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Annual Sports Meeting at Queen's Park, Sunday, March 7, 1948.

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will wear us down." —Churchill, February 9, 1941.
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There is some small satisfaction in the knowledge that Militia training is again about to commence. It is something, but it is not nearly enough.

Militia training as we know it in the past does not meet the needs of a sudden emergency. The real solution is universal military training. America realises this and has put it into practice.

Unfortunately the times we live in do not permit of half measures. It is not intended to imply that the Militia has not a value. As a matter of fact, the Militia supplied the nucleus of the excellent forces which were built up through it to meet the crisis. Both the second and first A.I.F. sprang from and were fostered by the Militia units.

Quite apart from the necessity of universal training, it has never been proved conclusively that anyone was any the worse for a period of training in the Army. The discipline involved in Army training never did a youth any harm. Wearing a uniform and learning how to handle a rifle is not war-mongering. At the present time it is plain commonsense. No one likes to talk in terms of a third world war, but, on the other hand, we have got to be realists and turning our backs on facts and running away never solved any problem.

We should have learned our lessons from previous occasions, when we heard such well-worn phrases as “it cannot happen here” and “we always win the last battle,” and so on.

The R.S.L. from its inception has always stood for an adequate Defence Force, as laid down in its Constitution. Militia training by itself is not an adequate Defence Force. Thirteen Australian Army Generals cannot all be wrong. They have already pointed out to the Minister for Defence, Mr. Chambers, the urgent need for adequate defence provisions. Surely they should know and surely they cannot all be wrong.

We would be wise to follow their advice. Let’s have no more of too little too late. We do not arm to go to war, but it is the only peace language which some nations can understand. We have an example with certain smaller nations who thought the time was opportune to pull the British lion’s tail, thinking that the lion’s claws had been drawn.

“The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.”
State War Memorial
April Appeal Week

Let's Finish the Task

A circular has been sent to the secretary of all sub-branches dealing with an April Appeal Week, in aid of the above fund. It is possible that the reader has not been a regular attender at sub-branch meetings and is not au fait with the position.

While it is not intended that the Diggers should personally provide all the money to complete the memorial, it is felt that every individual member of the League is interested in the perpetuation of the names of the men and women who went west.

Sub-branches have been asked to drop their own district activities for one week, commencing Anzac Day and closing on Friday, 30th April, and to devote these six days to an all-out effort to raise sufficient funds to achieve the object of the League in W.A.

Many sub-branches have done and are doing an excellent job in collecting funds; but, unfortunately, quite a number have not yet indicated the result of their efforts.

We suggest that, having read this article, members will attend the next meeting of their sub-branch and put their shoulders to the wheel in an effort to complete the Memorial as pledged in the League Constitution and by the accredited delegates at the last two congresses.

Quite a number of instances have occurred where sub-branch officials have reported to us that, on making approach to citizens, they have had practically no refusals.

We feel sure that the spirit of the A.I.F., of “going out and getting what they want,” has not died and, although all may not entirely agree with the project as decided, all should face up to the fact that the “majority must rule” and that congress has pledged all individually to assist their sub-branch to raise their allotted quota.

There is no more fitting day for this April Appeal Week to be launched than on “the birthday of the nation.” Anzac Day typifies for all “the birthday of the nation,” baptized in the blood of her men who died for the nation. Don’t let these men be forgotten.

This is an appeal to all members to help finish the task set. It should then be easy of achievement.

AGRICULTURAL ALLOWANCES UNDER RE-ESTABLISHMENT ACT

The League approached the Minister for Post-War Reconstruction with a request that, where a farm did not reach the productive stage after 12 months, an interest-free loan be granted, if desired.

The Minister promised to look into the matter.

BUSINESS LOANS REQUEST TO MINISTER FOR REPATUREATION

The Federal Executive of the R.S.L. approached the Minister with a request that when a member is granted a loan of £250 to set up a business, and a further loan is necessary to ensure success, approval should be given by the Repatriation Commission on the recommendation of the local Repatriation Committee.

The Minister for Repatriation (Mr. Barnard), in reply, pointed out that the suggestion has been in operation since 2nd May, 1946, when Cabinet approved of further loans in certain cases, making the maximum £700.

The Minister further states that he has been assured by the Repatriation Commission that in no case where a member has been granted a loan of £250 and has subsequently applied and is eligible for an additional £250 has the application been declined where it was approved that such additional loan was essential to the success of the business.

The Minister points out that the following trades and professions are covered in respect of the above loans:

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- Food Processors
- Furniture Retailer
- General Storekeeper
- Guest House Proprietor
- General Engineering
- Haulage Contractor
- Hospitals
- Laundries
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- Omnibus Services
- Pearlers
- Printers
- Wool and Textile Manufacturers
- Tyre Moulding and Retreading
- Produce Merchant
- Radio Manufacturers
- (Service Stations and Motor Engineering Works)
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- Sawmilling
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IT'S A LONG TIME AGO
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To the Editor,

Turning out an old album, I found
a picture of four brave men of the
A.I.F., those men fought in the
1914-18 War and saw much service
—Pte. Jack Cameron, died on service
and buried Abbeville Cemetery, 1918.
“No greater Love hath a man than
this. That he lay down his life for
his friend.” —Pte. Cameron is top left.
The rest of his gallant comrades are
unknown to me. Perhaps you will
get this photo into the Press and I
am sure it would be welcomed and
bring back memories to those soldiers,
and show them that we in the Old
Country are proud of them and
maybe their friends may recognise
old soldier pals. Good luck, for
me if I have been impertinent.

Yours truly,

ARCHIBALD McGREGOR.
P.S.: Pte. Cameron, A.I.F., resided
in Perth and had a sister named
Maggie or Margaret and a brother
named Clyde, who was in the bush.

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To the Secretary, R.S.L.,

I should be so grateful if you
would kindly investigate whether
there are still residing in Perth—as I
had two soldier pals by the name of
Smith, who were having treatment
at the War Hospital, Bristol, in the
year of 1919. We were all soldiers
in the 1914 War. I should like to
make contact by correspondence if
they could be traced and they are still
alive and well, which I sincerely hope
they are.

Bruce Cole Hospital, St. George’s,
Bristol, was the hospital where we
were together. I am sure if you will
help me find them I shall ever be
grateful to you, Sir. I shall most
eagerly await news of them, if they
can be traced. My name is Washer;
I’m sure they will remember. And
may I trespass by wishing you, Sir, a
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R.S.L. MEMORIAL BAND

On Saturday, March 6, the R.S.L. Memorial Band presented a musical programme at a fete held at the Wesley College Grounds, South Perth. The fete was for the purpose of raising funds towards a memorial to honour the memory of ex-students of the college who gave their all in Service to their country. This is one of the many functions at which the members of the band are so willing to perform for all times.

On Sunday, March 7, the band journeyed to Coker Park (Queen's Park) to provide a musical programme at the Sons and Daughters of Soldiers' League Sports Day. This proved a most enjoyable outing.

Members of the band eagerly looked forward to the river trip that had been arranged by the Highgate sub-branch of the R.S.L. for the purpose of raising funds for the War Memorial Appeal. The band commenced playing at 7.30 p.m. at the Barrack Street Jetty and was in “tip-top” form whilst providing a pleasant programme of popular music during the cruise on the Swan. Gordon Hack—one of the most popular and enthusiastic vice-presidents of the R.S.L. Memorial Band—was flat-out in preparing for the big night.

Our National Broadcast Station, 6WN featured the R.S.L. Memorial Band on Thursday, March 18, at 8.45 p.m. A very high standard had been aimed at by the band in previous broadcasts and no effort was spared in preparing a first-class programme for the 18th. We would welcome your comments on the broadcast, with any helpful suggestions for future performances.

R.S.L. MEMORIAL JUNIOR BAND

We are justly proud of the enthusiastic attendances at the practices of our recently formed Junior Band. Mr. Len Cooper readily agreed to the executive’s suggestion that he accept the position of junior band conductor and the success of the venture is in no small way due to the vigorous manner in which he has tackled the job; which leads us to a very pertinent question:

“Have you a son, a young brother or a friend who could and should belong to the R.S.L. Junior Band?”

This is YOUR band and it needs your active support and co-operation. It matters little if the new junior member has no musical experience—leave that to us. He will receive all the tuition necessary once he becomes a member of the band; and that tuition is free, but none the less efficient. We have the instruments—we need the young players and the only qua...
The Junior Band practice takes place at the 16th Bn. Drill Hall, Bazaar Terrace, at the foot of William Street, at 9 a.m. every Sunday morning.

Can the Band Assist Your Sub-Branch?
The policy of the R.S.L. Memorial Band has always been to further the activities of the League. One of the most pleasant and effective ways of carrying out this policy is by freely offering our services to all sub-branches of the League. Many have taken advantage of this service, but we feel sure that others have not been fully aware that the League possesses a band and that its services are available.

ANZAC Day Parade
The R.S.L. Memorial Band will again be taking an active part in the Anzac Day parade. We feel proud to represent the League on this day and desire a maximum roll-up of members. Should you know of any person able to play a band instrument, use your influence to secure his services for the R.S.L. Band. The more members we have the better the service we can render to the League.

Annual Dinner
The annual dinner and social of the R.S.L. Memorial Band will take place on Monday, April 26, at Keough's Hall.

Officers
Conductor, C. W. Court (B 5676, WM 1257); President, C. K. Dixon (W 1549); Secretary, G. Parham (U 1310); Treasurer, F. Ashton (B 9081, WM 1110); Committee Members, E. J. Holman (W 2614); S. Court (W 2573).

Any of the above will be only too willing to answer enquiries and supply any further information that may be required.

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Chair!

Procedures at Meetings
Quorum.—Usually 1/3 of Committee for ordinary purposes and 2/3 for matters of major importance.

