of the staff of Messrs. Elder, Smith & Co., which he joined in 1925. After his discharge from the Army he rejoined the company in Perth and was subsequently transferred to the Geelong office in Victoria. He is survived by a widow and two young children.

To his parents and wife will go the deepest sympathy of all members of the 44th who served with him. John, as he was commonly known by his friends, will always be remembered for his cheery disposition and kindly nature.
THE LISTENING POST

September, 1947

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Settlement Committee at Headquarters. After some discussion on the matter, the motion moved and carried. Some injustices re the $1,000 loan were brought up, and one case was instanced where a man had given 10% of his loan and yet within six months a claim had been made for a premium of three months' interest. The members of this sub-branch consider that this is a most serious matter, especially in a dairying area, where returns are on a small scale, and unless some injustice of this kind can be avoided, many friends will be pleased to learn that his health is now improving. Also an old member's illness. We wish to leave the district. We wish this foundation member all the best for the future.

FREMANTLE CITY

Our recent meetings have been bright and go ahead, with members of the Executive of the sub-branch present at the recent meeting welcomed the motion that had been taken by the State Executive, on the subject of the Re-starth of the Employees’ A.P.A. (R.E.) 27 of the Re-establishment and Employment Act that are so inimical to the interests of ex-servicemen and women. The motion carried requesting the State Executive to take immediate action in obtaining the highest legal advice on the Federal office of the League for the amendment of these anomalous sub-sections. Owing to the time limit set by the State Executive, consultation had been limited to the subject of “Has the League been successful in carrying out objects for which it was formed?” The report drawn up by the sub-committee was given to the affirmative side by a narrow margin. With a very small margin, in which the sub-branch had been represented by two members, no further discussion was entered upon.

COTTEBEE

The annual general meeting of the sub-branch was held on Tuesday, September 2, and the election of office-bearers resulted as follows:- President, Mr. A. White, ex-service veteran; Vice- Presidents, Messrs. A. McIntyre and H. N. Guthrie, secretaries respectively; Mr. R. G. Fowke, treasurer. A. A. Resolutions were carried requesting the subject of “Has the League been successful in carrying out objects for which it was formed?” The report to this effect was given to the affirmative side by a narrow margin. With a very small margin, in which the sub-branch had been represented by two members, no further discussion was entered upon.

DENMARK

A well-attended meeting was held on July 23 at the local Institute. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. H. Tho (president) the e.v.p., Mr. R. L. Lea, took over the chair. Some interesting points concerning the land settlement scheme were dealt with, and Mr. N. E. Elliot pointed out that whilst much was to be said for a State land settlement scheme, the F.L.S. holds the generous provisions of the Commonwealth Land Settlement Scheme should not be overlooked. He urged that the sub-branch move that this aspect be brought before congress and to the notice of the Land
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KATANNING

The monthly meeting was held in the League rooms, Carew Street, on Tuesday, 15th. The president, Mr. W. N. Mathews, presided, and had the satisfaction of recording a membership of 50 members. The minutes were read and approved. The president stated that membership of the sub-branch had tripled in the past year, and was continuing to grow. The next meeting will be held on October 10th.

KOOGANUP

It was decided to hold the annual reunion on Saturday, November 8th. Two new members were elected, and the meeting concluded on a happy note.

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MADURAH

The local branch of the W.I. entertained the members of the R.S.L. to a birthday social at the Capitol Theatre on Thursday night. The R.S.L. were entertained and thoroughly appreciated a programme that was made available, whether financial (or non-financial). Dancing, singing, and dancing were splendidly, on the go, finishing up midnight by singing the chorus to "Radio, Radio"

MAYLANDS

Meetings of the sub-branch are held on alternate Thursdays, and are usually attended. The proceedings are up to standard and allowed a lively interest in the guilds for the forthcoming congress. Particulars relating to the special programme being brought forward by Maylands. Reports were given by Mrs. Frank Witten and Johanna Mine, both in Holloway. This is a real pleasure to the members. The R.A.M.S. is still going well. Maylands being now well up the hill, and on Thursday, July 31, it was a real pleasure to the committee to see the South Perth and, incidentally, to see the sub-branch in its current form in the Marylands Town Hall. It is felt that these games are doing fine work to keep members together on the social side and are well looked after. The Subs and S.D.S. meet every Tuesday (for girls) and Wednesday (for boys). At the present time we have a great following from 6 to 18 years and their activities cover table tennis, squash, hockey, basketball. These all being under the very capable supervision of Mr. R. Dover.

