At left: The first Dawn Service held at the incomplete State War Memorial, 1927.

Below: At the reception to the three Digger Premiers. Pictured are some of the guests and the three Premiers and the State President.
A Resolution for Anzac Day

MAY we preserve in honour and pride the heritage bequeathed to us by those who bore the heat and burden of the day, and preserved for us by the devotion of those who, for our sakes, gave their all.

Fill our hearts with the earnest resolve to enrich this heritage by the constant exercise of the spirit of peace and goodwill. May we understand that, however different our daily tasks may be, we are all united in the glorious fellowship of Australian nationhood.

Give us the fortitude that knows how to bear burdens bravely and to face difficulties with stout hearts and buoyant spirits. May we learn to bear with one another in our trials; to help the weak and sustain the falling. Keep far from our land the noise of strife and help us to pursue steadfastly the cherished ideals of comradeship and brotherliness.

Inspired at this time by the memory of those who made our Country a queen amongst the nations, may we learn to serve one another with such devotion and self-denial as will ensure for us and for all coming generations abiding prosperity, happiness and peace.

We remember the strong faith, the sublime heroism of our Fighting Forces, that vanquished sword and flame; the high courage and noble steadfastness of the common people that gallantly defied the forces of godless tyranny and emerged victorious.

Let this be a period of grand resolution; let us labour "with firmness in the right, to strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who has borne the battle, and for the widow and for the orphan. To do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and all nations."
State War Memorial Appeal

At time of going to press, the final results of the April Appeal Week were not complete, but on the figures available, a few sub-branches did an excellent job, whilst others did little to assist this sacred League objective.

It is anticipated that about £12,500 will be in the fund, leaving £7,500 to be raised.

During the Food for Britain Appeal, sub-branches and women's auxiliaries are urged to concentrate their efforts on making it a success; but, when this appeal is over, those sub-branches where the memorial quota set has not been reached, are expected to again turn their energies towards completing their task. If all sub-branches obtain their quotas it will not be necessary to re-open the appeal.

There is not a need for undue haste; but it would be grand if it could be reported at the next State Congress that every sub-branch had reached the set goal.

ANZAC DAY IS HERE

By W.P.S., Boyup Brook

You, who from the waterside,
Waved your fond farewell;
Striving valiantly to hide
Tears you could not quell
Keeping in your hearts the pain
Of the parting cheer.

Listen Loved Ones, once again
Anzac Day is here,
From your sorrow now desist
Lift, o' lift your eyes
Look beyond the morning mist
To the Eastern skies.

Not in flesh that once we wore,
But as dreams are made,
See us in the Heroes' Corps
Of the Grand Parade.

Do not think that we have slept,
Do not say we died;
We the vigil still have kept,
Though the years divide.

Death has not put out the flame
Once in mortal clay.

Time has not expurgated the fame
That is ours today.

MAYLANDS SUB-BRANCH AT CRICKET

In the finals of the R.S.L. Cricket Association, Maylands scored their second consecutive premiership. They defeated the Perth No. 1 team, who had not been beaten during the season. Maylands, batting first, started at a fast rate, but when the slow bowlers, Callanan and Bomford, came on to bowl the scoring rate slackened considerably and things looked grim when six wickets were down for 126.

However, Lindsay Burkett came to Maylands' rescue with 64. In the Maylands total of 204, the other batsmen to score double figures were: Shand, 43; Farrell, 39; Sterrett, 28. The chief bowlers for Perth were Callanan, 5/52, off 13 overs; and Hardie, 3/32.

Perth were all at sea against the bowling of Bruce Atkinson and could only manage 141; Atkinson collecting 7 for 52, off 14 overs; and Wooseman, 2, for 16. Hennah, 32; Catt, 27; Hardie, 22; were the best with the bat, although no less than seven of the Perth team reached double figures.

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Red Cross is spending £58,000 in Western Australia this year.
A Member's Views on the Trends of Communism in Australia

"Ex-A.I.F." writes:

Now that war clouds are again appearing over Europe, and the possibility of a third world conflict is being freely referred to by statesmen of democratic countries, surely the folly of our Commonwealth Government in rejecting a policy of compulsory military training must be apparent to everyone. It appears that those responsible for the time being for administering the affairs of this country have learned nothing from the events of the last 15 years and still live in a fool's paradise so far as adequate organisation and training for the defence of Australia and of the British Commonwealth is concerned.