Minutes may be queried only upon their accuracy as a true record; must be accepted even if meeting has changed its mind. Change requires notice of motion to next meeting.

All speakers must address the chairman and stand.

All committee members must vote, save where chairman agrees with member concerned that his personal interest in a matter, being different from that of other members, may embarrass him.

No debate may take place save on a motion or amendment, moved and seconded. Motion not seconded, save in committee, can't be debated.

Motion once submitted can't be withdrawn, save by leave of meeting.

Motion vitally affecting League interests requires notice of one month, or from one meeting to another.

Motion "That the question be now put" may be put at any stage of the debate. Must be put without debate. If lost, debate goes on; if carried, mover replies and then motion is put. No one who has spoken to the motion or amendment then before the committee can move this motion.

Member seconding a motion without remark is not held to have spoken on it.

Matter once settled can't be debated again at same meeting or at a later meeting without due notice. No decision of a special meeting can be rescinded, save by another special meeting, of which a month's notice shall be given.

Mover of a motion in closing a debate can't introduce new matter. Mover of amendment not entitled to right of reply.

Notice of motion can't be dealt with in the absence of the giver of the notice, save by consent of meeting.

Only one amendment may be dealt with at a time. If amendment carried it becomes the substantive amendment, replacing the original motion. Whether an amendment is carried or not, other amendments may be submitted, one at a time, to be decided in like way until finally is reached.

If all amendments are lost, original motion is put to the vote.

No one can move more than one amendment to a motion.

Suspension of Standing Orders needs 2/3 majority to carry.

Chairman's rulings stand unless queried by 1/5 of meeting and 60 per cent. vote "against ruling. On motion: "That the chairman's ruling be disagreed with" chairman hands over chair to vice-president. In the absence of a vice-president, meeting elects its own chairman, discuss the ruling, votes on the motion, and the chairman resumes chair, when original debate goes on.

Points of order must be stated without irrelevancies.

Member standing when point of order called must sit down until point decided. No discussion allowed on the point. A point of order must show that the speaker was (a) using unseemly language, (b) not keeping to the question, (c) breaking a rule, (d) acting contrary to the general custom of debate. A protest that a speaker is untruthful is not a point of order.

Any member who has spoken may again be heard to explain himself where the chairman agrees a material part of his speech was misquoted or misunderstood. No new matter may be used in an explanation and there can be no debate on it.

Anyone violating standing orders or refusing to retract statement deemed by chairman to be offensive, may be suspended by chairman for rest of meeting.

Nominations can't be withdrawn after closing time without consent of meeting at which they were to be dealt with.

Members must sit down upon the chairman rising to speak; anyone refusing to do so may be suspended by the chairman.

No proxies allowed at committee meetings.

Seven days' notice means seven intervening days (as from 1st to 9th January).

Chairman of a general meeting often uses only deliberative vote; if voting is equal after chairman has voted, motion is deemed lost.

A general meeting may override a committee, except where committee
has specific direction from annual meeting on the subject.

Only H.Q. can give rulings on procedure. Rulings given only to sub-branch president (or to secretary where a general meeting desires). Rulings NOT given to private members.

Don’t discuss sub-branch disputes outside; keep troubles within four walls.

B.C.O.F.

Unproved Charges are Actionable

Unless the charges of immorality and blackmailing among Australian troops in Japan were proved to the hilt, individuals so charged should have the right to recover damages at law, said the Federal President of the R.S.L. (Mr. Eric Millhouse, K.C.), recently.

He was replying to the Federal President of the Australian Legion (Mr. B. J. McDowall) who, in accepting an offer by the Minister for the Army (Mr. Chambers) to hold a public enquiry into the allegations by the Legion, made the proviso that witnesses in support of the charges must have immunity from actions for libel or slander as a result of statements made where there was no privilege.

“Would be grossly unfair to B.C.O.F. personnel if persons making charges which cannot be substantiated were to go scot free,” he said.

Mr. Millhouse said the R.S.L. had established close liaison with B.C.O.F. since November, 1946, and its personal representative with the forces—a decorated officer who rose from the ranks—was convinced there was not an atom of truth in previous grave charges made public by the Legion.

He added that he was glad the Minister intended holding an inquiry and said the League expected to be represented to watch the interests of the many returned servicemen who were still serving their country in the occupation force.

“The R.S.L. will do everything in its power to protect the good name of these men and their younger colleagues,” said Mr. Millhouse.

BRITAIN’S OWN FOOD PRODUCTION PLAN

Big Increases in Acreages of Wheat, Barley, Oats, Potatoes and Sugar Beet

Just under one and a half million acres—a record—will be set aside in the United Kingdom this year for the growing of potatoes. This is the latest figure to be announced in the planned expansion of the country’s home agriculture.

Within the next five years Britain has set herself the task of growing £100 millions worth of food each year, but—even then she will be far from meeting her needs from her own soil, for to feed Britain £550 millions worth of food must be brought from overseas each year.

Viscount Addison, Leader of the House of Lords, has announced the following targets for Britain’s agriculture for 1951/52: wheat, 23 million acres (1,800,000 before the war); barley, 2.4 million acres (900,000 before the war); oats, 3.6 million acres (against 2.4 million); potatoes, 1.4 million (700,000); and sugar beet, 400,000 (350,000).

More Fodder Allowed

This year farmers are to be allowed to retain 20 per cent. of their wheat and barley for fodder, a factor which should help the production of additional livestock.

Within the five-year period, it is hoped to increase milk production by 23 per cent.; egg production by 52 per cent. and meat by 10 per cent.

This is a measure of the steps Britain is taking to help to feed her and to save on imports from hard-currency areas, but a vast amount of food will still need to be secured from other sources, including, of course, Australia.

Among the 60,000 to 70,000 workers now being recruited for Britain’s farms, at least 10,000 will be German prisoners of war. Already some 7,000 of them are employed in agriculture. As each batch of prisoners becomes due for repatriation they are offered the choice of remaining in Britain provided they are willing to work on the land. Nearly all those who stay are men who have already done farm work in Germany. This addition to Britain’s agricultural labour force, together with other volunteers from Europe and 20,000 recruits from within Britain itself, will come within measurable distance of meeting the manpower requirements for this year.

HELPING TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TO TRAVEL

Britain Sets up National Bureau to Organise Overseas Visits

A bureau to supervise and encourage visits to Britain by teachers and students from overseas is being set up by the Ministry of Education. It will also arrange exchange trips to other countries from Britain.

It will be known as the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges and its first function will be to make a survey of the activities of many agencies in Britain and other countries doing similar work of this kind. Active co-operation with such agencies is contemplated and it is intended to supplement their activities, where necessary, by undertaking the responsibility for arranging the visits and exchanges.

The bureau will not interfere with the work of existing agencies, nor start operations until a survey has been undertaken and the position discussed with the various educational bodies concerned.

Ministry to Help With Finance

This new bureau is one of the first tasks being undertaken by the Educational Co-operating Body for U.N.E.S.C.O. in Britain. Educational visits and exchanges are obviously becoming a feature of the postwar world and a very hopeful one for promoting international understanding. Britain will now have a national agency for planning and co-ordinating them to the best advantage.

A committee has been formed under the chairmanship of the General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, Sir Ronald Gould, which is to be responsible for organising the scheme on a whole.

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UNITED STATES EX-SERVICE-MEN IN AUSTRALIA

Medical Treatment

Since the end of the 1939-45 War the R.S.L., through the Repatriation Commission, has been endeavouring to make arrangements with the American Government for treatment of American ex-servicemen now resident in Australia for war-accepted disabilities.

Briefly the position before the outbreak of the 1939-45 War was that, after the 1914-18 War, the Australian Government, acting through Ottawa, Canada, entered into an agreement with Washington, whereby American ex-servicemen were treated in Australian repatriation hospitals.

This agreement lapsed shortly before the outbreak of the 1939-45 War and no provision exists for the treatment of such personnel in Australia.

The Repatriation Commission has repeatedly contacted Washington, through Canada, seeking approval to a resumption of the previous agreement, in order that Americans, particularly malaria sufferers, can obtain hospitalisation and/or treatment.

Up to date the Commission has not been successful in its endeavours. However, during the last few weeks, the matter, we believe, is taking a satisfactory turn, for the latest advice is that there is a distinct possibility of the Veterans' Administration (the American counterpart of the R.S.L.) sending a representative to Australia and, no doubt, after this takes place then some arrangements will be made for the required medical treatment of American ex-servicemen.

BRITAIN SPEEDS UP REPATRIATION OF PRISONERS

All Out of United Kingdom by July Except Those Who Choose to Stay as Farm Workers

Britain is accelerating the repatriation of all German prisoners-of-war still in the United Kingdom. All except those who choose to remain will have left for Germany by the end of July next.

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GOOD PROGRESS IN AFRICAN GROUNDNUT SCHEME

Ten Thousand Acres Cleared and Planted: Yield from Trial Plots Exceeds Expectations

The first official progress report on the schemes for the large-scale cultivation of groundnuts in East Africa has just been published in the United Kingdom. It gives details of encouraging results from trial plots and of the manner in which surplus war equipment has been ingeniously adapted to peacetime food production.

This great pioneering enterprise, which aims at increasing the world’s supply of edible oils and fats, was launched in Tanganyika just over a year ago. By the end of November experts from Britain, assisted by some five thousand Africans, had cleared and planted ten thousand acres.

Trial plots have given an average yield of more than 900 pounds per acre during the year, exceeding expectations by 150 pounds.

Phosphate Find May Help

Special schools have been set up for training African mechanics in the handling of tractors and it has been found that African labourers show great aptitude for semi-skilled work in the repair of mechanised equipment.

Research into the problems of soil fertility and crop rotation has proceeded concurrently with the clearance of the bush. Experiments have been made to determine the best use of fertilisers and it is anticipated that large phosphate deposits, which were discovered recently in Uganda, can be used.

