CHRISTMAS VISIT OF SUBIACO SUB-BRANCH TO HOLLYWOOD HOSPITAL

Standing (left to right): G. Potter (President Subiaco Sub-Branch); Sister S. White (served in England, Middle East and New Guinea); E. Congdon (Past President Subiaco Sub-Branch).

"I cannot doubt we have the strength
To carry a good cause forward
And to break down the barriers which stand
Between the wage-earning masses of every land;
And that free and more abundant daily life
Which science is ready to afford."
The two top pictures were taken at the Christmas meeting of the Friendly Union of Soldiers' Wives, an organisation formed during the 1914-18 Great War and which has grown with the years in numbers and usefulness under the capable leadership of Mrs. Phyllis Dean, O.B.E.

The State President looks a little ill-at-ease in the midst of so much beauty.

In the bottom picture Mr. Hunt looks perfectly at ease. It was taken at the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch Christmas reunion. From left to right: Charlie Mitchell (new President, Perth sub-branch), Fred Stahl (State Executive), Ernie Cooley (President-elect, Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch), Barney Kealey (President), Ron Morton (Vice-President) and W. J. Hunt (State President).
Communism and League Members

Can a good Communist also be a good member of the League? The answer is, of course "No." The question of the relationship of Communists to the League has received some publicity through the Press lately, and it is not confined to the W.A. Branch. In fact, the Victorian Branch of the League has actively excluded avowed Communists from membership.

The League has had several requests from sub-branches for guidance as to the position which arises when Communists seek to be enrolled and also what to do about the known Communists who are already members.

To be a member of the League, there is a moral obligation to abide by the rules. The rules are specific. One of its objects is "to induce members as citizens to serve Australia with that spirit of self-sacrifice and loyalty with which as sailors, soldiers and airmen they served Australia and the Empire, and to maintain an association non-sectarian and non-partisan in relation to party politics."

The rules also lay down "That the policy of the League is the integrity of our Empire. The duty of each member of the League therefore is clearly defined. Can Communists, as we know them, conscientiously subscribe to the policies defined by the League?"

The attitude of the State Executive is logical and just. So far as admitting Communists to the League is concerned, the remedy is in the hands of members of the sub-branch. So far as members who are Communists and who are already in the League, no one can be a member of the R.S.L. and a Communist at the same time. The reasons are sufficiently obvious.

Any doctrine which is subversive to the best interests of the Empire and the highest ideals of ex-servicemen cannot be tolerated within the League. The rules do not specifically ban Communists, but common sense and reason do. Those who are not for us are against us. So far as admitting Communists as new members to sub-branches, the remedy lies with the members themselves.

The rules provide that any person who desires to join the League and is eligible shall be proposed by one member, seconded by another, and his nomination submitted to a meeting of the sub-branch. The application requires a two-thirds majority of the members present to vote for his admission. If he is refused admission by this means, the applicant can appeal to the State Executive. The State Executive has the right to veto.

There is nothing really intricate or complicated about this matter of how to deal with Communists if each member of the League is imbued with the full significance of the League's motto, "The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance."
THOSE "GONGS"

Illustrated above is a complete set of the campaign stars issued for service in the 1939-45 War. They have been placed in order of priority from left to right and should be worn in that order. It is not possible that any one ex-service man will have the requisite service entitling him to the full set. As far as Army personnel are concerned, the awards will allow men with the required service to wear five of the eight campaign stars — the 1939-45 Star, the Africa Star, the Pacific or Burma Star (not both), the Italy Star, the France and Germany or Atlantic or air crew Europe star. In addition, the Defence Medal may be worn by qualified recipients.

How to Identify the Ribbons

In order to assist readers to identify the various campaign star ribbons, we give a description of the various ribbons and what the designs symbolise.

1939-45 STAR

The ribbon is dark blue, red, and light blue in three equal vertical stripes. The dark blue is intended to mark the service of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy, the red, stripe of the Army, and the light blue of the Royal Air Force.

It must be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

ATLANTIC STAR

The colour is blue, white and sea green, shaded and watered, and the colours symbolise service over the Atlantic Ocean.

When worn the blue side must be furthest from the left shoulder.

AIR CREW EUROPE STAR

The predominating central colour is light blue, depicting the Royal Air Force, yellow stripe depicting the sun, and black stripes on each edge depicting the dark. The motif symbolises continuous service in the Air Force by night and day.

The design is reversible.

AFRICA STAR

The ribbon is pale buff in colour with a central vertical red stripe and narrower stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. The buff background is intended as a symbol of the desert, the central red stripe stands for the Army, the dark blue stripe for the Naval Forces and the Merchant Navy, and the light blue stripe for the Air Force.

It must be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

Eighth Army Clasp

To qualify for the Eighth Army clasp on the Africa Star ribbon, personnel are required to have the requisite qualifying service between October 23, 1942, and May 12, 1943. The award of a clasp is denoted by an emblem in the form of an Arabic "8".

First Army Clasp

To qualify for the First Army clasp on the Africa Star ribbon, personnel are required to have served in specified units in Tripoli or in units forming in Tripoli or in units forming in Libya between November 1, 1942, and May 12, 1943. The emblem is in the form of an Arabic "1."

18 Army Group H.Q. Clasp

To qualify for this clasp to the Africa Star ribbon, personnel must have served on the staff of Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander at 18 Army Group H.Q. during the period February 15, 1943, to May 12, 1943. The emblem is in the form of a silver rose.

These emblems are to be worn on the ribbon when the star itself is not worn. Only one clasp will be granted to any individual. In the event of double or treble qualifications, the clasp will be granted for the Army or Headquarters in which the individual first qualified, and the appropriate emblem is to be worn.

PACIFIC STAR

The ribbon is dark green with red edges and with a central yellow stripe. There are also two other narrow stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. The green and yellow stand for the forests and beaches of the Pacific, the red edges for the Army, the dark blue stripes for the Naval Forces and the Merchant Navies and the light blue stripes for the Air Forces.

The ribbon must be worn with the dark-blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

Clasp

Personnel who qualify for the Pacific Star and the Burma Star will only be awarded one of these, the Star first earned. If the Pacific Star is awarded under these conditions, a Clasp in the form of a silver rose emblem will be awarded for the service that would have qualified for the Burma Star.

BURMA STAR

The ribbon is dark blue with a central red stripe and in addition two orange stripes. The red stands for the British Commonwealth Forces, the orange for the sun, and these are placed on a contrasting background of dark blue. The design of this ribbon is reversible.

Clasp

Personnel who qualify for the Burma Star and the Pacific Star will only be awarded one of these, the star first
earned. If the Burma Star is awarded under these conditions, a clasp in the form of a silver rose emblem will be awarded for the service that would have qualified for the Pacific Star.

ITALY STAR
The ribbon is in the Italian colours—green, white and red. There are five vertical stripes of equal width, one in red at either edge and one in green at the centre, the two intervening stripes being white.

The design of the ribbon is reversible.

FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR
The ribbon is in the red, white and blue of the Union Flag, and these colours are also used as a symbol of France and the Netherlands. There are five vertical stripes of equal width, one in red at either edge and one in green at the centre, the intervening stripes being white.

The design is reversible.

Clasp
The France and Germany Star will not be awarded to those who have already qualified for the Atlantic Star or the Air Crew Europe Star. Personnel who qualify for these Stars or two of them will be awarded the Star first earned. If the France and Germany Star is awarded under these conditions, a Clasp in the form of a silver rose emblem will be awarded for the service that would qualify for the Atlantic Star.

DEFENCE MEDAL
The centre of the ribbon is flame-coloured and the edges are green, symbols of the enemy attacks on Great Britain. Two black stripes on the green represent the black-out.

The design of the ribbon is reversible.

Personnel qualified for any one of the Campaign Stars may be awarded the Defence Medal in addition, if separately qualified for it. Service qualifying for a Campaign Star cannot run concurrently with service qualifying for the Defence Medal.

WAR MEDAL
The predominating colour is red. There are two red stripes at either end followed by two dark-blue stripes. In the centre are two narrow white stripes separated by a thin red stripe.

C.R.T.S. TRAINEES
Goodwill Visit
Recently a committee from the Department of Post-War Reconstruction visited the various training centres where C.R.T.S. trainees are in training. The tour covered the area from Fremantle to Bayswater.