MELVILLE

Melville held an "Arboured Day" on their property at Applecross to prepare the grounds for the forthcoming meetings of the Sub-branch going well. The weather was warm, and an excellent crowd turned up, and some 70 trees and shrubs were planted. Our old friends, Tom and Ken Dinkley, planted the first tree, followed by the visiting ladies and members. The State Executive was represented by Mr. J. C. Gillen, and Mr. W. G. G. Higginson, who was in the位 of the sub-branch. Melville moved that the Secretary, Mr. G. Yates, M.A., the arranging of trees and shrubs was in the capable hands of Mr. John C. Gillen, the Controller, to whom we extend sincere thanks. The sub-branch is indebted to the ladies who provided an excellent afternoon tea.

MEREDITH

The annual meeting of the sub-branch was held in the Town Hall on September 2, when Mr. Reg. Wilkes président over a fair attendance. The sub-branch had held last year officially-Jock Forord having resigned the secretariat owing to pending examinations also our Hon. Secretary (Mr. P. B. Dent) had tendered his resignation owing to transfer to Fremantle shortly. The sub-branch made a presentation to Mr. M. York (Mayor, M.C.G. and Bar) was elected for the balance of Mr. Wilkes' term as president. Bill was president last year and put up an excellent. Our present secretary (Frank Pearce, of the Social Services Department), who was only appointed last month, and has already shown to be an acquisition to the sub-branch, is also likely to be one of the transfers in the near future. Our next meeting will be held on October 7, when a good muster is expected, and the arrangements are well in hand.

MOSMAN PARK

Everything is going well for the R.U.L. Shield competition, and we are winning. Recording. So far we have only lost one set of games. In July, a couple of our boys had lost their official dates-Jack Ford having resigned the secretariat owing to pending examinations also our Hon. Secretary (Mr. P. B. Dent) had tendered his resignation owing to transfer to Fremantle shortly. The sub-branch made a presentation to Mr. M. York (Mayor, M.C.G. and Bar) was elected for the balance of Mr. Wilkes' term as president. Bill was president last year and put up an excellent. Our present secretary (Frank Pearce, of the Social Services Department), who was only appointed last month, and has already shown to be an acquisition to the sub-branch, is also likely to be one of the transfers in the near future. Our next meeting will be held on October 7, when a good muster is expected, and the arrangements are well in hand.

M.T. HAWTHORN-ROVELL-LAUGHLIN

The sub-branch is still busy planning ahead for the entertaining of the Memorial Hall and are still carrying on arrangements at Memorial nights. The committee are also working to make the annual picnic for the sub-branch held those held before the war. The

next ladies' night will be held on September 12 and we hope to have a special dance and trips for the ladies to make our social nights a success. We have the pleasure of having North beach sub-branch busily engaged over the past few months. We are looking forward to the enlivening of the programme and are sure that our neighbours are enjoying the night's games, and Geo. Hill, as usual, will be the first to arrive.

M. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

After welcoming the visitors, the President speedily dealt with the business of the evening and then proceeded to the election of members. The President, Mr. J. M. W. Anderson, Mr. Anderson thanked the committee and the sub-branch for their efforts and goodwill shown towards making the evening enjoyable. The committee presented and thanked the evening's guests, and Geo. Hill, as usual, was the first to arrive. The President then went on the floor to see that everything worked smoothly.