Although it is too early yet for a considered estimate of this year’s crop, it is expected that, by 1950, 1,600,000 tons of groundnuts will be harvested from the lands which were wild, uncultivated and often pest-infested before the present great scheme was launched.

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YEAR'S JUNGLE TEST FOR
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Experiment by Britain's Ministry of Supply Seeks Protection Standards Needed for the Tropics.

An interesting and novel experiment has recently been completed by Britain's Ministry of Supply, who set out to secure reliable evidence of the damage likely to be caused to army vehicles stored for long periods under the most severe tropical conditions. The results achieved are of such diversity that many industries, apart from that primarily concerned with the manufacture of motor vehicles, may learn valuable lessons for the preparation and presentation of their goods in world markets.

Six brand-new and perfectly standard army lorries were drawn straight from the manufacturers' production lines. They were treated and shipped to West Africa, where they were left lying in the open jungle for 12 months, subject to constant attack from rodents, termites, corrosion and mould. The protection provided was deliberately limited. Anti-corrosive inhibitor oil was sprayed on machined moving parts of the engine, but certain portions were left untreated. Colonial service waterproof tape—developed during World War II—was employed to seal certain joints, but, again, this was only partially utilised.

The area chosen for the tests was in the jungle of Nigeria, an area notable for its extreme heat and humidity. Of the six vehicles sent out, one was still capable of being driven away when it was returned to Britain for examination. The blame for the failure of the others was almost equally attributed to corrosion, rats and mould growth on certain delicate electrical parts.

The Difficulties and the Solutions

It the severest cases of corrosion certain transmission parts were jammed solid and it had been responsible for ruining the speedometers and starter switches on at least three out of the six lorries.

The difficulties learnt during the experiment, and their solution, can be summarised as follows: Corrosion on all moving parts can be prevented by the use of inhibitor oil, while the peeling and cracking of paint can be prevented by ensuring the perfect cleanliness of all surfaces before painting. The damage caused by rats to the covering of electrical cables may be avoided best by the use of armoured cabling, and the damage caused by fungoid growth or corrosion to instruments and delicate mechanisms could be prevented by careful sealing of such parts.

The damage caused to the transmission by corrosion is the most difficult to cure, as the sealing off of the casing is almost impossible and inhibitor oil cannot be used owing to the proximity of friction material, which would be harmed by any contact with oil. The cure for all this probably will now be found through certain modifications in design and material, well within the abilities of British designers and manufacturers.
**THE LATE ALEX GLOSTER**

The League in general and the Moora sub-branch in particular suffered a severe loss by the death of Alex Gloster, on February 27.

Alex Gloster, who was a veteran of the old 16th Battalion, saw much service in the 1914-18 War and his health was much impaired as the result of his privations when a prisoner-of-war in the hands of the Germans.

A real Digger and a friend of all Diggers and ever-ready to help - a man who was down, he was for many years proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Moora, and was very popular with all Moora folk.

He was a great battler for the Moora sub-branch and always ready to lend a hand in every undertaking. He was one of those who, never seeking publicity, was always generous to any deserving cause and, without ostentation, helped many a returned man in the years of depression.

The sub-branch in which he held office for many years will miss him sadly and takes this opportunity of saying farewell to an old friend and of expressing its sympathy to his relatives.

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BRITAIN'S NATIONAL INSURANCE PLAN

Every Adult Will Benefit: Compensation Scheme for Injuries at Work

When Britain's new national insurance scheme begins in July next, everyone over school leaving age will be entitled to its benefits.

The preliminary draft of its regulations has just been issued by the Stationery Office, which shows that contributors to the scheme are divided into three classes. The first covers those employed under contract of service or apprenticeship, and the great majority who work for wages or a salary fall into this category. The next class includes people who are in business on their own account and the third group comprises all those who are not employed.

Contributions are shared by the employer and the employee in the case of those falling in the first category and amount to nine shillings, with a lower rate for anyone under 18 years of age. While benefit is being drawn for sickness, unemployment or injury, no contributions will be paid.

Married women are not expected to pay separate contributions. With the help of family allowances, benefits for wife and family are provided out of a husband's payments. Married women who are in paid work may, however, choose between paying themselves or relying on their husbands' contributions.

Maternity Allowances and Retirement Pensions

On the birth of a child, a mother receives a maternity grant of £4. If she normally goes out to work she may also qualify for a maternity allowance of 36/- a week for 13 weeks, beginning six weeks after confinement. Those mothers who are occupied solely on home duties will have allowances of 20/- a week for the four weeks after confinement.

Compensation is provided for personal injuries caused by accidents at work and for diseases due to the nature of employment. All persons employed under contract of service and apprentices are eligible. These benefits can be claimed from the moment of starting work.

Retirement pensions begin at 65 for men and 60 for women. If they do not retire at this age, however, they can earn higher pension for themselves. For every extra six months at work it will be increased by one shilling a week.

Those whose work takes them out of Britain do not thereby forfeit their benefits. Also anyone who was living in Britain before July this year and is abroad when the scheme begins can cover the gap in contributions which this may cause. The only stipulation is that he must return from overseas within three years from the time the plan comes into force. Those coming to Britain from abroad will be insured after they have been resident there for a continuous period of 26 weeks. If, however, employment is taken up in Britain under contract of service, they will come into the scheme from the date such work begins. Young people under 18 who come to Britain for full-time education or to become apprentices will also be insured from the date their training commences.

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LETTER FROM AN OLD MEMBER, 8th BATTALION
Mr. T. W. Clint, 6 Queensdowie Road, Clapton, E5, London, England.
January 11, 1948

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—I am writing this letter, hoping that, in the event of any of my
old cobbers of the 8th Battery, to
which I belonged and which left W.A.
on the s.s. Medic in 1914, still resid-
ing in W.A., this letter could be
brought to their notice, as I guess
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WAR GRAVES
Interesting Information from District Inspector, W.A.

State Secretary, R.S.L.,
Anzac House, Perth.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your J.C.L., dated 17th January, 1948, dealing with the following resolution passed, by the Fremantle City Sub-Branch at one of their meetings:-

"That this sub-branch protests strongly, through the State Executive, to the War Graves Commission, in connection with the changing of returned men's graves in Fremantle Cemetery from grassed plots to concrete-covered plots and that we are opposed to uniformity as a matter of policy."

Dealing with the changing from grass-covered, single graves to concrete-covered. This is being done all over Australia. Attached are blueprints of the type of covers being used. It will be noted type "A" are being used in the metropolitan area and type "B" in country districts.

From Grass to Concrete

The reasons for making the change from grass to concrete covers are:-
(a) Increased costs of general maintenance.
(b) Labour and costs for constant watering and cutting of grass.
(c) Grass builds up after years of top dressing and growth and, in time, has to be taken out and replanted.
(d) Grassing of graves is only possible in the metropolitan areas and in a few country districts where water is available.
(e) Levels and sandy surroundings make it difficult to define and keep the grass plot in proper order.
(f) A single war grave with a plot of grass and headstone is inclined to look insignificant when surrounded by private graves with monumental mountings.
(g) In the country, in most instances, there is no water available; the graves have been bare with only the headstones erected.
(h) To bring all war graves in civil cemeteries into line the policy of the concreting of graves has been adopted throughout Australia.

Fremantle Civil Cemetery

Dealing with Fremantle Civil Cemetery in particular. When the work started on the concreting of graves, the Cemetery Board protested and called a special meeting, at which the undersigned was asked to attend. At the meeting we adjourned and inspected the work in progress, as well as about 12 graves that had been completed. When seeing the finished job, the Board expressed their absolute approval and were unanimous that the concreted graves presented a much better appearance, giving a look of permanency and added dignity to the blue granite permanent headstone. The same reactions have been recorded everywhere in this State where the work has been done and we would ask the sub-branch to please inspect the finished graves.

Reference the last phrase of their resolution: "And that we are opposed to uniformity as a matter of policy."

Uniformity the Aim

Uniformity has always been the policy of the Imperial War Graves Commission, as well as that of the Australian War Graves Service, who operated before the Imperial War Graves Commission took over. It is the policy that all war graves will be uniform, irrespective of whatever rank, religion or branch of the services the deceased service men or women served.

Reference the para: "The question was also raised as to the closing of the Military Cemetery at Karrakatta. Disapproval of this move was expressed by several members."

The following instruction was issued by the Imperial War Graves Commission, which applies throughout the world.

"For the purposes of the Imperial War Graves Commission, the Second World War will be deemed to terminate on 31st December, 1947. After that date, NO further burials of service or ex-service personnel, whose deaths occur after the 31st December 1947, may be effected in any war cemetery."

You will agree the termination of burials in war cemeteries must be determined at some time. To attempt to cope with the volume of deaths that must occur in the future, exist-

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Write to the secretary in your particular State, requesting specific information, rules, nomination forms, helpful literature, etc.

The formation of new sub-branches is essential to the progress of the League, and is the most effective way of ensuring a more or less permanent increase in membership. Sub-branch members and officers are urged to take the League to the ex-soldier, where the ex-soldier may find it inconvenient to come to the League.

The following procedure is generally adopted when forming a new sub-branch, the rules of the various State branches varying only slightly:

(a) A meeting should be called of all ex-servicemen in the district. The meeting should be well advertised, as the formation of a League sub-branch is an important step in the life of a district. Propaganda should be made available to the local Press, and circulated as widely as possible in the district.

(b) Ten (10) is the accepted minimum membership for a sub-branch in N.S.W. and fifteen (15) in Victoria. It is not necessary, however, to have the minimum number as determined by the particular branch, present at the preliminary meeting.

(c) After the aims, objects and current work of the League have been outlined and explained to the meeting, a returned soldier should move: "That a provisional committee be appointed for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements with a view to forming a sub-branch of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. to be affiliated with the State branch." The motion having been seconded and discussed, should be submitted to the meeting.