The committee comprised the Deputy Director Post-War Reconstruction, Mr. K. W. Growcott; Director of Technical Training, Mr. L. W. Phillips; and Mr. H. A. Leslie, M.L.A., ex-servicemen representative on the W.A. Regional Re-establishment Committee.

The committee made the rounds of the various training centres, not only to see the trainees at work but also as a goodwill gesture.

Several hundred trainees were contacted and addressed by the officials. Questions were asked and the visit was greatly appreciated.

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**THE LISTENING POST**

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(Ed.)

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“I served in Timor with the commandos and we were promised subsistence payments in respect of our service there. So far we have not received them.”

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Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park, G.C.B., K.B.E., M.C., D.F.C., D.C.L.

On Empire Air Defence

Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park said that the defence of the Empire had three main spheres, each of which reacted on the others—political, economic and strategic.

"It is wasteful, inefficient and most ineffective," he said, "to have a large army and a large navy, and no air force, or a small air force. In present circumstances it would be equally unwise to have nothing but a huge air force in this country and no army at all for its normal traditional duties, and no navy, or an inadequate navy, to guard our sea communications. The first requirement is to get a proper balance between the three fighting services—balance in respect of budget, manpower and our national resources."

Roles of the Services

Owing to recent scientific and technical developments, air power had become more of a threat. We must have an adequate air force—with the present atomic weapons and the possibility of much more potent weapons—otherwise our army and navy might not get an opportunity to mobilise, let alone, to embark on any expeditions. The threat of air attack was now a bigger factor than ever, because the heart of the Empire, the United Kingdom, was now more threatened from the air. Finally, we must have much closer cooperation between the armed services and industry.

The Navy

The role of the Navy remained—its vital role—to protect our sea communications and, if possible, to deny the enemy the use of his sea routes. But, owing to the developments in the air, the Navy could no longer protect our sea communications, especially in narrow water. They must call on the land-based air forces to cooperate. It was no reflection on the senior service that it should require the cooperation of the Air Force in the protection of our seaborne trade. One of the lessons of the last war was that the Navy could no longer by itself, using only shipsborne aircraft, protect our sea communications in the high seas or in the narrow seas. That was a duty they now shared with the Empire Air Forces.

The Air Forces

In the Western Pacific campaign, the American Navy with its aircraft carriers did a magnificent job of work, but the American Navy and its carrierborne air forces were helped immensely by its landbased American Air Force. That happened first in the South-West Pacific, then in the Philippines, and then in China. They were helped all the way through by their landbased aircraft neutralising enemy naval forces and driving them off the sea. General MacArthur—made better use of his landbased air force than any military commander he had read about or met in the two wars. Everything he did was first of all studied from the air point of view. How could he get air superiority? How could he save thousands of lives of sailors and soldiers by using this new weapon, with its long arm and big punch, to save the lives of his sailors and soldiers?

"Lord Louis" and Air Power

Admiral Mountbatten was one of our sailors who took great advantage, and who realised the potentials, of air power, and in the Burma campaign he staked all on the air supplying him when he came to invade Burma. "I do not imply that air supply was responsible for the capture of Burma alone," said Sir Keith, "but without it it would not have been possible for our armies to advance through and capture Mandalay and Rangoon. Here was a sailor who was so astounded that he staked all on air power."

The Role of the Army

The role of the army had not substantially changed as a result of the recent war. Their job was just as vital and important to the Commonwealth as ever. It was, briefly, to provide garrisons at home and abroad, to provide whatever expeditionary forces or task forces the Government decided to use overseas, to provide their quota of land forces under the United Nations Organisation, and to occupy ex-enemy territory.

The task of our Empire Air Forces had changed a great deal. First of all, they had to defend the heart of the Empire, this old country, against air attack. Secondly, the Dominion Air Forces must defend their own centres of production and population, must provide air defence better and more effective than ever before, owing to the development of atomic weapons and projectiles and pilotless aircraft. They must also give a hand in the development of our air communications, because that job could not be left entirely to private enterprise, because of the heavy capital outlay required in establishing air routes and bases.

Airborne Forces

The transporting of airborne forces and air supply were other new tasks. In the Burma campaign in 1945 the transport squadrons that were within his command in South-East Asia carried over 90 per cent. of the daily requirements of the 14th Army in Burma. Ninety per cent. of rations and ammunition and R.E. stores were carried, week in and week out, for months. The peak load of his transport squadrons went up to 3,000 tons dead weight a day, transported by air from the rear to army formations and air force formations.

A New Headache

We still had to have a striking force in order to deal with possible aggressor nations, and lastly, we must provide our quota of the air force under the Security Council of the United Nations. It had not been decided yet what the total, global figures, were to be. That would be a very difficult problem for somebody to decide, within the global figure—the allocation as between, for example, America and Russia, between Russia and ourselves; to decide what proportion of the total global figure should be provided by the "Big Boys"—the chaps who are always so friendly among themselves when they meet together round the conference table. Then, who was to provide the commanders and the staffs? Where were they to be quartered? All these problems were providing large headaches for the staffs who were studying them in the U.S.A. But solved they must be. It was no good saying that this was an impossible task. We must provide some means of avoiding these stupid and senseless world wars.

The Dominions came into it

The Dominions came into it. They had to provide a larger proportion, a bigger contribution, towards the Commonwealth Defence plan, not only in providing their own local forces, but
in providing Defence forces, naval and air, to cover zones. For instance, the South-West Pacific would call for Australia and New Zealand, presumably, to collaborate very closely, and contribute not only their own local defence, but to the defence of that South-West corner of the Pacific, in collaboration, of course, with the U.S.A. That is not to say they might not be required to contribute something towards the United Nations Organisation's armed forces.

The Atom Bomb

"One of the most important effects of the coming of atomic weapons," said Sir Keith, "was the very high premium that had been placed on preparedness. At the beginning of each and every campaign for a long time we had notoriously been unprepared, and if we were going to have any armed forces at all we must have them in a high state of preparedness. We must have in this country a Civil Defence organisation, which did not exist at the moment. Such armed forces as we decided we could afford to have must be properly equipped and prepared, or else they would be a waste of manpower and material resources. We must push ahead with our scientific research and technical development. That was absolutely vital.

Air Power Dominating Factor

"Air power had become more than ever one of the dominating factors, and, of course, atomic weapons had reintroduced power politics. The threat of air bombing enabled Germany to win bloodless victories before 1939. The threat of air action when we knew it could be so rapid and so terribly devastating did bring power politics back on the map with added potency. Those, he thought, were the main reactions on Empire Defence of atomic power—the high degree of preparedness necessary, the need for having in each member of the Empire, the Old Country and the Dominions, Civil Defence organisations set up as going concerns in peace time: the necessity for using more than ever our scientific organisations in universities; and the vital necessity of air power. He explained that he had been speaking entirely from his own personal experience, and was not expressing the views of the Air Staff or the Government in any way. "I am just an old, retired Air Marshal," he said, "and six months out of date."

PERCENTAGE CASUALTIES

The Australian casualties in the Great War were higher in proportion to the number of enlistments than those of any other section of the British Forces. This was probably due to the fact that Australians were nearly all "front line" troops engaged throughout the war in heavy fighting.

The following are the official British figures relating to casualties:

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* Includes 92,837 coloured troops used for labour and transport, and South Africa was a theatre of war.

NURSING SHORTAGE

Place for Males in Nursing Service

I would appreciate if you could publish in your journal the following brief article, which, I feel sure, will prove of interest to your readers, whether city or country members.

Just over 14 months ago the Male Nurses' Association (Provisional) of W.A. was formed, with one of its aims to try and alleviate the acute shortage of nurses in this State, and also to endeavour to obtain training facilities for males in general nursing, similar to that at present available to females.

Your members will readily understand that the shortage is not only acute in Western Australia, but is world-wide. We feel, therefore, that opportunity should be given to ex-members of the medical sections in all Services to carry on the job in "Civy Street," that same job they did so well wherever duty took them in war. Many of them have done so and are at present working in hospitals. Training has not as yet commenced, but we anticipate it will do so in the near future.

We contend there is a place for males in the nursing service. There is an acute shortage which we can assist to overcome if given the opportunity. We shall be pleased to hear from or see any of your members who are interested in nursing. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month in Cecil Buildings, Sherwood Court, at 8 p.m. Advance notice is sent per circular to members and also under "Public Notices" in The West Australian newspaper.

If unable to come along, drop the Secretary a line and he will gladly assist you; or telephone M 1848.