The course of events in Europe since the war ended, and more especially the recent overthrow of democratic government in Czechoslovakia by a minority party having close affiliations with Soviet Russia, are strikingly similar to occurrences little more than ten years ago. One country after another in Eastern Europe has succumbed to the strong-arm methods of a party whose members are loyal only to a foreign power. They have been aided and abetted by that power a little less overtly but quite as effectively as Hitler inspired and supported the quisling elements in countries adjacent to Germany. They have achieved their purpose of overthrowing elected governments by subterfuge and trickery, by deliberate exploitation of the cupidity of certain sections of the workers, and by intimidation to the extent of "liquidating" the opponents of their philosophy. The flight of democratic political leaders and intellectuals from the countries behind the iron curtain recalls a similar exodus after 1933 during the expansion of the Third Reich.

The significance of these events is underlined by the uncooperative and frequently hostile attitude which Russian representatives have adopted to British and American proposals at practically all meetings of the United Nations Organisation, and at meetings of the major powers arranged to finalise the peace treaties.

Simultaneously with these portentous happenings, there has been a resurgence of the Communist movement in all democratic countries throughout the world. Quite apparently the Cominform is working to a plan whose end is the overthrow of all constitutional governments, the purging from the electorate of those who oppose either their methods or their social and political theories, the outlawing and destruction of all parties and organisations other than the Communist party, and the establishment of police-controlled States.

In Australia, as in other countries where governments are elected by democratic processes, the Communists have latched on to the unions and associations of workers, and are concentrating on causing as much industrial disturbance as possible. It appears, that since they cannot get sufficient electoral support to secure party representation in Parliament and then seize power with at least a show of legality, they intend to create...
enough industrial unrest to retard the rehabilitation of the country after the social and economic upheaval caused by the war.

The effect of this policy is doubtless designed to weaken our defensive and offensive capacity when the “show-down” between Russia and the Western Powers occurs.

The presence in our midst of these people is a menace to our national security and the inaction of the Government in giving this subversive element a “free go” is beyond comprehension. Their disloyalty is a byword as was demonstrated by their attitude during the early stages of the last war, before Russia was involved. Their activities are inimical to the best interests of the workers; they are a menace to good government; and they will assuredly constitute a fifth column in the event of war.

Having regard to the ominous events which are happening overseas and in Australia, the introduction of an outmoded scheme for militia training on a voluntary basis seems to be the height of folly. Trouble is brewing in a big way. When it comes, it will not be preceded by an ultimatum. Mr. Atlee, the Prime Minister of Great Britain, said the other day: “We don’t know what the next war, if it ever comes, will be like, but if another war comes it will come swiftly. There will be no time for training citizen soldiers.”

Is it not high time the Australian people woke up to the menacing implications of events in Europe, China and elsewhere, and to the greatly weakened position of Britain in the Middle East and Asia; and by public demand insisted on the introduction of compulsory military training? No organisation is better qualified than the League to mould public opinion on this matter, and to force the issue on a reluctant government. Although the League as an organisation is non-political, the proper defence and security of the country is of such vital importance that it transcends politics. Apart from its activities in watching and protecting the interests of ex-servicemen, the League could not now be performing a higher service to its members, and to all citizens, than by campaigning vigorously for the substitution of compulsory military training for the wasteful and largely ineffective system of voluntary training in course of preparation.

PROMOTION OF EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

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Where a member or ex-member of the A.M.F. claims that he was promoted or appointed to a higher rank or appointment prior to being taken prisoner, but no record of such promotion or appointment is held by the 2nd Echelon organisation, his claim, together with all available evidence, will be forwarded through normal channels to A.H.Q. for investigation and decision.

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By LOUIS N. WESTON
An Old 10th Light Horse Member and a Past President of Busselton Sub-Branch

The servicemen of England (long may her glory last)
Were unsurpassed in valour throughout the ages past.
They had their mede of honour, as England's wars they won,
But found themselves forgotten, quite, when once their task was done.

They fought for King and Country (and very meagre pay).
Their jobs were pinched by slackers who had not been away.
And if they demonstrated they soon stood in the docks.
They found themselves kicked in the pants and fastened in the stocks.

They wandered through the country, bewildered and aggrieved,
And some must lean upon a crutch and some were empty sleeved;
Until in desperation they had to steal or cudge,
(They had no League or Legion, and they hadn't any Badge.)

It isn't very long ago since we heard Kipling say:
"It's Tommy this and Tommy that and Tommy go away."
But now with League and Legion, while each stands by his mate,
Ex-Servicemen are not forgotten and left to such a fate.