(d) Upon the meeting agreeing to apply for permission to form a sub-branch, and form a provisional committee, it should proceed to the election of the following provisional officers: Chairman, vice-chairman, honorary treasurer, honorary secretary, and a committee of not less than three.

(e) As provisional officers are elected by men who have not yet paid their subscriptions, they shall have no authority within the League, except to further organise for a sub-branch, arrange for the collection of annual subscriptions and finalise arrangements for a future meeting of such subscribers to form a sub-branch and to elect the necessary office-holders.

(f) The preliminary meeting shall decide the date, time and place of a future meeting of returned sailors and soldiers who shall have, in the meantime, agreed to become members of the new sub-branch.

(g) The provisional committee shall instruct the provisional secretary to request permission from the State branch to affiliate and to obtain from the State Secretary, on behalf of the meeting, an official receipt book, nomination and other forms, and a supply of books of the Constitution and Rules (if not already obtained), together with any matter likely to be of assistance in the efficient management of the sub-branch.

(h) When the requisite number of persons have paid their subscriptions, the chairman shall accept a motion: "That the returned men who have paid their subscriptions to the new sub-branch constitute the sub-branch of the Returned Servicemen's League." Only members who have paid at least one-half year's subscription shall vote on this question.

(i) The provisional committee, when applying to the State branch for permission to become a sub-branch, shall send to the State secretary completed capitation returns with remittance covering members enrolled. Completed and signed nomination forms shall also be forwarded.

(j) The State secretary shall forward badges and financial slips when advising that affiliation has been granted.

(k) When official notification has been received that affiliation has been granted to the new sub-branch, the provisional committee shall convene a meeting of all financial members, giving seven days' notice in writing or by publicity in the local Press.

(l) This meeting shall proceed to the election of the following officers: President, vice-president, honorary treasurer, honorary secretary, honorary auditors (2) and a committee of not fewer than three. These officers shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the sub-branch.

(m) The officers, having been duly appointed and the president having taken the chair, the following matters should be determined:

(1) Name of bank and of sub-branch account thereat.

(2) Whether a minute secretary shall be appointed.

(3) Time and date of next general meeting.

(4) Place of meeting.

(5) Whether a welfare committee shall be appointed.

(6) Whether a social committee shall be appointed.

(7) Whether a women's auxiliary shall be appointed.

(8) Whether an assistant secretary, publicity officer, investigating officer, etc., shall be appointed.

(9) General business.
Did You Know?

That under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme the acreage required from the Crown and private sources is 648,647 acres.

That the total acreage allotted to soldier settlers is 42 dairy farms, comprising 12,839 acres.

That 64 wheat and sheep farms, totalling 159,729 acres, have also been allotted.

That soldier settlers will be engaged in cane-growing, fresh and dried fruits, poultry, dairying, grazing, sheep and wheat farming.

That the number of blocks occupied by soldier settlers total 52.

That the materials supply in regard to improvements is very poor.

That development of the blocks is seriously retarded on that account.

That single unit farms are available.

That 107 single-unit farms have already been taken over.

That the number of agricultural loans under the Re-Establishment Act is 1,314.

That the total amount of these loans is £1,148,794.

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Information from Mines Dept.

The Under-Secretary for Mines, Mines Department, offers the following information to those ex-servicemen who may be interested in going prospecting:

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KATANNING SUB-BRANCH
Summary of Year’s Work

In submitting my second annual report, I first mention the loyal support of all members of the sub-branch. I know at times I have expected, perhaps, rather too much, but the response has always been excellent.

During the year, the management committee has met 12 times, including one extraordinary meeting, and a large amount of business has been dealt with expeditiously. Management members’ attendance is as follows:

J. Old, 5; H. Meldon, 10; A. Crouch, 9; S. Leslie, 2 (resigned); C. Morrison, 8; F. Fremantle, 7; R. Bader, 7; C. Dilworth, 3; L. Thompson, 8; B. Allen, 3 (resigned); Vic. Ferry, 5 (only appointed recently); P. Stevens, 11; W. Mathews, 11.

General Meetings: During the year we had 11 meetings, with an average attendance of 52. I think we should have a much better attendance with the good membership we have.

Finance Committee has met 19 times. They have also done some exceptionally good work. The amount collected for your sub-branch building fund this year was £1,135, for part of which thanks go to the Repertory Club, Mrs. G. Martin and Mr. Bruce Allan. There is now a grand total of £1,669.

Membership: The year closed with a financial membership of 268.

Congress: Attended by Noel Beech and myself; a comprehensive report was given to the sub-branch at the following general meeting.

No. 4 District Council: Meetings were held at Wagin and Katanning. The attendance was not up to average and delegates were difficult to obtain.

Anzac Day: Again we were fortunate in securing one of our members, Padre Slater, to speak at the service in the Town Hall and I know I am voicing the opinion of my sub-branch in congratulating him on the good job he did. The morning service was well attended, but the attendance at the service at the Town Hall was not up to standard.
Amistice Day: As in previous years, a short ceremony was held at the memorial, and wreaths were laid by the Sub-Branch, Women's Auxiliary, Cubs and Scouts, also by relatives of the fallen. The attendance left much to be desired.

Poppy Day: 1,000 poppies were sold. Thanks are again due to our lady helpers and our members.

The R.S.L. Dart Club is very active again and is enjoying some very good contests.

Cricket Team: Two matches have been played, but there appears a little difficulty in getting the required number of players.

Tools of Trade: A good number of cases went through our hands, most of them being successful.

W.S.L.S.: A good deal of correspondence was dealt with during the year, but I am afraid the results have been negative.

Housing: Many cases were dealt with by the sub-branch, but practically no headway was made.

Pensions: Three cases have been dealt with successfully and one is pending.

Unemployment: Through the year, nil.

Hospital: We have had several members in hospital and they have been visited by the women's auxiliary.

Christmas Tree: This was very successful, over 800 presents being given out to the Katanning children. We have the sum of £55 standing to our credit, but there are a few more small accounts to be finalised.

State Memorial Fund: Amount collected to date is £80, but, of course, there will be cards handed in tonight.

Women's Auxiliary: Splendid work was again done by the women's auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Smart and her secretary, Mrs. Barrett. Their assistance to our Finance Committee has been beyond praise.

In concluding, I would like to express appreciation of the manner in which the Secretary (Peter Stevens) and the Treasurer (Arthur Crouch) have carried out their duties during the year. Also I have to thank very much the assistance given by J. Sheehan, J. Cornelius, B. Rafferty, for their hard work in assisting in the many odd jobs. I must thank the good officers of our local Repatriation Committee, through which we have been able to assist several of our members.

Further proceeds additional to the £1,135 collected:

* Fifty Golden Fleece, approximately £60; Christmas Tree, £115; Poppy Day, £52.
* Food for Britain: Anzac Day, £1 1/5/8; Diggers' Golf Day, £40/2/4; Ball, £37/1/6; Sub-Branch Donation, £11/10/6; Total £100.
* Grand Total: £1,462.

AUSTRALIAN EX-SERVICEMEN BURIED IN BORNEO

Offer from Residents in Sandakan

At a meeting of Australian citizens resident in Sandakan, North Borneo, it was decided to form an Australian association with the following four broad aims:

1. To perpetuate the observance of Anzac Day in North Borneo, in memory of our glorious dead.
2. To aid and assist our fellow countrymen by every means possible during their visits to North Borneo.
3. To act as a liaison body between local associations and committees and Australian Governments or organisations, should such services be acceptable to and requested by such bodies.
4. To endeavour to foster harmony between the Australian people at home and all peoples of this colony to their mutual benefit.

The main reason for the inauguration of this association is the fact that large numbers of Australian soldiers are buried in this territory, and, no doubt, relatives and friends of these men will, from time to time, visit the war cemeteries.

We fully understand that certain regulations governing the War Graves Commission's policy cannot be contravened and it is not the association's policy to attempt to supplant official information, but merely to assist with local knowledge regarding accommodation, transport, etc.

We would be pleased to receive any suggestions you might like to make in connection with the aims of our association and the forming of a co-operative plan with your organisation.

OPERATION TUCKERBOX

R.A.A.F. aircraft carrying food to isolated areas in Queensland had so far flown almost 35,000 miles. Announcing this recently at R.A.A.F. Headquarters, it was stated that up to 10 "Operation Tuckerbox" aircraft were operating each day, carrying 3,500 to 5,000 lbs. of food. So far, 38 sorties have been flown to carry a total of approximately 170,000 lbs.

So far, the areas covered by the R.A.A.F. include Townsville, Cloncurry, Charters Towers, Charleville, Winton, Cairns and Hughenden.

ANZAC SERVICE SHEETS

Sub-Branch officials are reminded that Anzac Service Folders, similar to those used at the Esplanade service in Perth, but with local particulars printed on the front page, can be purchased at a reasonable price from the IMPERIAL PRINTING COY. LTD., 397 Hay Street, Perth. Send your order in as soon as possible.

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So far we have not been able to receive any comments on our "Do you know" series, but, as old soldiers are famous or, perhaps, infamous, for long memories and good tale-telling abilities, we expect in our next issue to tell you of some records, etc., which have been achieved by members.

In the meantime, DO YOU KNOW...

That we have at least three members who first joined the army in the 1880's. One took the King's Shilling in 1882 as a member of the 10th Hussars, fought through the Boer War with that regiment and, after he came to Australia, enlisted again and went through the 1914-18 War with the A.I.F.

One enlisted about 1885 in the Scots' Guards, served with them in the Boer War, with the Engineers (A.I.F.) in the 1914-18 show and then, not having had enough, joined up and served for four years in the last box-on. This time he was not allowed to go overseas, apparently not because of old age, but because he had developed asthma.

Another enlisted early in the 1880's, served through the first two wars, but, at the moment, we cannot glean any further information as, owing to ill-health, he cannot always get along to our gatherings.