Yours faithfully,

F. CURRAN, Hon. Secretary,
Male Nurses' Assn. of W.A.
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IMMIGRATION—Where the League can Help

"It is part of the League’s policy to encourage a vigorous migration system with necessary safeguards to ensure suitable migrants being obtained." That is quoted from the constitution of the League.

The State Executive has appointed a Migration Committee, which is endeavouring to put this policy into practice. Pious resolutions are of little use unless they are backed up by definite action.

The following letter is an example of the sort of applications continually being received by the League:

"I am an ex-serviceman (Royal Marines), with a wife and son, age 5 years.

"My ambition is to settle in Australia. I am able-bodied and my qualifications are bricklayer and engineer, and I have worked on a farm for three years.

"I applied for immigration two years ago; but it appears the housing shortage is the drawback. I wrote to your Migration Officer (Mr. Calwell) in London, and he advised me to find someone who will nominate me.

"We don’t know anyone in your country, so we are helpless. It has come to my knowledge of the good work your organisation is doing. Is it possible that you could help me?

"All my papers are signed and complete except for that one item. The address of someone who will guarantee my wife and I (and son) accommodation on arrival.

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"For the information of your League, I have to advise that a special section of my staff is, and has been since the early years of price control, solely and constantly engaged in fixing and checking furniture prices from manufacturer to user. In addition, co-operation from the public is constantly sought in regard to lodging complaints concerning any sale in which it is considered excessive prices have been or are being charged. In all such cases, the matter is thoroughly investigated and appropriate action taken.

"Co-operation in this respect is particularly sought from your members, who may rest assured that any specific complaint would be promptly dealt with."

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Answered Prayer
By WARREN RAINIE (Returned Soldier)

Their barrage had greeted a phantom dawn,
That painted the ridges grey,
And dispelled the dreams of a fitful night.
As we faced another day,
There were three of us there, all wounded too,
With the wounded's feverish thirst,
As the Syrian sun rose back of the peaks
Like a fiery thing accursed.

And the day dragged on, as the day before,
With a slow and maddening gait
("God hurry and guide those bearers on!
Ere they reach our side too late!")
While the heat-haze shimmered and ringed us in
With the swarming ants and flies;
And the crash of the enemy's shells drowned out
Our thirsty and pain-wracked cries.

Would the bearers come? Had we prayed in vain?
Would they manage to find us here?
In this giant-hewn terrain of jagged rock
With the cliff face almost sheer?

Though down the depths of a dull despair
Yet we stubbornly clung to hope.
"I can see them now! Here they come at last!"
Up the tortuous shadowed slope!
The brooding hills were strangely quiet,
A shade too still it seemed,
And I noticed the sentinel peaks on fire
Where the last of the sun's rays gleamed.
They lifted us! "Now for the downward miles!"
O God! from those mocking heights
The Vichy machine-guns opened up
With three hundred yards on their sights!
We called on the bearers to drop us there,
To leave us and take their chance.
All the while the bullets like stock-whips cracked
Like fiends in a devilish dance.
But they bent to the handles with strength anew,
And a gesture of grim despair,
And every man in our need that day
Turned straight to his God in prayer.

Oh! those midnight miles were a nightmare track,
With never a pathway seen;
And every ridge like a razor's back,
With a bottomless gorge between;
But they carried us down to the coastal strip
With seldom a jolt or jar,
Where the casualty stations' guarded light
Was a welcome guiding star.

And every man knew in his inmost soul
That his God is a God of Love;
For the supernatural mist that fell
Was sent direct from above.
And every man felt he would honour his God,
But alas! how soon we forget!
So He stands in the shadows waiting still
And whispers, "Remember your debt!"

When a mist swirled down from heavens above!
"See! it's shrouded us from their view!
Now run! for we're hidd'n from the ridge above."
And the firing faded away.
And God alone knows as I'm sure
He does
How they carried us out that day.

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In congratulating Geraldton, we must mention Mr. Alf Glance, who took on the job of organising the work for the sub-branch.

This keen worker has added another gem to his crown of good work for the League.

Now what about your sub-branch. Are you members on the job?
Remember, it is a State-wide job, to ensure that the public remember our mates who went out and never came back.

Put your backs into it!
The organiser has some collectors' cards showing a sketch of the proposed additions on one side, and on the other a numbered authorisation giving the collector's name, signed by the sub-branch secretary.

These cards give a member something to show to his friends, and they can write their names and the amount on it, knowing full well that the card is registered and so is the collector.

It will relieve a Digger from embarrassment when he has something to show as his authority to collect for the appeal.
They will be supplied by the committee and should be a big help.

The idea came from Katanning, and now Cottesloe has ordered 200 cards as they think it an excellent idea.

The combined effort of the 27,000 financial members of the League in W.A. will surely spread the work and make it lighter for all.

Will you help?
To date, the League has sold about £1,000.

This amount is from the League Headquarters and a number of sub-branches, but so far only two have reached their target; but, we understand, that 90 per cent. of sub-branches are working to get their target.

During the festive season the public subscriptions have fallen off considerably, and it is felt that a determined effort by individual members of sub-branches is the best method of bringing the State War Memorial personally before the citizens of the State.

Make the appeal a personal matter and resolve, at this time of making New Year resolutions, to do your share in collecting for the Memorial.

"Let us forget!"

Free Rail Service to Receive Decorations

The Federal Government will pay the rail fares of ex-servicemen travelling to investitures to receive war decorations from the Governor-General or State Governors after January 1.

The Minister for the Interior (Mr. Johnson) said the Government would also pay the fares of two people to accompany each servicedman.

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Mr. Johnson said conditions of the free travel scheme were:

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As a general rule the Government would not pay interstate fares, but at the discretion of the military secretary to the Governor-General travel warrants might be issued to persons living in Albury, Broken Hill or similar cities for travel to the nearest city.

The scheme would not apply to people living in suburbs of the capital cities where the investitures would be held.

If the award were to be made posthumously, the person to whom the decoration was to be presented, and one other person, would receive free travel warrants.

Warrants for return journeys might be granted.

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**SEATED in a cozy armchair and listening to yarns of my children of what they did in this war, I live again the past, remembering my own soldiering days and with it comes the words of a toast I read in some magazine, “May time improve us half as much as it will our battles,” so it recalls the good (and bad) old times we had—in Cairo, Blighty, the Bullring and various other camps, and then you remember episodes in company with “Snow,” “Blue,” or some other pals—sometimes funny, sometimes painful; and suddenly you pause from your writing and ask yourself where are they now? Then you think, by Jove! how the years have flown. Yes; “Snow” was killed at Pozières; “Blue” was badly wounded at Ypres; a special pal of yours was missing; and so it went on, and then you yourself was wounded and the old battalion was only a memory, for you were invalided home, demobbed, and then your struggle to fit into “Civvy” life again with your struggle through the years to make a home for the wife and children.

Finally you reach the goal—nothing great, but a home paid for, the children educated reasonably well, and enough for you and your wife to live comfortably in your old age. And again the horrid cry of “War” is heard; and although you may be too old to go or disabilities keep you out of it, you try, but are turned down and you realise that you now are a “has-been.”

You are surprised when “your” lad—the eldest, who you consider only a boy—enlists, and you feel proud and boast to all and sundry; but you feel the reverse when your second boy enlists—who is the apple of his mother’s eye—but sensibly realise that other families are in a similar plight and through it all is the thought that youth will chase excitement, adventure and glory, the same as we did in the days of yore.

**LAST SHOTS**

The 6th Machine-gun Coy. A.I.F. fired the last shot of the M.G. companies in the war, and claims to be the last to have left the trenches.
War Widows' Pension

The P.M.'s Reply to League Request

Federal Executive made representations to the Government that it continues to press for increased pensions and other benefits (medical, educational and otherwise) for war widows and their children and that the Commonwealth Government be requested to give further consideration to their undoubted claims for special consideration.

Reply from the Secretary, Prime Minister's Department, is shown hereunder:

"With reference to your letter of July 25, 1947, embodying the text of resolution No. 1 carried at the July meeting of the Federal Executive of your League, in regard to war widows' pensions, I am directed to inform you that there is now available to the widow and eligible children of the deceased member of the Forces.

The above amounts are free of taxation and, in addition, the children are eligible for educational benefits.

Those selected for professional training are given liberal assistance to see them through the course. The cost of books, instruments, and travelling are also paid by the Commission. Moreover, medical benefits are also available to the widow and eligible children of deceased war widows.