OSBORNE PARK

At the last meeting members stood in silence for a moment in remembrance of the late Mr. C. A. M. Wilkes, who died in North Beach, on September 1, 1947. A very good afternoon was spent by both the committee and the members. A vote of thanks was tendered to the President, C. A. M. Wilson, on the sick list. Mr. Willson is still on the sick list, and our oldest member, Mr. M. White, is still on the sick list. It was a very pleasant man meeting, having received a pipe from the Prime Minister (Mr. Chifley) through Western Command. Donuts are still held at the Union, but it has been decided that starting from September 30 they will be held on a Tuesday evening instead of Monday. There will be no dance until then, but the formal reception on September 30 is still held at the Union. There was still held at the Union. There were still held at the Union. There was still held at the Union.

ROCKINGHAM-SAFETY BAY

"Awkward Squad" Must compliment you on an excellent report you sent in. Spark does not permit us to print the whole report in full, and it would like to see more members roll along.

R.S.I. CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the association was held in the board room at the Railway House, on August 30, and 22 delegates, representing 14 districts, were present. The election of the sub-branch was Osborne Park. The elections resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. Dick (Bedford-Morley Park); Vice-President, Mr. A. Catt (Perth); and Mr. G. D. Dodds (Nedlands); Treasurer, Mr. A. Cook (Perth); Vice-Treasurer, Mr. A. C. Doolan (Perth); Secretary, Mr. A. Dick (Bedford-Morley Park). The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion on the programme for the coming season. One of the main points was that this night free for your sub-branch meeting tour, and rules for the forthcoming season were discussed. The meeting adjourned for the summer.

SHENTON PARK

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, September 1. Our president, Mr. Alan Boyd, was absent, who was disappointing. Our next meeting will be held at the Progress Hall, Onslow Road, on Wednesday, October 5.

SAGACIO

The highlight of recent proceedings was the presentation to Ben Williamson of a chromium hand cup and medal by the sub-branch from active participation in sub-branch affairs over many years of valuable service. It also gave the sub-branch a chance to express its appreciation of those services. A talk on "Hockey History" by Mr. Eric Donough was very well received, and the barrage of questions at the conclusion of his speech showed the interest taken in the subject. In the field of sport, Endo, was promptly elevated to captain of the sub-branch with the desire carried on with his excellent impersonation of a sportsmaster.

VICTORIA PARK

The election of officials at the annual meeting resulted as follows: President, G. Yates, M.A.L.; vice-president, R. Molan and S. G. North; Secretary, L. J. C. Wratten, and M. H. P. North; Treasurer, G. C. Powell; auditor, W. Tolme. The president, G. Yates, M.A.L.; vice-president, R. Molan and S. G. North; Secretary, L. J. C. Wratten, and M. H. P. North; Treasurer, G. C. Powell; auditor, W. Tolme. The president, G. Yates, M.A.L.; vice-president, R. Molan and S. G. North; Secretary, L. J. C. Wratten, and M. H. P. North; Treasurer, G. C. Powell; auditor, W. Tolme.
An excellent attendance marked the occasion of the August meeting. Four members of the Yarloop sub-branch were present and so inaugurated a new scheme for interchanging visits between neighbouring sub-branches. It is felt that much is to be gained by a close association of members from the various suburbs in country districts. Main business of the meeting was centre around the sub-branch's three suggested items for congress agenda. Following the meeting, members entertained the women's auxiliary at a social evening, the star event of which was sub-branch secretary Ern Rickett's excellently told story of his wartime service with the 2/4 M.G. Much hard work is being done lately by the entertainment committee to make the annual Victory Ball a lowly but a ball of a sub-branch "loveliness" will be a feature attraction.

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PARTIALLY BLIND SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (W.A. Branch)—Room 53, 5th Floor, Glendower Building, Perth; 1st Thursday each month with dinner and after-dinner address. Phone Anthony 8993. President: W. W. Miller, 316 Boundary Street, Nedlands. Secretary: J. M. P. Miller, 316 Boundary Street, Nedlands.