No wonder they say "Old Soldiers Never Die!"

The foregoing is not set up as a record, but the writer would like to get further details of service, etc.—that is, if the prevailing modesty of the old soldier does not prevent their supplying same.

That we had on our membership three nursing sisters of the 1914-18 War. One of these had passed away and her name is on our honour board. The second is at present sick in Hollywood Hospital, and the third is, according to all accounts, still going strong.

That, for the first time in our history, an Australian-wide congress will be held in Perth. Delegates from all States will assemble in Perth on April 3 and congress will officially open on Monday, April 5, and will continue to April 12, when delegates will return to their respective States.

That good Scotsman, Mr. Geo. McPhie, who formerly was Honorary Treasurer of this W.A. Branch, will return as a delegate to the congress, representing New South Wales.

That a very intensive agenda and itinerary, both business and social, has been arranged for delegates and thanks are due to the State Tourist Bureau, who kindly took the job of finding living accommodation off our hands, to the R.S.L. for arranging several functions, to the Repatriation Department, who have arranged for a visit to Hollywood Hospital, to the Red Cross, who have made possible a trip to the various outstanding beauty spots in and around Perth, to the Lord Mayors of Cities of Perth and Fremantle for holding civic receptions to delegates, and to sundry other bodies and persons too numerous to mention. We hope that these delegates will take back with them many happy memories of their stay in this State.

That all members of the Association are invited to meet the delegates at morning tea in our Rest Rooms, at 10.30 a.m., on Saturday, April 3, so that they will have an opportunity of becoming acquainted.

That the Federal President (Mr. Hafith) will lay a wreath on the State War Memorial at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 4, and it is expected that all members who can possibly come along will do so. A warm welcome is also extended to anyone else who may care to come along.

That several vital matters concerning members of our Association, particularly, and returned soldiers generally, will be discussed at congress. We cannot, at the moment of writing, go into details, but the Press has assured us of their co-operation and we hope to have items published from time to time outlining proposals, etc., brought before congress. The ABC News Editor has also already given us a "write-up" over the air and promised us further "write-ups" of a similar nature.

That our Sydney Branch are conducting a £10,000 general appeal and that writer has just received a photograph, published in the Sydney "Daily Mirror," of 19/2/48, showing a cheque for £1,000 given by one donor towards this appeal. Here's hoping that, when we hold our appeal, we may receive somewhat similar support.

SERVICES' CANTEEN TRUST FUNDS

This fund represents the profits made by the Services' Canteen during the war and a considerable amount of money, running into over four million pounds, was accumulated.

It is now decided by the Government that these monies should be distributed for the benefit of needy ex-servicemen and their dependants. The fund is divided into two parts, namely Welfare and Education.

The trustee organisations, of which the R.S.L. is one, have been disbursing these funds to needy ex-servicemen.

The new arrangements, however, have now been made whereby each of the trustee organisations are now represented on a regional committee, which, so far as this State is concerned, has its headquarters at Swan Barracks, under the administration of a paid staff.

The trustee organisation representatives meet periodically to deal with the applications for relief which are received. There are certain forms to be filled in which can be received from the offices of the R.S.L. and other organisations concerned and these are then forwarded for investigation to the central administration.

Grants up to £25 may be made to meet cases of distress. Sub-branch welfare committees should be on the alert to discover neccessitous cases entitled to a distribution from the funds, and have the applications lodged at Anzac House or Swan Barracks direct.

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HIGHGATE HITS THE HEADLINES

The recently formed Highgate sub-branch of the League, under the direction of its energetic and resourceful President, Mr. Gordon Hack, decided to do something for the War Memorial Extension Appeal.

The effort consisted of a "bucks" night on the river. The Emerald was engaged and several hundred members of the sub-branch and their friends regathered on Friday, 12th March, to enjoy the cool breeze and things on board.

The all inclusive charge of £1 per member was made, which was to cover everything, i.e. it cost a £1 to get on board, but the amount required to disembark was not specified.

As a result of the effort, which was a worthy one and well conceived, will be a valuable addition to the appeal funds for the State War Memorial.

The Highgate Hikers taking on stores at Barrack Street Jetty.

SERVICES' CANTEEN TRUST FUNDS

Western Australian Regional Education Committee

Applications are invited from parents and guardians of children aged 13 years and over who, by reason of necessitous circumstances, require financial assistance in the education of children coming within one of the following categories:

(a) Orphans of eligible servicemen (whose deaths were due to war service or otherwise).
(b) Children of incapacitated eligible servicemen (whether the incapacity is due to war service or otherwise).
(c) Children of eligible servicemen not incapacitated, who, by reason of exceptional circumstances, are particularly deserving of assistance.

"Orphan" means the child of a deceased member of the Forces.

"Eligible Serviceman" means a person who was, at any time between 3rd September, 1939, and 30th June, 1947, a member of the Forces.

"Member" or "Member of the Forces" means a person who is or was prior to his discharge or death:

(a) A member of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth; or

(b) A member of any nursing service or women's service attached or auxiliary to any branch of the Defence Force of the Commonwealth; and includes a member of the Canteens staff of any ship of the Royal Australian Navy and any person duly accredited to any part of the Defence Force who has served in an official capacity on full-time paid duty.

Applications must be on the prescribed form, which may be obtained by written or personal application to the Secretary.

Completed application form should be forwarded to the Committee by post. An interview with the Secretary or an agent of the committee will be arranged as soon as practicable after receipt of the application.

M. B. PAUST,
Secretary to Regional Education Committee
Room 88, Swan Barracks, Perth.
Visit to Gallipoli and Tobruk

Brig. F. A. Burrows to attend unveiling ceremony at Tobruk Cemetery

- Ask any hard-bitten old soldier of the last two wars what was his greatest thrill and you're likely to collect the terse reply, "There are no thrills in war." But 51-year-old Brigadier Frederick Alexander Burrows, D.S.O., M.C., Polish Cross of Valour, treasures one memory above all others of a "kick" he got in World War II.

And it won't be his fault if he does not get back to the scene of that memory—Er Regima, April 4, 1941—then he goes to Tobruk this year as the R.S.L. representative for the opening of the war memorial at Tobruk.

Fred Burrows, now with an Adelaide engineering firm, was Victorian-born, but spent most of his life up to 1939 in New South Wales.

It was at Er Regima that Australian troops met the German for the first time in World War II.

The young Diggers were men of the 2/13th Infantry Battalion, commanded by Burrows. The way they sloggled it out in a brief, savage encounter, which began when 3,000 of the Africa Corps hurled themselves at the 2/13th position still brings a sparkle of exhilarating memory to his eyes.

The first lap of the Benghazl handicap was over, with the Ities first past the post and going strongly. But the second lap, reverse direction, began with a heave by Hitler's Africa Corps.

The 2/13th were sitting on Er Regima, part of the Tobruk Pass line. They were ordered to fight a rearguard action against the Germans, but not become committed too closely.

To "Bull" Burrows it was like waiting for a horse to have its first race; you knew what he could do on the tracks, but how would he go with the colours up... champion or no hoper?

The 2/13th went like Phar Lap. They tore into Jerry as if there were only a couple more days of the war left to go and they wanted their chop.

April 4, 1941

You can't blame him for sitting back nowadays with a grin on his face every time he recalls that afternoon and night, April 4, 1941. He had to pull out the battalion on order, of course—but they'd shown fine mettle.

That, to any commander, is the champagne of military memory. Fred Burrows was only a schoolboy when World War 1 broke out, but, even so, he had put in two years in the voluntary senior cadets.

So in February, 1915, at the age of 17, he successfully convinced the Army that he was a bit older and became a footslogger in the 7th Battalion, 1st Division. It wasn't long after that he was on Gallipoli, at Lone Pine, although not at the landing.

Then came France and Platoon Sergeant F. A. Burrows earned his first decoration.

It was during the "Big Push" of August 10, 1918, on the Somme. Two platoons of the 7th were sent in to knock out a Jerry-post at Lihons. The officer was killed and Sgt. Burrows assumed command. The objective was attained—and for the successful stunt he was awarded the Military Medal.

He was commissioned shortly afterwards and returned to Australia in May, 1919, as a lieutenant.

Keen Militiaman

Soldiering had bitten him though, so, instead of giving the game away, he became a keen militiaman. When war came in 1939, he was a lieutenant-colonel, commanding officer of the 36th Battalion—the St. George's English Rifles—in New South Wales.

He was given an A.I.F. command, the 2/15th Battalion, then 7th Division, and also the nickname which followed him through the Middle East and back—"Bull".

A young rookie rocked with awe on the parade ground at Ingleburn the first time he heard his "trump" roar and muttered, "Gawd, he can roar like a bull." The name stuck.

But the recipient didn't know of it until two years later, in January, 1942, when half a dozen of his troops visited him in the 15th Scottish Hospital at Cairo. He was there recovering from the wounds received at Ed Juda, during the break-out from Tobruk.

Two of his battalion officers and four of the boys sat on the floor of the ward and regaled him with a raucous chorus, "We're Bull Burrows' Bomb-Happy Boys," sung to the tune of "Bless 'em All."

"Bull" Reors

"Bull" roared again—with laughter—although it hurt him much to even grin with shrapnel in his head and affecting his eyes.

The 2/13th, after fighting their way back from Er Regima, through four more rearguard actions, were one of the last units to get into Tobruk.

And they were last out. When the evacuation of the 9th Division was on; in October, 1941, a fast British mine-laying cruiser, coming in to take off the 2/13th, was sunk and there they stayed. It seemed that the Devil's number was catching up with them.

They stuck on there with the Polish Brigade. Coincidentally, the Tobruk Commander, Major-General J. Scobie, although a British officer, had a link with Australia. During the spell be-
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tween the wars, he had put in some time as an instructor at Duntroon.