"The League is Grateful — But"

The Federal President of the R.S.L. (Mr. Eric Millhouse, K.C.) says recently that he was still awaiting an announcement by the Minister for Repatriation (Mr. Barnard) concerning the League's request for all-round increases in war pensions.

Last November Mr. Barnard promised to consider R.S.L. recommendations which included an increase of £1 weekly, bringing the basic rate of pension to £3 10/- and increased payments to war widows and dependant children, widowed mothers and incapacitated ex-service personnel.

Mr. Millhouse said that, following the Federal Executive representations, the Federal Government had increased the service pension from £1 10/- to £2 10/-, given free travel to investiture and had promised to provide war widows with treatment at Repatriation hospitals.

"The League is grateful," said Mr. Millhouse, "but regards an announcement increasing pensions as being of paramount importance. The disturbing and apparently never-ending rise in living costs is embarrassing pension recipients more seriously than any other section of the community, and it is hoped that the Government will lose no time in announcing its intentions," added Mr. Millhouse.

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The Diggers' "Yes"

At the first referendum, polling in France began on October 16 and occupied approximately one week. At the second referendum, polling was concluded on December 12.

In both cases the Diggers voted before the Commonwealth vote was taken and, contrary to the general belief, on both occasions recorded "Yes" majorities.

The voting was:

October, 1916: For, 72,399; against, 58,894; informal, 2,520.

December, 1917: For, 103,789; against, 93,910; informal, 1,978.

The Australian troops and the Newfoundland Regiment were the only volunteers—exclusively—of the British forces.

Like the A.I.F., the Czechoslovak Legions were exclusively volunteers: 92,000 fought in the Czechoslovak Army on the Russian front, 24,000 on the Italian front and 12,000 on the French front. In addition, there were 40,000 serving in the American Army and several thousands serving independently with the British, Canadian and French forces.

On Sunday, February 8, a Combined Town Team will be playing Hotham Valley; and on February 15 the annual Town v. Country-R.S.L.'s will try conclusions. Incidentally, the Country won last year, and have a great chance of repeating their success this year. Both matches will be played at Wellington Square.

Maylands, Mt. Hawthorne and Perth No. 1, who have so far been undefeated this season, are the leading teams in the association, whilst Osborne Park, West Perth, West Leederville and Nedlands are vying for fourth place.

The dance held at Anzac Club every Monday night to raise funds to send the combined team to Adelaide is ever-increasing in popularity, and on Monday, Australia Day, a Gala Night was held. This proved to be "one out of the bag," as numerous novelties were arranged.

**MOST FEARED BY "FRITZ"**

In May, 1918, the Germans stated in their Army reports that the troops "most to be feared," and who were "most courageous," were Australian Guards, 51st (Highland) Division.

Word has been received from the Adelaide R.S.L. that the W.A. R.S.L. team leaving Perth on February 13 will play three matches on the Kensington Oval in Adelaide.

The first match will be a one-day match against the South Australian R.S.L. Combined Country Team on Wednesday, February 18.

The second, a one-day match against the South Australian R.S.L. Second XI, on Thursday, February 19, and the third match will be a two-day game against the South Australian R.S.L. XI who defeated Victoria in Melbourne last year. This will be played on Monday and Tuesday, February 23 and 24, and as far as we are concerned is the big match.

In the fixtures—played last Sunday, West Leederville, with 103 (Farley 41, Colby 23) defeated Perth No. 2, 101 (Gillon 33, Dawson n.o. 21, Trehowan 4/36) by 2 runs on the first innings.

The result of the Osborne Park v. Claremont match is not yet to hand.
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Rail.—Three country passes per year or three suburban lines; all first-class travel.

Tram.—All trams and tramway buses; limited hours.

Buses.—Majority private buses; all hours.

South Australia

Rail.—Metropolitan pass with extension to any part of the State at any time; all first-class travel.

Tram.—Passes on all lines at all times.

Buses.—Only if living on bus route and more than half-mile from tram.

Queensland

Rail.—First-class pass up to 15 miles twice weekly; over 15 miles, one journey per fortnight (return).

Tram.—Free tram passes in Brisbane.

Buses.—This matter in process. Finality expected in near future.

New South Wales

Rail.—Rail pass up to 34 miles from Sydney; one-class travel.

Tram.—All tram passes at all hours, Sydney and Newcastle, metropolitan area.

Buses.—Passes on all Government buses in Sydney and Newcastle, metropolitan area.

Tasmania

Rail.—As trams parallel to rail, no suburban passes issued. Can obtain passes for visiting members without any trouble.

Tram.—Passes issued for travel on all trams and buses to those residing within 12 miles of city; similar arrangements in Launceston, except that only those residing on bus route can use same.

SOMETHING NEW IN DARTS

The Eagle Tap Dart Club of Surrey, England, and the City of Perth Sub-Branch R.S.L. dart team will be playing a darts contest per letter. (Don’t laugh, it’s really dinkum, and will be taking place within the next month.) Each club is playing 3 teams of 4 men and each team will play 4 singles 301 up, 2 pairs 501 up, and 1 foursome 801 up. All games start straight, finish on a double, which is the English method. The local team will be picked from E. Coyle, K. Hardie, K. Hennah, M. Hepworth, H. Hopperton, J. Laughton, F. Noone, E. Pell, T. Shuttleworth, O. Goodall, N. Waldeck, V. Tomich, R. Walkerden, L. Scott, C. MacDonald.

It is hoped that a contest among the lady players of both clubs will also be played at the same time.

Surely this is the first contest of its kind in the world, and is sure to arouse interest in both countries. Who knows, perhaps a test match under similar conditions may be played at a future date? The only problem seems to be—how are the losers going to do the right thing by the winners?

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My Dear President and all old Geraldton Comrades,—I wish I could tell you what real pleasure your letter sent me by Lady Baden-Powell has given me.

I have never forgotten the visit I paid you, Alas, many years ago! or how really happy I felt when I was with you all at Geraldton.

What would I not give if I could once more visit you, but alas, I fear that may not be, for I am now in my 83rd year. I have been fortunate in having wonderfully good health up to now, but lately I have not been fit, and next week go into hospital for an operation which, I hope, may help me a lot.

Up to now I’ve been in close touch with British Legion here, and am glad to say I meet many of my old A.I.F. comrades from time to time, especially on Anzac Day.

I most sincerely hope that all is well with my old comrades in Geraldton and district. If you will please convey to all my kindest remembrances and good wishes for good health and prosperity for many a year I will be grateful.

Your old comrade,

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"We owe this to the determined fighting and self-sacrifice of our troops. Words fail me to express the admiration which I feel for the splendid resistance offered by all ranks of our army under the most trying circumstances.

"Many amongst us now are tired. To those I would say that victory will belong to the side which holds out the longest. The French Army is moving rapidly and in great force to our support. There is no other course open to us but to fight it out! Every position must be held to the last man; there must be no retirement.

"With our backs to the wall, and believing in the justice of our cause, each one of us must fight on to the end. The safety of our homes, and the freedom of mankind alike depend upon the conduct of each one of us at this critical moment.

D. HAIG, R.M."

Seven months later to the day, Armistice came and victory for the Allies.

NEW SOUTH WALES R.S.L. CLUB

The New South Wales R.S.L. Club is now actively functioning at 273 Elizabeth Street, Sydney (opposite the Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park).

Its principal amenities include the following: Licensed liquor bar (under construction), lounge service, dining room, sleeping accommodation (males only).

Admittance to the club is restricted to members of the club, who must be R.S.L. members, and their guests.

We have had frequent calls from interstate visitors, and although in some cases the establishment of identity has been difficult, none to date have been refused admittance.

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AUSTRALIA NEXT . . . WHY NOT!

Film experts will shortly leave Britain for work in East and Central Africa where they are to photograph what Britain is doing in opening up one of the wildest territories on earth for the production of food.

In this vast area, Britain is setting up the world's largest state-owned farm. When fully developed it will cover 5,000 square miles, mainly devoted to the growing of groundnuts as a contribution to the world shortage of oils and fats.

Parliament agreed to provide the capital for the enterprise, which is expected to cost £25 millions over a period of six years, and public ownership was stipulated.

A New Port is Being Built

Until a few months ago the whole of this vast area was largely uninhabited; much of it was waterless and fly-infested. Already a great change is taking place, for in East Africa the work of clearing the bush for the cultivation of the groundnuts was begun last April. At the same time a new deep-water port is being constructed at Mikindani in Tanganyika.