Until they were united, they weren't in the race
To help a helpless comrade the heedless world to face;
But, banished now together, insisting on fair play,
Their just demands inspire respect. So dawns a brighter day.

The moral of the story is plain for all to read—
It needed League and Legion to make the people heed.
Old pals and their dependents won't need to beg and cudge
So long as we keep faith with them and

GET BEHIND THE BADGE.

DAUGHTERS AND SONS OF SERVICEMEN'S LEAGUE
Collett Shield Final

Mr. Hawthorn and Bedford-Morley Parks R.S.L. competed for the final of the Collett Shield at Anzac House on Wednesday night, April 14, 1948.

A large gathering of enthusiasts witnessed close and exciting games.
Mr. V. Stockin presented a strong team to defend their title as holders of the shield.
Bedford-Morley Parks' team attended to by their President (Mr. T. Servanty) proved just a little better, winning three out of the five games; namely darts, quoits and bowls. Mt. Hawthorn took the honours in shooting and table tennis.

Congratulations to Ray Neil, of Mt. Hawthorn, for a splendid shoot.

Ray scored the "possible," gaining the shooting for his team, 139 points to 138.

The competing branches of the D. & S.S.L. last year were Mt. Hawthorn, Bedford-Morley Parks, Maylands, Canning Districts and Legacy. During the war period, it was unfortunate that many D. & S.S.L. branches were forced into recess. Branches that are now reorganising their D. & S.S.L. are Mosman Park, Victoria Park and South Perth.

Col. Mansbridge, D.S.O., Chairman of the D. & S.S.L. Committee, welcomed to receive any advice from sub-branches regarding the reorganising of their D. & S.S.L. branch.

The care and education of our youth to be R.S.L.-minded is a responsibility of sub-branches. Your cooperation on their behalf is urgently needed.

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No. 19 District Committee
SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT PITHARA
State President's Address

At Pithara last month, No. 19 District Committee R.S.L. conducted a reunion which was attended by 120 returned servicemen who were presided over by President Allen Locke, of the Pithara sub-branch. Distinguished guests were State President Hunt, State Secretary John Chappell, Mr. Hugh Leslie, M.L.A., chairman R.S.L. Land Committee; Mr. J. Mallett ("Martingale" of The Western Mail). Sub-branches represented were Ballidu, Dalwallinu, Gutha, Pithara, Milloga and Press.

The function was organised by the Pithara sub-branch, ably assisted by the local women's auxiliary, and the set-up was such as to do credit to any community in Australia. The menu provided was excellent and reflected most favourably upon all concerned.

In a very able address, Mr. Hunt said there were 220 sub-branches in W.A. and it had been proposed to form from these, groups which could confer at various times and send their considered opinions on to the main congress. The League's work was heavier and more important than ever today, and its prestige was higher than at any time previously. Since the last war membership had increased tremendously, and he earnestly appealed to all returned servicemen to serve their country in peace time as well as they had done in war. Efforts were being made to train young returned men in the building trade. Mr. Hunt then stressed the point that all returned soldiers were equal—whether young or old—and all eligible to contest offices. He asked them to value their membership. There was no room in the League for any subversion and anyone holding ideas subversive should be put out of the organisation. Anzac Day, said Mr. Hunt, was an occasion upon which to remember all those who served, and more, particularly those who did not come back, and he urged all to attend the services in their respective churches next Sunday and thereby revere the memory of fallen comrades.

Mr. Leslie said that the Land Committee had commenced to get some-
SLOUCH HAT TO REMAIN

The League forwarded an enquiry to the Minister for the Army, asking if it was intended to substitute the beret for the hat, fur felt.

The Minister has replied that it is not intended to dispense with the hat, fur felt, as an article of dress for the post-war Army. It is intended, however, to introduce the forage cap as an alternative head-dress for wear on occasions when the hat would not be suitable.

Old Diggers do not wish to see the old slouch hat dispensed with.

Announcing this recently, the Minister for Air and Civil Aviation (Mr. Drakeford) explained that cadets appointed as potential technical officers, after reaching matriculation at the end of the first year, would undergo a university course in engineering or science.

At periods when the university was on vacation, they would undergo such training (including flying training) as directed by the Commandant of the R.A.A.F. College.

On satisfactory completion of the third year of the university course, Mr. Drakeford said, technical cadets would be appointed to commissions as pilot officers in the Technical Branch of the R.A.A.F., after which they would complete the fourth year of their university course.