When the 8th Army staged its big push to relieve Tobruk, late in 1941, the 2/13th were in position along the upper "wall" of the corridor leading out to Sidi Rezegh. They had to go in fast, two companies of them, when the Germans knocked the Tommies off the hillock of Edjudta and it was then that "Bull" was wounded. After he recovered, he was invalided back to Australia.

"Bull" has a ready answer to the old, old question, "How does the Digger compare with the Jerry as a soldier?"

It's this: "A good, well-trained Aussie is a better soldier than the German ever was or ever will be."

"By and large, the Germans were given more training for their jobs. But, whereas Jerry was a bit on the way to being beaten when he couldn't see his mates around him, the Digger still had guts when he was on his own and would keep boxing on."

**Similarity of Tobruk and Gallipoli**

Tobruk and Gallipoli were similar in some respects, one being that both campaigns were sieges. There was more grim hand-to-hand, bayonet fighting on the Peninsula, but against that there were no "Stuka parades" or Messerschmitt sorties.

Conditions as regards food rations, medical treatment and supplies were infinitely better in Tobruk. "If we'd had Gallipoli medical methods in Tobruk, I'm afraid there'd be a lot less left of us than there are."

Like all old soldiers, too, "Bull" Burrows can spin plenty of "fighter-side" yarns about Tobruk, but one of his best concerns another brigadier.

The Stukas had been busy as usual and everyone was ready to get off the mark very smartly at first warning. Brigadier X, troubled with dysentery, set off for the latrines at a sedate walk. He stepped out a little more briskly as he got closer. Then, dysentery being what it is, suddenly he broke into a full gallop.

With one accord, the wary troops nearby took one look at the running brigadier, then automatically broke even to their slit trenches. The brigadier reached his goal safely.

And, nominated by Victoria, seconded by New South Wales, and heartily approved of by South Australia, for the job at the recent Federal Congress, "Bull" Burrows will be able to look over Tobruk in a few months' time, safe in the knowledge that he at least knows what it's all about from a soldier's angle.

**OVERSEAS FLIGHTS FOR AIR CADETS**

Eighty a Month Will go as Crew Members on Plane Trips from the United Kingdom

Britain is arranging regular flights abroad for her young Air Training Corps cadets.

Eighty will be flown overseas each month on the scheduled routes covered by Transport Command of the Royal Air Force. Announcing the scheme, Britain's Under-Secretary for Air (Mr. de Freitas) declared that all really proficient members of the Corps would have a chance of going on these flights and that they would not do so as mere passengers. The cadets are to be ranked as supernumerary air crew, with the rank of Assistant Air Quartermaster.

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During the flights, the boys will be authorised to enter the captain's compartment and to practise map reading in addition, to carrying out the normal duties of an aircraft steward.

Tropical kit is to be issued for them when they do the longer trips to India or Egypt and the cadets will travel free by rail to and from the R.A.F. stations. The consent of parents is required, however, before a cadet is allowed to join in this scheme and the first of the boys to fly are being selected by the votes of their fellow cadets.

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**R.A.A.F. TO FORM FOUR CITIZEN AIR FORCE SQUADRONS**

Citizen Air Force fighter squadrons will be formed during April in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia, according to an announcement by the Minister for Air and Civil Aviation (Mr. Drakeford).

The squadrons to be formed are:

- **No. 21** — "City of Melbourne" Squadron, to be formed at Laverton (Vic.)
- **No. 22** — "City of Sydney" Squadron, to be formed at Bankstown (N.S.W.).
- **No. 23** — "City of Brisbane" Squadron, to be formed at Archerfield (Q.).
- **No. 25** — "City of Perth" Squadron, to be formed at Pearce (W.A.).

The Minister said that each of these fighter squadrons, which would be manned by approximately 40 per cent. Permanent Air Force personnel and 60 per cent. part-time Citizen Air Force volunteers, would be equipped initially with Mustangs and, at a later date, with Australian-built Vampire jet-driven aircraft.

"This is an important step in the re-establishment of the nation's peace-time Air Force," Mr. Drakeford said, "for every Australian will remember the tremendous value of the Citizen Air Force Squadrons to the R.A.A.F. immediately following the outbreak of hostilities in 1939.

"The Citizen Air Force Squadrons will again be the means of providing Australia with a team of fully trained pilots capable of taking part in immediate operations should the occasion arise.

"Citizen Air Force personnel will be selected with a view to providing the R.A.A.F. with an invaluable nucleus of officers and airmen, whose high standard of skill, knowledge and training will enable them to fill key operational or training posts at short notice and to provide immediate home defence."

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**DARTS VERSUS ENGLAND**

In a recent darts contest, played per air mail, between the Eagle Tap Dart Club of England and the City of Perth Sub-Branch, the final scores were 6-1, 5-2 in the Perthites favour.

Considering the games were played under English rules, i.e. Straight Start, Finish on a Double, and our doubles and trebles are smaller than the English ones, the performance is indeed meritorious.

The local team comprised Messrs. Hopperston, H.; Hopperston, H. W.; Macdonald; Pell; Scott, L.; Hepworth; Laughton and Tomich and each will be the receivers of a set of engraved darts being sent from England, whilst the sub-branch will be the recipients of an engraved dart board, presented by the Dorwin Pencil Co., of Slough Bucks. The City of Perth Sub-Branch is reciprocating by sending food parcels.

A contest against another English club, which will be led by an ex-Test player, is being arranged and it is hoped to conduct this by air.

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We feel that our return to civvies and bowler hats ought not to end the comradeship we enjoyed in past wars. Many of us, however, are guilty of saying goodbye to all that when we receive our tickets.

So that we shall not forget, may we extend the hand of friendship to those lion-hearted men of Australia who came to our aid when we were in peril?

We cannot offer more—acute shortages of material goods hinder our desire to give in kind. But we do feel that, despite our low standard of living, friendship between ex-service men is of far greater value than the loot of ravaged cities.

Should you care to join hands across the seas, please write me, so that I can break the good news to my ex-service comrades and so give them hope in the era of "Work or Want."

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Unit Associations

THE 12th AND 52nd BATTALIONS

At a recently well-attended meeting, the election of officers took place as follows: President, A. C. Storey; vice-presidents, A. Mason and J. Fulton; secretary-treasurer, A. Cook; country vice-presidents, A. E. Potts, R. H. Reeves and H. A. Pilley; social secretary, W. T. Bowens; minute secretary, H. A. Baker; and a committee. The committee submitted its annual report, which shows that the year just closed had been a successful one. Membership had been maintained and the financial position was sound. It was pleasing to see that a number of the 2/12th and 2/52nd had come along and joined the old association, which in some measure makes good the thinning of our ranks, due to the greater average age. The association is fortunate in having the continued support of several business members and others. Members are reminded that the president's and secretary's addresses are printed periodically in "The Listening Post" and subscriptions (£/6 annually) may be sent to them. The secretary would like to be advised when members are sick in hospital.

48th BATTALION

On Tuesday, March 2, a combined general meeting of the old 48th Bn. and 2/48th Bn. was held in the Esplanade Kiosk. Quite a fair number of both units turned up. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the question of amalgamating the two units. After President McKenzie and other speakers had said they were very much in favour of the 2/48th joining the old association, Colonel Atchison and several others of the 2/48th spoke in favour of the amalgamation. It was decided to call a general meeting (combined) for April 23, to discuss the purpose of forming a composite committee. All members of both units are hereby requested to come along that night. At the 48th Battalion meeting on March 3 the following members of the 2/48th were present: Colonel Atchison, Messrs. Reeves, R. H. Lewis, J. W. Smith, S. A. Marzucchelli, V. Nelson, H. Goldspink, P. Orfield, C. Bell, F. Carruthers, A. Horsell and several others.

16th BATTALION

In connection with the visit to Adelaide, commencing on Monday, April 19, arrangements were well in hand and a final meeting of those members and their wives who are making the trip will be called, probably the week prior to embarking date. The party will comprise 72 in all aged from reports received. On a recent Sunday we played an splendid itinerary has been arranged. When this party has "entrained" on Monday, April 19, 1948, months of hard work and planning by the president, secretary and committee should result in a pleasant and happy holiday with our South Australian comrades.

EX-MACHINE-GUNNERS' ASSOCIATION

At the last annual meeting of the Association, Mr. E. S. Everest, who has acted as Secretary for a considerable period, tendered his resignation on account of pressure of business. Mr. Everest was the first president of the Association and, from the time he took over the secretaryship, has shown great enthusiasm in all the Association's activities and, it is generally due to his efforts that the Association survived the difficult war years, when so many members who in the Forces or overseas served. The duties of Secretary have been taken over by Mr. E. W. Wallace, 244 Sheppards Road, Victoria Park, and any ex-machine-gunner who is not already a member is invited to get in touch with Mr. Wallace. Mr. Everest was elected President for the year and he can always be contacted at the Government Tourist Bureau, Perth. The Association is hoping for a record attendance at the Anzac Day parade and any ex-machine-gunner, whether member of the Association or not, are invited to join our ranks. It is proposed to hold a barbecue in the night of our next meeting, i.e., Friday, 23rd April, details of which will be forwarded to members.
AMONG THE SUB-BRANCHES

CANNING

At the last meeting, it was decided to change the venue of the meeting to Coker Park Hall, Queen's Park. For many years the sub-branch has been meeting in the Agricultural Hall, Cannington, in preference of the old Hall. Since the beginning of 1948, we have been charged with the responsibility of running the Coker Park Hall. We have played two social cricket matches, winning both. The first game was with Canning sub-branch of the R.S.L. Club, but the R.S.L. scored 140 thanks mainly to a good effort by Mr. Brodie and E. Ritchie. C.S.L. could only manage 112 thanks to a change was thrown out by G.R. and all are of the opinion R.S.L. will not fare so well next time.