Some of the equipment for this giant project is being taken from Britain by air. Several tons of it left a few days ago, when the loads included spare parts for tractors, tools, and parts for converting landing craft, which are now being used to ferry workmen and machinery across the jungle rivers.

Two separate teams of cameramen are being sent to film all these activities. One will concentrate on the commercial and technical side, while the other will deal with the more picturesque aspects which abound.

1st and 2/32nd BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION

The combined association held its Christmas social at Monash House on December 22. The evening commenced with the presentation of bouquets to members of the ladies' auxiliary in recognition of their work during the past year in administering concerts to ex-service men in hospital. It was pleasing to note the increased number of 2/32nd Battalion Diggers who attended the function. Association members are asked to mark January 30 and April 20 on their 1948 calendars. On the former date, at 6 p.m. the women's auxiliary will hold a bridge party on the 10th floor of the C.M.G. Building. On the latter, the next social evening for ex-members of the 1st and 2/32nd Battalions will be held at Monash House.

Top: (left to right) The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor, Mr. J. Trotterdell; the Premier, The Hon. Ross McLarty; the State Governor, H. Excellency Sir James Mitchell, G.C.M.G.

Centre: Mr. Gerald Pretty (S.A. Vets.), Mrs. J. Kenneally, Hon. H. S. W. Parker (Minister for Miners), Colonel W. V. Mansbridge, Mr. S. A. Taylor (Public Service Commissioner).

Bottom: An informal group already "charged."
The Flag in Our Schools

Days on which it is to be flown

A matter was recently raised at the State Executive following newspaper reports on alleged disloyalty in schools.

The League entertains no doubt that the great majority of the staff of the Education Department are no less loyal than any other members of the community, but at the same time the Executive felt that, whilst true patriotism does not always require to be expressed to be proved, nevertheless there is a minimum of observance, particularly where children are concerned, which we should be vigilant to preserve.

For this reason a letter was sent to the Minister for Education, asking that the flag for which we have fought and which is the proud symbol of everything that we hold dear, should feature more than it does in our schools.

There is no point in having a commonplace perfunctory observance of flag-saluting by the children, but in the welter of "isms" which are abroad today it is felt by the League that sufficient opportunity should be afforded in the schools to impress on the rising generation, through the symbol of the flag, that it was still good to be British.

The Minister for Education replied to the League's letter as follows:

To the State Secretary, R.S.L.

Dear Sir,—I refer to your letter of the 19th December last relative to alleged unpatriotic attitudes in education circles and the flying of flags.

Concerning the former, I am happy to note that your League generally does not subscribe to the view expressed in certain quarters, for I am convinced that by far the great majority of the staff of the Education Department are as loyal as any other members of the community. A great many of them are members of your League; a great many more are the sons of such members, but as the staff of the department runs into some thousands, no doubt there is a small percentage—as there is in other large sections of the community—who do not hold precisely the same views as those we would wish and those which we hold ourselves.

However, some time ago authority was issued for the provision of flag-staffs in all new schools, and where additions are being made to old buildings, and a list of days on which flags were to be flown was circulated to schools, a copy of which list is attached hereto.

It has been suggested that there should be a daily ceremony. No regulation or direction of the Department of Education prevents this, but, I think, is for emphasis on particular days when the national ideal and the bonds of Empire can be appropriately stressed. Hence the issue of the list, copy of which is enclosed.

It is thought and, I think, with considerable measure of justification, that the daily ceremony might result in the whole thing becoming mere matter of form.

I think you will agree with me that generally speaking, the patriotism and loyalty of the people of Western Australia is undoubted and has been proved beyond possibility of successful contradiction. I trust, however, that this communication will be sufficient to answer your inquirers.

Yours faithfully,

R. F. WATT,
Minister for Education.

The League followed the letter up with a reply that the flag should be flown not only at new schools but at all schools. The present arrangement is that head teachers have been requested by the Minister to fly flags where they have them and the flag poles. The League feels that where there are no flags or flag poles they should be supplied.

The days on which the flag should be flown is laid down by the Minister as follows:

Days on which Flags are to be Flown

Hereunder is published, for the information of head teachers of schools which have flagpoles and flags, a list of the days, times, etc., on which flags are to be flown (from 8 a.m. till sunset).

Anniversary of the establishment of the Commonwealth: 1st January.

Australia Day: 26th January.

Birthday of Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth: 21st April.

Anzac Day: 25th April (half-mast until noon, then raised to the masthead until sunset).

Anniversary of His Majesty's Coronation: 12th May.

Empire Day: 24th May (and on any day appointed by a State Government for Empire Day celebrations).

Queen Mary's Birthday: 26th May.

Foundation Day: 1st June (also on any other day appointed for the official celebration of the day).

Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth: 4th August.

Armistice Day: 11th November (at masthead from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.; half-mast from 10.30 a.m. till 11.30 a.m.; at masthead for the remainder of the day).

Anniversary of His Majesty's Accession: 11th December.

Birthday of His Majesty: 14th December (also on any other day appointed for the official celebration of the birthday).

RIFLE CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH

The authorised establishment is 1,200 rifle clubs and 50,000 members for the Commonwealth, and the present strengths of each are approximately 900 clubs and 36,000 members.

Western Australia has an allotment of 138 clubs with an aggregate of 5,230 members, and latest returns indicate that this State has an actual strength of 115 clubs and 4,700 members.
### Enlistments of Army Personnel by States as at 27th September, 1947

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UNIT HISTORIES REQUIRED FOR R.S.L. WAR ENCYCLOPAEDIA

The Federal Executive is planning to publish an R.S.L. Year Book and War Encyclopaedia, and is anxious to obtain a list of all unit associations in this State.

One of the features of the proposed publication will include the names of all units with a summary of their battle histories, names of unit association officials, dates of meetings, etc., and this can only be accurately compiled by contact with unit officials.

Association secretaries are therefore earnestly asked to communicate with the General Secretary of the League, Mr. J. C. Neagle, Kelvin House, 127 Collins Street, Melbourne, as soon as possible, when the proposed publication will be discussed.
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Front (left to right): Sister M. Dennis (N.G.), Sister G. Boundy (N.G.)

R.A.N. writes:

I am still serving in the Navy. Can I apply for a war service home?

★ You can, Sailor, if you were eligible by reason of war service at September 2, 1945. You must have enlisted, however, for active service or have been employed on active service, or on a ship of war.

Other essentials are: You must be married, or about to marry, or have dependants for whom you require to maintain a home.

This also applies to members of the Permanent Forces. (Ed.)

Auction of Disposals

Goods

Ex-Serviceman does not always benefit

The League made representations to the Minister for Supply and Shipping urging a priority of purchase of disposal goods to be made available to ex-servicemen prior to auction in sufficient quantities to suit individual buyers.

The Minister stated, in reply, that the commission was actively co-operating with the authorities administering sponsorship schemes, particularly where goods were in short supply.

The system governing the distribution of motor vehicles was abolished as from April 1, 1947.

The Repatriation Commission is evolving a plan whereby a proportion of vehicles processed for distribution to the public might be allocated by the major companies for sale to ex-servicemen.

The Minister further states that the method of disposal has been greatly extended to meet the needs of the small buyer, i.e., goods in small lots in preference to in bulk.

The Minister further states that the question of granting absolute priority raises many complex problems. He agrees further that, as far as possible, ex-servicemen should be given as large a measure of priority as possible, having regard to the essential interests of the community as a whole.

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WOMEN'S SERVICES

- Died of Illness: 4
- Accidentally killed: 1

Total casualties all classes: 2,778.

N.B.—Both the R.A.A.F. and R.A.N. are unable, at this stage, to show casualty lists for individual States.

The R.A.A.F. is also unable to show in enlistments numbers of air crew as distinct from ground staff, and both Services have not yet been able to itemise the number of nursing sisters in their respective female Services lists. This information, however, is being prepared and will be published in due course.

EXEMPTION ENTERTAINMENT TAX

Sub-Branch Functions

The Commonwealth Government was requested to exempt R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. sub-branch from the payment of Entertainment Tax in respect of all social functions conducted in aid of sub-branch funds.

The Prime Minister replied as follows:

I refer to your letter of October 7, 1947, in which you advised me of the resolution carried at a recent meeting of the Federal Executive that the Commonwealth Government be requested to exempt R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. sub-branches from the payment of entertainments tax in respect of all social functions conducted in aid of sub-branch funds.