R.A.E. ASSOCIATION (W.A. DIVISION)—Meetings notified by correspondence: annual fee, 5/-; President: V. L. Steffano, 32 Woodspoon Street, Mt. Lawley. Secretary: A. H. Wright, 7 Burirel Street, Mt. Hawthorn.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION—Mornington, 147 Mollison Street, Nedlands; 1st Monday in month at 2 p.m.; President: W. F. Easton, M.M., c/o Month House, Perth. Secretary: G. Campbell, 519 Hay Street, Perth.

THE IMPERIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION—Room 1, T. Smith, 73 Dyer Street, West Perth; President: I. C. Fleming, 2 Manns Avenue, North Perth. Secretary: H. W. Bone, Anzac House, Perth.


TOTTALy AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION—Room 53, 5th Floor, Glendower Building, Perth; 1st Pension Day of the month at 2 p.m.; President: H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth Street, North Perth (R 634). Secretary: Chas. C. Walker, 12 Walcott Street, Mt. Lawley.

8th BATTERY ASSOCIATION—Annual reunion, Friday, October 10 (Show Week); President: H. H. Alexander, R.A. Battery, Perth; Secretary: Jack Kenny, 138 6th Avenue, Inglewood.

10th LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT—Anzac House, Perth; when called; President: R. A. Hall, c/o Commercial Travellers’ Club, St. George’s Terrace, Perth. Secretary: Roy Perry, 22 Cooper Street, Nedlands.

11th and 211th A.I.F. BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION—President: C. W. Mitchell, 5 Vista Street, South Perth; Hon. Secretary: E. Macleod, Burinm, Victoria Avenue, Perth; annual reunion smoked. Tuesday of Show Week; last Sunday in December; financial year ends September 30; sub.: 2/6 p.a. Dates in the interests of the Association.

12th & 52nd BATTALIONS’ ASSOCIATION OF W.A. —Meets at Railway Institute, Wellington Street, Perth, when called; President: J. B. Bennet; Secretary: A. Cook, 166 Railway Terrace, Mundaring.

16th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—66 Barrack Street, Perth (Committee) Quarterly each Monday in month; President: M. L. Bright, 66 Barrack Street, Perth; Secretary: W. Newick, 28 Hurt Street, Mt. Lawley.

28th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Committee as arranged; 2nd Monday; President: R. E. Walker, 100 Mounts Bay Road, Perth; Secretary: M. J. F. Storer, 132 Cook Space, Como.

32nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION—3rd Floor, Glendower Building, Perth; 2nd Monday, near Bar; President: R. A. C. Coglin, 6 Mills Timber & Trading Co., St. George’s Terrace, Perth. Secretary: R. Raphael, 41 George Street, North Perth.

41st BATTALION ASSOCIATON—As advertised; Annual Reunion, Monday of Show Week; President: J. S. Elwell, 12 Joseph Street, Whiteman Vale. Secretary: T. C. Coghill, 85 Boundary Street, East Perth; Treasurer: T. G. Morley, 82 First Ave., Mt. Lawley. Phone U 9255.

2/4th MACHINE-GUN BATTALION EX-MEMBERS’ ASSOCIATION—Mr. Elwell’s office, 3rd Floor, Glendower Building, Perth; Building Committee meets 1st Monday in each month at 7.30 p.m.; President: C. E. Green, 71 Mount Street, Perth; Secretary: D. D. Pearson, c/o W.A. Trustee Co., 135 Gresham Street, West Perth.

2/16th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—President: P. Sublet, 2nd Floor, Mason Chambers, Barrack Street, Perth; Secretary: W. H. Smith, 42 Brandon Street, South Perth; Notification of meetings by circular or association notes in "The Listening Post.”

4/25th BATTALION ASSOCIATION (W.A. Branch)—Annual reunion, Wednesday, October 10; President: R. W. Beazley, 58 Kaip Street, Maddington; Secretary: W. J. McMeeken, 32 Station Road, South Perth; Notification of meetings by circular or association notes in "The Listening Post.”
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