On a recent Sunday we played Structural Engineering Co., at Wellespool, and once more we put up a good show, with the wickets declared for 162, thanks to a brilliant knock of 50 (retired) by Jack Duckwood. We dismissed Structural for 78 and I think we can have some more games of this nature should be organised in future.

DONGABBA

The above sub-branch held its annual general meeting on February 13. Members of the district were well represented. At the election of officers, the retiring president (Mr. H. Steele) and secretary (Mr. I. Nairn) were unanimously re-elected. Wm. U. Holdsworth then reported that the League during the past year. A keen discussion arose during the business session over the conditions for ex-service personnel. One member pointed out that a quite remarkable proposition had been made, that each district be sold to a man already possessing one farm, and who was also not a returned soldier. Mr. Steele pointed out that he was in favour of this proposition, but that nothing could be done in this matter as the Federal authorities had decided that this was impossible. The motion was passed: "That this sub-branch of the R.S.L. of Western Australia expresses its keen disappointment that a farm recently sold in the district was considered unsuitable for soldier settlement, because it did not meet up to the minimum standards laid down by the Federal Authorities, i.e. to carry 100 sheep, whilst the district area only offers 100 sheep per year. That is, in the opinion of those present, the soil is not suitable and in small areas would provide an excellent living for ex-service personnel. It is hoped that the State Government will consider the possibility of the Federal Government, with a view to having similar single-unit farms made available to ex-service personnel, for which the motion should be forwarded to the Minister in order to show the feelings of the ex-service personnel in this matter. They are opposed to having a flagpole in the grounds of the State School."

Various references were made to articles appearing in "The Listening Post" on the question of flying flags on certain days of the year, and on the basis of the facts it would have been a mistake to send a letter which would be used for the Education Department, suggesting that a flagpole be erected. The motion was then carried after the president, Mr. Nairn, speaking, all members expressing the desire and opinion that the League should keep pace with the progress, with greater enthusiasm and zeal, to consolidate the work of the League.

FREMANTLE CITY

On Sunday, February 15, we were able to have 120 of the old boys from Edward St, Sunset and Lennox down at the hall, Red Cross Division very kindly provided transport to Fremantle and back. During the afternoon, we organised a large collection of the old boys and worked up quite a high degree of enthusiasm. In fact, two or three of the old boys rendered a couple of the old evergreens. High tea was served at 5.45, during which time and throughout the night, all who were in attendance were very much appreciated. A large number of the boys, members, their wives, and families attended, and we hope the first edition will come out May 1. Any member who can help the sub-branch with any interesting anecdotes or short stories will be appreciated. Will members all please note that on Sunday evening, games and dances night will be held at the R.S.L. Palace de Dance, Fremantle, and all are invited to attend. We hope a bumper gate will be made. But not least, our own women's auxiliary, are seen in attendance. The next general meeting will be held on April 1.

KATANNING

The annual general meeting was held at the League Rooms, Carew Street, recently. The meeting was opened by Mr. L. Prior, who was seconded by Mr. J. Prior, and the retiring president (Mr. F. Prior) gave his annual report in which he stated that during the months the sub-branch had held 11 meetings, and that seven members of the executive committee met eight times. The finance committee which is responsible for the financial conduct of the League had been very active; and that a good deal of business had been handled during the past year. We have been fortunate and had been well served by Mr. A. Thorne, treasurer, Mr. A. T. Crouch, secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. M. M. M., and Mr. T. M. M. of the sub-branch. The youth committee, under the watchful eye of the sub-branch, was carried by acclamation. The report was then carried after the president, Mr. G. B. Prior, speaking, all members expressing their thanks, praising his untiring efforts for the sub-branch, was carried by acclamation. Mr. F. Prior, seconded by Mr. C. J. Prior. The motion was then passed and a council of five was elected, consisting of Messrs. Kneebone, Symonds, Prior and Thompson. The president presided and the meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m. Consequently the sub-branch was carrying on quite a good attendance, and was well attended. The sub-branch is looking forward to the annual meeting which will be held on April 1.

MEERING

On Tuesday, March 2, at 6 p.m., Mr. J. Allbury presided over a fairly well-attended meeting of members of the above. Although not nearly as great in number as could be desired, the meeting was a success in excess of what we have been used to over the past few months. This must be very disappointing to the sub-branch, which shows that the old spirit of comradeship is still there, only waiting to be called to the front again. The president was present in silence to honour fallen comrades in general and, in particular, "Bob" Bracken, whose funeral was attended the same afternoon. The spray was presented in the name of the sub-branch, as was the good wishes of the football association in the running of a monster sports meeting on Labour Day. The public had an excellent time and there was a four-paper for further announcements regarding this sport other business of a domestic nature was brought up, and the meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.

MOORA

The quarterly meeting was held on February 15, when the president (Mr. F. Prior) presided over a large attendance of members. Amongst the correspondences was the successful support for extensions to the present War Memorial, so that it would fittingly commemorate the men who fell in the World War. It was decided to obtain six subscription cards, which would be exhibited in the Memorial Hall, to show the extent of the possibilities of the Moora R.S.L. putting down a swimming pool was mooted, and maintaining a swimming pool was proposed by the sub-branch, consisting of Messrs. J. Prior, L. Prior, L. Prior, and secretary, was forwarded to the president and secretary, who was forwarded to the president. The advantage of building a hall was also considered, but it was decided to hold this over pending a re­port on the swimming pool project. The financial position of the sub-branch was discussed, and, as those who accepted office did so knowing that they would have to meet the calls of the sub-branch, it was decided that the League rules in connection with this matter be enforced. The matter of returned soldiers who were still under the Farmers' Debits (Adjustment Act) was brought up by Mr. Prior, who declared, it was decided that, as this Act only covered the 1914-18 War, it was necessary to approach the Minister of Defence to have these debts cancelled. Also, the sub-branch, a happy hour was spent playing cards and other games. At the end of the evening, Mr. Gardiner, who was somewhat in need of a rest, was taken to stay with Mr. Harry Court, who was short of money, and to give me a rest, I was then invited to the hotel for refreshments, proved very enjoyable. During the evening, a small amount of money was taken to stay with Mr. Harry Court, who was short of money, and to give me a rest, I was then invited to the hotel for refreshments, proved very enjoyable. During the evening, a small amount of money was taken to stay with Mr. Harry Court, who was short of money, and to give me a rest, I was then invited to the hotel for refreshments, proved very enjoyable. During the evening, a small amount of money was taken to stay with Mr. Harry Court, who was short of money, and to give me a rest, I was then invited to the hotel for refreshments, proved very enjoyable. During the evening, a small amount of money was taken to stay with Mr. Harry Court, who was short of money, and to give me a rest, I was then invited to the hotel for refreshments, proved very enjoyable. During the evening, a small amount of money was taken to stay with Mr. Harry Court, who was short of money, and to give me a rest, I was then invited to the hotel for refreshments, proved very enjoyable. During the evening, a small amount of money was taken to stay with Mr. Harry Court, who was short of money, and to give me a rest, I was then invited to the hotel for refreshments, proved very enjoyable.
NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

It is with a feeling of deep gratification that, at last, after several attempts, Albert Hall has managed to break into print with its sub-branch affairs and the names, etc., of our senior officers. In the past, due to the large membership, this has been further strengthened by another 24, and meetings held on the last Monday of every month in the East Fremantle Town Hall, have been of considerable interest to the ever-increasing number of members. The following matter has been discussed and the ever-ready helpful spirit has been extended in quite a few cases. The second war being waged, we fill most of the officers of the sub-branch, are doing quite a job. Membership has been extended in quite a few cases.

RETURNED ARMY NURSES

The monthly meeting was held in the Club Rooms on Thursday, March 4, with a fairly large number of members present. The members are reminded that annual subscriptions are due and that we would like as many present as possible. The matter of the A.A.N.S. birthday party on July 1 was brought up for discussion and it was decided to hold a general meeting of all ex-members of the A.A.N.S. at the Club Rooms on Tuesday, March 30, at 8 p.m., in order to select a committee.

TAMMIN

On Anzac Day, following the 11 a.m. service at Tammin, a memorial erected by the citizens of the district in memory of those who served in the 1939-45 War, will be dedicated. All ex-service men and the public in general, who can possibly attend this ceremony are requested to do so.

AUSTRALIA

At the monthly meeting of the sub-branch in August, a resolution was carried requesting the assistance of the inter-branch service and co-operation of Karridale sub-branch in arranging for the Anzac Day service in August, and for the work of extending the present memorial to include the names of those who served in World War II. We are grateful to Mr. Fitzhardinge, of the State Executive, for supplying us with the blue-print in this connection. Another item of importance was the appointment of Mr. W. R. "Bill" Staines as the sub-branch's representative on the committee to be formed to forward the project of an emergency dressing station at August. Free grazing for the ambulance has been offered by Mr. F. R. Frewin and a number of members have volunteered as drivers. The first Wednesday in each month has been considered inconvenient as a meeting day for a number of members, and a change was made to 10.30 a.m. on the first Sunday. As in the past, we welcome the presence of all visitors at Anzac serv•-o and would appreciate the assistance of any visiting bugler.

BALINGUP

There was an excellent muster of members at the March meeting, and a hearty welcome was extended to Mr. Parkinson, a newcomer, formerly of the R.N.V.R. Arrangements for a ball on May 1, to aid the memorial classroom building fund, are well in hand and we hope to make it a huge success. A social evening was held in February, to which parents, wives and families of ex-service men were invited and, though the attendance was not large, the evening was enjoyed by all present.