The conditions of exemption from entertainments tax are prescribed by section 18 of the Entertainments Tax Assessment Act, a copy of which is enclosed. The Commissioner of Taxation advises me that when the proceeds of a function are applied to the funds of a sub-branch of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. the proceeds are regarded as being devoted to charitable purposes within the meaning of section 18. Entertainments tax is, therefore, not chargeable on payments for admission to such functions provided the expenses of the entertainment do not exceed 50 per cent. of the receipts.

When a social function held for R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. sub-branch funds does not qualify for exemption under section 18, there is no provision in the law under which exemption from tax may be allowed.
That the main factor preventing the absorption of 40 per cent. efficient trainees into industry is the lack of materials?

That, because of this grave shortage, many trainees might have to wait for five years before training openings are available?

That the position is not so grave in this as in other States?

That the object seems to be, in many instances, the protection of a particular industry as a first consideration and preference to ex-service men second?

That, unless something is done urgently, our trainees will drift into the "pick-and-shovel" classification.

That there are 312 advisory committees covering all industries?

That well over 40,000 ex-members of the Forces are still awaiting re-employment?

That the solution obviously lies in the increase in the output of materials?

That the remedy for the defects of the scheme lie mainly in the hands of the Federal Government?

**Did You Know?**

That piece-work and contract work have an adverse effect on the absorption of trainees into building and allied trades?

That, in Victoria, 90 per cent. of bricklaying is carried out by contract?

That introduction of the 40-hour week will most likely extend the training time?

That, on that account, the intake of trainees into training establishments will be restricted?

That there is no cause for complaint in relation to university training, as absorptive capacity has been disregarded for admission to universities?

That the League should urge strongly to obtain representation on all advisory committees to hear arguments on both sides?

That the immediate effect on ex-service men is that they will be placed in trades for which they have no liking?

That the building and allied trades and clothing industries present the greatest placement difficulties?

That the attitude of industrial advisory committees is mainly responsible for the decelerated intake of trainees into trades?

That, by too rigid adherence to an assured prospect on immediate placement, imposes strict limitations on the trades to commence training?

That the attitude is apparently forced on the Regional Training Committees by the pressure of those already engaged in the industry?

That this attitude is based, no doubt, on some mistaken idea of their own trade security?

That the intake into some industries, motor body building for instance, is too low to permit of industrial expansion?

That the insistence of only a negligible percentage of trainees to tradesmen also acts detrimentally to the success of the scheme?

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**CEREMONY AT BURIAL OF AN EX-SOLDIER**

**This** ceremony and ritual, in the absence of an officially laid down procedure, may, if so desired, be carried out in full or in part in a varied form, by a League sub-branch, according to local circumstances, in connection with the funeral and the burial of an ex-soldier.

1. Returned men assemble at an arranged and convenient place.

2. The Secretary of the sub-branch issues poppies (where available), which shall be worn in the coat lapel by ex-servicemen.

3. The party forms into fours or sixes and marches to the hearse.

4. On reaching the hearse the party divides into twos and the hearse proceeds, with its escort of two lines of returned men on each side.

5. At the cemetery, the party marches ahead of the hearse and forms up on either side of the path to make an avenue through which the coffin is carried.

6. As the coffin passes through, each man in succession shall fall-in behind the last mourner, as such mourner reaches him.

7. At the grave, two files proceed to the right and two to the left to form three sides of a square about the grave.

8. At the close of the burial service of the church to which the deceased belonged, an officer of the sub-branch steps forward and says:

   "Their bodies are buried in peace and their name liveth for evermore."

9. A second sub-branch officer, taking a position at the graveside, briefly refers to the service of the deceased in war and in civil life.

10. A third officer, stepping forward, says:

   "O valiant hearts who to your glory came Through dust of conflict and through battle flame; Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved, Your memory hallowed in the land you loved."

11. If desired, and a chaplain or church representative is available, a prayer shall be said at this stage.

12. The sub-branch president, holding a poppy in his hand, says:

   "The service of the day is over, and the hour come for rest. This poppy—an emblem of sacrifice, the symbol of a life given in the service of one's country—is a link between our comrade and us who remain. We place it here—in remembrance."

13. The emblem is dropped into the grave by the President.

14. The returned men file past the grave, each dropping a poppy thereon and saying their own form of farewell, or the words "Our beloved comrade."

15. The president says, "One minute's silence in honour of our comrade."

16. One minute's silence, concluded by the president saying, "Lest we forget," repeated by all present.

17. "Last Post" (where bugles are available).

18. Dispersal.

(The president may himself carry out each of the duties set out in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10.)
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Deputation to the Commonwealth Controller of Timber

On Friday, December 5, 1947, a deputation from the R.S.L. waited on the Commonwealth Controller of Timber, Mr. Rogers, who was paying a visit to Western Australia. Also in attendance were Messrs. Schedley and Grey, of the Forestry Department.

This deputation was the outcome of what the Housing Committee considered the unsatisfactory state of the house-building position as it affected the timber industry, especially in regard to export licenses, etc.

Mr. Rogers, in reply, stated that, at the moment, this State was obtaining 62½ per cent. of the timber, whilst 24½ per cent. was going interstate, and only 13 per cent. overseas. This 13 per cent. was approximately one-third of what was being sent overseas prior to the war.

He also stated that approximately one-third of the local consumption was reserved for housing, and that this one-third represented enough timber for approximately 3,000 houses, which was the estimate set down by the State Housing Commission. Most of the timber that was being exported was in the way of sleepers, and Mr. Schedley, the Assistant State Forester, was of the opinion that this cutting of sleepers for export was not affecting the local timber market, and also did not affect the quality of the timber that was being marketed.

Regarding export licenses, the Controller stated that the licenses were only issued after he had received advice from the State Forestry in regard to the amount that would be surplus and able to be exported, and so the export of timber was entirely governed by the local market.

Summed up, the position is there is definitely no shortage of timber for the local housing projects, but rather that there is a shortage of skilled workmen, and this, no doubt, was the cause of the limited issuing of permits.

Among the Sub-Branches

ARMADALE

The annual general meeting was held in the clubrooms on January 14. New office-bearers for the ensuing year were: President, A. F. Griffin; vice-presidents, J. Groves and R. Henderson; treasurer, R. Wilson; management committee, N. James, W. Gregory; auditors, C. Marsh and J. McLennan: caretaker, E. Clough, hon. secretary, K. E. Chisholm.

The retiring president (Mr. G. Gwynne), after 80 years in the chair, indicated his intention of making way for younger men. His help and advice, also that of the experienced members, will be available to the new officers, who have the support and good wishes of all members. Owing to the date of the sub-branch's semi-annual meetings conflicting with another organisation, consideration was given to changing the date to the third Wednesday in May. This matter was decided at the next meeting (on a notice of motion) to be held on February 10. Other business, mostly of a routine nature, was transacted.

BASSENDEN

The annual general meeting of our sub-branch will be held on Thursday, January 22, 1948, at the R.S.L. Hall. Members are requested to make every effort to be present at this meeting, as election of officers will take place. Members will regret to learn of the death of the wife and mother of our member Dick and Don McDonald. Our deepest sympathy is extended to them both. Business meetings will be held every second Thursday from January 22, with social meetings on alternate Thursdays.

BEVERLEY

At the annual general meeting held on Saturday, December 13, 1947, the following office-bearers were appointed: President, Mr. A. E. Wilhelm; secretary, Mr. R. P. Ridgway; treasurer, Mr. L. A. Wright.

BULLSBROOK

Bill Newton must be congratulated on giving two acres of land on the main road near Chequers Hotel to the local R.S.L. for building a memorial hall. Bill was the founder and first president of Bullbrook sub-branch, and though he has moved to the city his heart is in his old sub-branch. The sports, held in November last in aid of the building fund, was a success. In October last, members of some of the metropolitan sub-branches engaged at Pearce returned the compliment by giving the local members a social evening, which was greatly enjoyed by one and all and came to an end too soon. We hope to see a lot of new members in 1948.