CITY OF PERTH

The new sub-branch committee, elected at the annual general meeting in January, held its first meeting on Tuesday, February 8, with newly-elected president, Mr. Charles Mitchell, in the chair. The lively discussion and augured well for the coming year, in all cases. On Tuesday, February 8, the women's auxiliary, in the assistance of sub-branch members, entertained about 60 patients from Lemnos and Sunset at a social evening and tea in Monash House. Music, items and dancing occupied the afternoon. Refreshments and an excellent tea were provided by the auxiliary. The men thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were deeply appreciative of the splendid day's outing given them. The Perth Branch of the Air Force Association were our guests at a games night on Thursday, February 11. During the month, Secretary Alan Cook visited South Australia as manager of the R.S.L. cricket team. He returned full

CARLISLE

The combined sports night with the ladies' auxiliary commenced on the 8th March. These sports nights are scheduled to take place every second Monday evening in the month in the Carlisle Hall. A sports committee has been formed, with Mr. Len Burton as sports master, and George Shier, its deputy. Len has not let the grass grow under his feet, for he has already five trophies for competition, also other things are in the offing, which should make these nights most interesting.

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DENMARK

On Tuesday, February 24, at 8 p.m., a meeting of the Denmark sub-branch was held at the institute hall. The main business of the evening was the election of officiers for the coming year. Mr. Henry North, the president for the past year and a long and efficient supporter of the R.S.L. in Denmark, wished to relinquish office in favour of a younger man. In offering health, his health has been good and, whilst continuing to give every support, he wishes to play no official part.

Mr. North was ex-officio secretary, and unable to attend, had suggested his resignation, a position which was filled by Mr. Tom Spencer, from Denmark.

The new committee, as follows: Mr. Tom Spencer, secretary; Mr. W. Storey, chairman; Mr. R. Wilson, vice-chairman; Mr. N. Elliot, vice-secretary. Messrs. J. Forester, Mr. R. Jones, Mr. R. Moore, and Mr. R. Wilson, members.

KOJONUP

At a meeting held on February 27 members were pleased to see Mr. W. Storey, who returned thanks for the work done in Kojonoop, and for the help given to the Kojonoop Memorial Hall. Mr. Storey will do his utmost to have the Kojonoop Memorial Hall returned to the Kojonoop Co-operative Store.

NARROWING

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

SHENTON PARK

The annual general meeting of the above sub-branch, held at Hollywood Hospital, Onslow Road, on Wednesday evening, February 4, Mr. Alan Boyne presided. A very good attendance was recorded, and Mr. Boyne (Mr. Alan Boyne) reported on the activities of the sub-branch over the past month. The treasurers presented financial reports, and the following officers were presented. A motion was passed complimenting the efficient way the officers had carried out their report. The main business of the evening was then approached. This was the election of new officers, and nominations were called for president and vice-presidents. Mr. W. B. Rose was nominated and elected president. Mr. Clift Kleeman was nominated and elected vice-president. Mr. G. T. Pringle was nominated and elected vice-president. Mr. W. B. Rose was nominated for vice-president and duly elected. Nominations were then called for the nominating committee, and the following members were nominated and elected unopposed: Messrs. R. H. B. Ellis, B. B. C. Ellis, and W. B. Rose.

Following the Royal toast, a silent toast was honoured and the annual general meeting was adjourned. A special evening ceremony was held to recognize the contributions made by the sub-branch, on an otherwise darkened hall. A special feature was a wear of the colors, with the presence of many veterans present. The president, Mr. Clift Kleeman, introduced the various officers present, and presented a motion thanking the efficient way the officers had carried out their report. The main business of the evening was then approached. This was the election of new officers, and nominations were called for president and vice-presidents. Mr. W. B. Rose was nominated and elected president. Mr. Clift Kleeman was nominated and elected vice-president. Mr. G. T. Pringle was nominated and elected vice-president. Mr. W. B. Rose was nominated for vice-president and duly elected. Nominations were then called for the nominating committee, and the following members were nominated and elected unopposed: Messrs. R. H. B. Ellis, B. B. C. Ellis, and W. B. Rose.

Having completed the task of organizing the sub-branch, the following officers were elected and duly elected:

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Vice-Presidents: Mr. W. B. Rose, Mr. G. T. Pringle
Nominating Committee: Messrs. R. H. B. Ellis, B. B. C. Ellis, and W. B. Rose

The meeting concluded with an enjoyable evening, with games and refreshments provided by the sub-branch.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY FLOREAT PARK

The March general meeting was held at the Royal Hotel, on the 8th inst. and a good attendance of members was recorded. It was voted to see quite a gentle morning and to have been absent for some time due to illness in the family. An interesting report was given by Mr. W. B. Rose on the Royal W.A.S., R.S.L. cricket tour of South Australia. The sub-branch has three representatives in the team. The team was divided into two sections, one section being on a tour of South Australia and the other section being on a tour of Western Australia. The report was well received by the members, and a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. W. B. Rose for his hard work and dedication. The immediate Past President (Mr. Alan Boyne) paid glowing tribute to the work and encouragement given to the sub-branch by the committee. He also gave us some very interesting remarks and a comprehensive outline of the work being done by the Committee. He stated that the R.S.L. had played and was playing a most important role in the lives of many members. Our congratulations to the sub-branch and all those who have been absent for some time due to illness in the family.

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Mandurah

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Women's Auxiliaries Activities

STATE EXECUTIVE

Two meetings of the Executive have been held this month, both well attended.

Hospital Visiting

Royal Perth Hospital: Mrs. Henderson (Chairman) reported that weekly visits by Executive members have been outstanding during the month, with visits being made to all wards, including the emergency ward, and patients in the wards. The total bedside visits for the month was 222.

Miss Potter (Medical Secretary) reported on the Executive's activities in the wards. She reported that the Executive had visited all wards, and that visitors had been given a complete update on patient care and treatment.

Hollywood Hospital: Mrs. Randall (Chairman) reported that the Executive had visited all wards, and that visitors had been given a complete update on patient care and treatment.

Exhibitions

A large display of military uniforms and medals was held in the Museum, with exhibits of interest to all members. The display was well received by the visitors, and many visitors commented on the excellent condition of the exhibits.

Birthday

Swanbourne auxiliary organized a birthday party for Mr. and Mrs. Kendall, who were presented with a large display of military medals and medals. The party was well attended, and many visitors commented on the excellent condition of the exhibits.

Sport

McKinlay Shield games are now in full swing, and the first round has been completed and the second one now in progress. Details of these rounds should be in hand for next edition.

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War Blinded Fund, £2
Toowoomba Hospital, £2
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Canberra: War Veterans' Home, £2
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ENGINEERS—B. Sailors, Soldiers & Airmen's Association (W.A.)-Room 29, 5th Floor, Geddes Building, Perth; President: C. Cooper, 1st Tuesday in month; President: J. E. Price, 4 Seventh Avenue, Mundaring. Secretary: H. H. Wright, 7IRrell Street, Mt. Hawthorn.

R.A.E. ASSOCIATION (W.A. DIVISION) — 32 King Street, Perth; President: W. Barracks, Francis Street, every 3rd Tuesday of each month; President: V. L. Richman, 32 Woodbine Street, M. Lawley; Secretary: T. W. Lyne, 32 Woodbine Street, M. Lawley.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION—Monash House, cnr. Hay & King Streets; 3rd Monday of each month, at 8 p.m.; President: T. D. Patterson, M.M., c/o Monash House, Perth; Secretary: G. Gumprecht, 369 Hay Street, Perth.

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THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; when necessary; President: D. M. Benzon, Anzac House, Perth; Secretary: South Perth, 41 St. Michael's Street, Nedlands. Phone WM 1727.

TOTAL OR CANON DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION—Room 29, 5th Floor, Geddes Building, Perth; 1st Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.; President: H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth Street, Perth; Secretary: C. G. Gumprecht, 369 Hay Street, Perth.

F.U.S.W. The monthly meeting of the F.U.S.W. was held at Anzac House. Mrs. H. Deen presided over a very interesting meeting. Mr. Boga, from India, was the guest speaker. Mr. Boga dealt with the women of India, the way and conditions in which they live, and the children. Especially did he mention the disgraceful attitude the British counsel is taking, and Mrs. Wilson (vice-president) thanked Mr. Boga, saying, "We people of freedom do not realize the hardship in other countries."

Stars arranged a musical programme. Artists were: Mrs. M. M. Cody, violinist; Miss Dorothy Donn soloist, and Mrs. Donn, accompanist. Mr. Deen urged members to help with the canteen and work in the hills. After the American's talk, Mr. Fairley was present and asked members to join the American's canteen. The War Memorial. His appeal must have done a lot of good, as members were really satisfied that it was an appeal that was well deserving and must have full operation of all women's organisations especially. Mrs. C. Seaver presided for a lovely afternoon of song and music. Mrs. P. Hope, who has been transferred as she left for England on March 18, in company with Mrs. F. Hope, another member. Afternoon tea was served.

SWANBOURNE Members have signed their wish to partake in the McKinlay Shield Competition this year. Many meetings will be held at the Allen Park Kindergarten Hall, so that members may be afforded their first entertainment which is with West Leederville and should be held by the time these lines are published. Madammas Westen and Norbert have been allotted by Mr. of special duties. The sub-branch celebrated its first birthday anniversary in the new year. A very large number of people attended. The function was an unqualified success and suggested dancing for the weather. Many Queenslanders, including the men from the bridge, held at the Swanbourne State School, is still proving popular, in spite of the hot weather. Bigger attendances are requested and will be provided for as the weather becomes cooler. The tennis courts are still a popular rendezvous at week-ends for men, who play tennis. The fortynight Ladies' is becoming popular, and in connection to intending members of the sub-branch and the auxiliary, a cafe meeting will be held on Saturday, the 29th of March. A popular rendezvous at week-ends for ladies, who play tennis. The fortynight Ladies' organized a trip to visit a hotel, which is on the right road and everything was very well organised.

VICTORIA PARK

There was a fair attendance at the auxiliary's first meeting for the year, held on September 11th, and attended by members of the Auxiliary. Teams were selected for the various games and Mrs. Prue was elected sports director.

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