CALINGIRI

The monthly meeting was held at Yeticoon. President Campbell opened proceedings before good attendance. Sub-branch discussed several business questions, proceeded ordinary business. Secretary Howard submitted a variety of correspondences from all quarters. Sub-branch discussed these at great length. Reunion matters were gone into and dealt with mostly with minor detail. It was decided to finish matters at annual meeting, which will be held at Calingiri on December 12. The important resolution from State President to all sub-branches was dealt with very fully and was deferred for future meetings. Appeal from Selection Army was favourably received and donation forwarded to that society. Letters of appreciation will be sent to doctor and ambulance party who had attended deceased member, W. Sheen. At this sub-branch. Comprehensive report on land measures of Land Act, 1930-1940, and amendments were tabled. Secretary complained of not receiving answer to

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Important letter to local road board inquiring details of proposed useable country between Celingin and Clackline suitable for settlement. Secretary instructed to contact Baker's Brook and obtain information.

The annual meeting took place on December 14 in the President's residence and the following members were appointed for the incoming year: T. Brockman, president; J. Milner and N. Fordham, vice-presidents; E. Treasure, secretary; D. Fordham, king; T. Stewart, junior; and R. McGill, land committee; T. Dobson, R. Parker; R. Fordham, J. Trum bauer, and R. McGill, finance committee, Messrs. Ope, Cameron, and King, secretary, W. Howard. Keen discussion was held on the proposed changes in the board and public memorials. It was decided to hold the annual meeting in March and to invite prominent citizens and members of the R.S.L. executive to attend. It was resolutioned to form Mr. T. Brockman's committee for their interest taken in successfully endeavouring to have a doctor established in Canning, and the committee requested that Mr. Jack Duckwood, our social secretary, for the unifying and unselfish efforts he put into this matter. A vote of thanks was also to Mr. Jack Connolly for his efforts in organizing and maintaining the social committee in this district. Giving his New Year's greetings, our president, Mr. E. Treasure, reminded members that our next social meeting will be on Sunday, January 11, 1948, and that as we are only members in Canning for the next 12 months he hoped to see all old and many new members roll up and help us achieve our aims.

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GLENN FOREST-DARLINGTON

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SWANBOURNE

Our December meeting was well attended and additional new members were enrolled. Treasurer Roy Boulton welcomed the opportunity of squaring the budget and having some funds to cover the necessary expenditure for 1948 from sub, which should commence to flow in during December and January. Our meetings will be conducted at Shanklin Park Kindergarten until further notice. Our January meeting will be important because it is nomination night. A record attendance is anticipated and having been forewarned members should be in a position to make the best possible selection of the ensuing year. Most discussion at our meeting centred around the gynkhana to take place on the Showgrounds on January 28 (Australia Day). Sir James Mitchell has accepted our invitation to perform the opening ceremony, and it is hoped that members of the State Cabinet will find it convenient to be with us on that occasion. Arlette Mcllver gave a pleasing report on the activities of the tennis club and Treasurer Roy Boulton now that funds are rolling in with which to carry on.

WEST LEDERVILLE WEMBLEY FLORENT PARK

Congratulations to Jack Munro on his election to the presidency of the sub-branch. After two strenuous years our retiring president, Les Nimmo, is to be commended for his term of office. Our best wishes, Les, for a well-earned holiday-Tasmania. Annual subscriptions are now due, that is if you have not already done the right thing. Again we urge all members to attend our meetings. Geo. Tunnell was welcomed back into the fold after another spell in hospital. Bill McCulloch and Ernie Tonkinson are up and about again. Tom Bird is down—but not out. We expect them to show up at our next gathering.

WILUNA

On December 19, 57 ex-servicemen gathered here for our annual reunion, which is usually held about Christmas time. Those present included ex-servicemen from the two wars and all branches of the Services were well represented. With good harmony and very few speeches, everything went off well under the capable gavel of our president, Mr. K. Bowers. In view of the fact that Wiluna is generally known as a dying town, and of several members having left the district, the roll-up and the evening generally reflects great credit on our executive officers.

2/4 MACHINE-GUN A.I.F. BN.
EX-MEMBERS’ ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the above association will be held in the Board Room, Anzac House, St. George’s Terrace, Perth, on Thursday, the 26th February, at 8 p.m.

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Activities

WOMEN’S AUXILIARY STATE EXECUTIVE

The State Executive is at present in recess after the very strenuous month of December during which all homes and hospitals wherever they may be must have been visited by members to distribute Christmas Cheques on behalf of metropolitan and country auxiliaries who gave so generously, donations amounting to over £2,300. Christmas cheer was distributed as follows: Lemnos (78 patients), socks, chocolates, ham and fruit cake; Sunset (128 patients), socks and chocolates; Healthcoat (53 patients), almonds, tea, fruit, ham, chocolates and oranges; Hospital (25 patients), books and ViewData, for going, envelopes containing cash gift, women patients’ books; Edward Green (51 patients), books and fruit; Home of Peace (7 patients), seven male patients’ socks, hanky and dainties; 6 ladies’ novels; Forgeworm, £10 worth of latest novels; Glenelg (14 patients), parcels containing socks and chocolates; Hollywood, Hydrangias in pots to brighten faces, almonds, fruit and cakes; Royal Perth Hospital (69 patients), envelopes containing cash, also sweets and cigarettes. After reading the foregoing, all aux’laries can be assured that Christmas for these unfortunate men was made brighter and happier by those auxiliaries who indeed “remembered” them.
THE LISTENING POST

January 1945

The following engagements were fulfilled by the President, Secretary and members present at the Chair:

December 4: Mrs. McNally and Mrs. Stockman were guests at the annual luncheon at the Returned Servicemen's League Hall, East Fremantle.

December 6: Mrs. McNally officially opened the very successful garden fete at the residence of Mrs. Seabright on behalf of the North-East Fremantle auxiliary. The State Secretary was present.

December 12: The State President and Secretaries attended the State Executive meeting and had a most enjoyable evening.

December 9: Attended social at North Fremantle, where Mrs. McNally presented Certificates of Service to members Hardwick and Halliday.

December 19: Members attended the social at North-East Fremantle. Certificates of Service were presented by the State and North-East Secretaries to the members.9

The members of the executive have great pleasure in congratulating their President on the great honour recently conferred on her when she was the recipient in the New Year's Honours of the M.B.E. We feel sure that all auxiliaries join in these congratulations, and feel very proud that their leader has been honoured.

The State President, State Secretary and all the executive are conscious of the opportunity of extending to members everywhere, very good wish for 1945. May the year bring happiness and prosperity to you all. We trust your work for your sub-branches and Districts everywhere may be crowned by success.

F.I.S.W.

The F.I.S.W. held their Christmas party at A. F. House. Mrs. H. Dean welcomed a very large gathering of members and friends. The Light-Governor (Sir James McC. McC.) was unable to be present. The guests were Mr. Hunt (President of the R.S.I.), M. T. Chappell (Secretary of the R.S.I.), and M. J. White (President of the Ex-Service Organisation). All those gentlemen expressed their appreciation of the invitation to the party and wished the members the Christmas greetings, and thanked them for the most marvellous work they were doing for the soldiers and their dependents. The musical programme, a sketch with a Christmas air, was much appreciated. The party was well attended and supported by M. J. Silverlock reported that the shop and canteen Edwardians were doing great work, and that patients and staff were well catered for, and that the mental clinic where nurses appeal service was more than appreciated. The annual picnic was held on December 5th.

SWANBOURNE

The November meeting was held at the residence of our President, and a moderate number of members attended. The children's ball, conducted during November, proved successful, and although the money did not achieve the financial goal at which it aimed, the pleasure derived by the kiddies more than made up for the effort. The committee and all arranged the function. Members who attended the musical at the Swannombe State School continues to draw a good attendance, and will probably increase in popularity after the forthcoming holidays. A very successful visit was made by members of the sub-branch on January 10 to assist in completion of arrangements for the forthcoming auction. Tennis 'afternoons' are growing in popularity since the resumption. A good number of members and their friends attended on November 26. Members of this auxiliary wish to welcome the sub-branch in wishing the 'Listening Post', and all connected with it the best for the New Year.

VICTORIA PARK

On December 12 the auxiliary held its final meeting for the year, and after arrangements had been made for the provision of refreshments, the party adjourned to the Hotel where the party and the members of the executive, and other matters had been attended to, members relaxed. A very pleasant evening was spent in socialising, and discussion was conducted on the subject, including light refreshments. On December 18 the auxiliary held a social evening, to which other auxiliaries and their friends were invited, and the party was given by the State President.

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A circular was sent out some months ago asking for particulars of your officers, meetings, etc. When we receive the particulars, the Directory will be useful and complete.

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[Followed by a list of sub-branch secretaries and their details]
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN. Rates: £1/1/- Per Annum

A.E.M.E. ASSOCIATION—President: Mr. Les Jones, 8 Fourth Avenue, Mt. Lawley; Secretary: Mr. H. G. Redding, A.E.M.E. Workshops, Phone Bushnell 102; extension 22.

ARTILLERY COMRADES—Sergeants' Mess, Swan Barracks, Francis Street, Mt. Lawley; 11th Saturday of each month; President: Arthur Snow, 31 Market Street, Guildford; Joint Secretary: Alex Cunningham and Don C. Cunningham, 108 Rockwood Street, Mt. Lawley.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS ASSOCIATION OF W.A.—Meetings as notified; President: J. B. Roberts, Parliament House, Perth; Secretary: W. C. Pollard, 56 Davenport, 33 Fairway, Nedlands.

EX-MACHINE GUNNERS' ASSOCIATION OF W.A.—1st Saturday of each month; President: J. B. J.weapons, 123 King Street, Perth; Council meetings: 1st Thursday; President: Arthur Snow, 31 Market Street, Guildford; Joint Secretary: Alex Cunningham and Don C. Cunningham, 108 Rockwood Street, Mt. Lawley.

FEDERATED T.S.A. SOLDIERS, SAILORS & AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (W.A. Branch)—2nd Floor, Wellington Buildings, 158 William Street, Perth; 1st Monday of each month; President: J. P. Devine, 47th Avenue, South Perth; Secretary: J. T. Phillips, 407 Wellington Street, Perth.

MEDICAL UNITS ASSOCIATION—Room 51, 5th Floor, Glodeon Buildings, Perth; Quarterly; President: C. H. Leedham; Chairman: C. W. Black, Holland Road, Roley Town; Secretary: H. W. Riggs, 105 Elizabeth Street, North Perth, Phone R. 154.

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (W.A. Branch)—Room 51, 5th Floor, Glodeon Building, Perth; 1st Thursday of each month; President: J. P. Devine, 47th Avenue, South Perth; Secretary: I. Mackay, 51 Hardy Street, Nedlands.

R.A.E. ASSOCIATION (W.A. DIVISION)—U.S.O. Rooms, Swan Barracks, Francis Street; 3rd Monday of each month at 8 p.m.; President: V. F. Stannard, 52 Woodmanne Street, Mt. Lawley; Secretary: A. H. Wright, 7 Burrell Street, Mt. Hawthorn.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND INDIAN MILITARY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION of W.A.—Meeting is each month; President: F. W. Butson, M.M., c/o Monash House, Perth; Secretary: G. O'Gorman, 334 Hay Street, Perth.

THE BRITISH ARMY RELIEF ASSOCIATION (W.A.)—McNees Hall, Pier Street, Perth; 1st Monday of each month; President: S. Mitchell, 40 King William Street, Bayswater; Secretary: A. H. Hume, 51 Harewood Street, West Perth.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; when necessary; President: D. M. Benson; Secretary: W. A. Holcombe, 85 Stanley Street, Nedlands; Phone WM 1727.

TOTAIIY AND PERMANANTLY DISABLED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION—Meeting in each month; President: H. W. Riggs, 25 Elizabeth Street, North Perth (B 8934); Secretary: Chris. C. Walker, 124 Wattle Street, Mt. Lawley.

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS—President: F. Forsey, 36 Beaufort Street, Mt. Lawley; Secretary: R. A. Halcombe, 85 Stanley Street, Nedlands. Phone WM 1727.

RETURNED ARMY NURSES—President: Mrs. Clifton; Secretary: Mrs. Munsamy, 107 James Street, Guildford; 1st Thursday each month.

ROBEORNE—President: C. J. Hayes; Secretary: W. J. Hart, 137 School Road, Robe orne; 2nd Tuesday each month; Alternate at Robe orne and Karakulling; 8 p.m.

ROSEBROOK—President: T. W. Jones, 5th Avenue, Falcon; Secretary: J. H. Barrett, 20 Rose Street, North Perth; 2nd Monday each month; Rosa Brook.

SAFETY BAY—President: H. Parquad, Defence Road, Safety Bay; Secretary: G. W. Hargrave, 3rd Avenue, Safety Bay; 2nd Friday each month; Safety Bay; 8 p.m.

SOUTH MANDURAH—President: W. M. Barden, Saratoga; Secretary: A. E. Evans, Camp Valley; 1st Saturday each month.

SANDSTONE—President: Secretary.

SCARBOROUGH—President: D. Lowen, Paringa Flat, Scarborough; Secretary: G. A. Wooton, Joyce Street, Scarborough; 2nd Monday each month; Chris Hall, Manning Street, Scarborough.

SHACKLETON—President: K. Beson, Eriks; Secretary: A. A. Vinn, Shackleton; 1st Saturday each month; Kwoon Hotel, Scarborough.

SOUTHERN CROSS—President: P. de Mian, Southern Cross; Secretary: A. E. Millen, Antares Terrace, Southern Cross; Fortnightly; R.A.O.B. Rooms: 10 a.m.

SOUTH PERTH—President: W. H. Walmsley, 18 Dalart Crescent, South Perth; Secretary: C. A. Crew, 22 Elizabeth Street, South Perth; Phone MU 1160; 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month; Swan Street.

SPEARWOOD—President: Secretary.

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8th BATTERY ASSOCIATION—Annual reunion, Friday of Show Week; President: George T. 1. McPhail; 12 Chambers, 78 Fourth Avenue, Mt. Lawley; Secretary: Jack Kennedy, 135 George Avenue, Inglewood; Assistant Secretary: A. G. Watkins, 614 Newcastle Street, Leederville; Phone MU 1632.

10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; when called; President: L. J. Robinson, Cnr. King and Wellington Streets, Perth; Secretary: Roy Perry, 25 Cooper Street, Nedlands.

11th and 2/11th A.I.F. BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION—President: C. W. Mitchell, 5 Vista Street, South Perth; Hon. Secretary: E. Macleod, 48 Leederville Avenue, South Perth; Secretary: G. H. Hargrave, 538 Railway Terrace, Maylands.

12th & 22nd BATTALIONS' ASSOCIATION OF W.A.—Meets at Railway, Wellington Street, Perth; when called; President: J. D. Benner, Secretary: George Cook, 16 Railway Terrace, Maylands.

16th BATTLE ASSOCIATION—66 Barrack Street, Perth (Committee); 3rd Thursday each month; President: W. L. G. Craig, 4th Avenue, Perth; Secretary: W. Newick, 62 Hurst Street, Mt. Lawley.

28th BATTLE ASSOCIATION—Council meetings: 1st Monday; President: A. C. McPhail, 39 John Street, Cottesloe; Secretary: M. J. Foster, 152 Coode Street, Cottesloe.

32nd BATTLE ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; nearest Saturday to July 18; President: R. A. Godfrey c/o Millers Timber & Ford, Elizabeth Street, North Perth; Secretary: R. Rubley, North Perth.

44th BATTLE ASSOCIATION—Meets as arranged; President: R. A. Godfrey c/o Millers Timber & Ford, Elizabeth Street, North Perth; Secretary: R. Rubley, North Perth.

51st BATTLE ASSOCIATION—Reunion Friday in Show Week each year; other meetings as arranged; President: T. B. Edmondson, 36 Archdeacon Street, Nedlands; Secretary: R. E. M. Pedler, 16 Archdeacon Street, Nedlands (Phone WM 1106); Treasurer: T. C. McPhail, 37th Avenue, Mt. Lawley (Phone U 9255).

2/4th MACHINE-GUN BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION (W.A.)—At Ambrose's office, 3rd Floor, C.M.I.L. Building, Cottesloe; Council meetings: 2nd Tuesday each month; Treasurer: T. C. McPhail, 37th Avenue, Mt. Lawley.

2/16th BATTLE ASSOCIATION—President: J. Dring, Secretary: G. S. Smith, 85 Swan Avenue, Mt. Hawthorn; Secretary: T. C. McPhail, 93 Brand Street, South Perth; notification of meetings by circular or association notices.

2/43rd BATTLE ASSOCIATION (W.A. Branch).—Annual reunion October 23; President: V. P. O'Dwyer; Secretary: L. G. Schofield, 36 Bayswater Street, Parsley Bay; Treasurer: G. P. Richards, 85 Swan Avenue, Mt. Hawthorn; 2nd Saturday in month; Hotel Yealering, St. George's Terrace, Perth.
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