On completion of their university training, technical officers would be given specialised training in armament, engineering, radio or radar, and may be given further flying training and experience.
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“COMRADE”
A Good Word Spoilt

A member of a metropolitan sub-branch who called at League Headquarters last month said that his sub-branch disliked intensely the title “Comrade,” because of its association with Communism.

“We don’t want,” he said, “to give the sub-branch a red complexion.”

It is unfortunate that words should have a way of changing in value and significance as they gather association to themselves along the way. Comrade is a good Army word, and one would be hard put to it to find a better. Digger went out of use in some sub-branches because of its being linked solely with the 1914 War, and Brother has a friendly society or lodge connection that makes it unsuitable.

Comrade is undoubtedly the right word to use, or was until the Communists took it over.

Canadian Legion Concerned, Too

The question does not concern only the League. It is troubling branches of the Legion in Canada. Members of the Saskatchewan Command of the Canadian Legion had the same problem, but at a provincial convention, held in Moose Jaw, the delegates rejected a resolution asking that the greeting “Comrade” be changed to “Legionnaire.”

Said Mr. E. C. Leslie, K.C., of Regina, who occupied the chair: Comrade is an honourable word... I like strawberries and cream, but I am not going to stop eating strawberries and cream because some communists like them, too.”

One delegate suggested that it would be more acceptable if the word were pronounced “Comraid” instead of “Comrad.”

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FUNERAL GRANT INCREASE

The League recently made representations to the Minister for Repatriation that the Funeral Grant for the burial of ex-servicemen be increased, as it was felt that £15 was not sufficient to afford deceased ex-servicemen a decent, dignified funeral.

The Minister has now advised that he has approved of an increase from £15 to £20 towards the expenses of:

1. A member:
   (a) whose death is due to war service;
   (b) who dies in indigent circumstances; or
   (c) who dies:
      (i) in an institution; or
      (ii) while proceeding to or from an institution to which he has been authorized to proceed for any purpose under Regulations 64, 67, 6 or 72 of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act.

2. Any of the following persons who die in indigent circumstances:
   (a) a widow of a deceased member;
   (b) a child of a deceased member;
   (c) a widowed mother of a deceased, unmarried member; or
   (d) the widowed step-mother of a deceased, unmarried member.

In addition, the increase will apply to any of those persons included in classes specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 120 of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act (i.e., South African Veterans) who dies in indigent circumstances, or in an institution to which he had been authorized to proceed by a Deputy Commissioner.

I wish to point out that the Regulations provide for a sum being paid "towards" the funeral expenses and I have decided, after taking into consideration all aspects, that £20 is a material contribution towards the expenses of the burial of a deceased person and that this provision ensures a reasonable but dignified funeral.

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"Heavy type and blocks are inclined to use up ink at the expense of the ordinary type and an increase of ink results in smudging. This happens with all similar rotary presses. However it must be admitted that there is some improvement. Apart from a little off-set the March issue was not bad.

"We are gradually overcoming the technical difficulties. Pre-war we were able to purchase better paper, but today we are fortunate to have a stock of newsprint, although it is the most inferior medium for printing.

"Unfortunately there is no alternative choice available for a journal with such a large circulation."

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIPS
Apply Before June 17, 1948

In order to enable children of deceased and incapacitated soldiers to proceed to the Junior and Leaving Certificates, the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust each year offers five secondary school scholarships. These are of the annual value of £10 each, tenable for three years, and extended for a further two years in the case of pupils who show promise at the Junior Certificate examination.

Candidates for the scholarships are required to make application not later than June 17, 1948, to the Hon. Secretary, Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust, care of the Repatriation Department, Perth, from whom application forms and full particulars may be obtained. Candidates will be required to sit the examination to be held by the Education Department on August 26 for the secondary school scholarships offered by the Department and successful candidates may hold both a Trust scholarship and one of the Education Department scholarships. Holders of the Trust scholarships will also be eligible to receive assistance from the Trust in the purchase of all books required for their studies. At least one of the scholarships will be reserved for a pupil from a school outside the metropolitan area.

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C.R.T.S.

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★ Training benefits are not available to everyone. The Scheme, like all other re-establishment benefits, was set up to provide assistance to ex-service men and women who could not otherwise re-establish themselves satisfactorily in civil life. The availability of training for any man or woman depends on three things—eligibility, suitability, reasonable employment opportunity and security in the particular trade or profession.

Eligibility for full-time training is determined under a number of categories—there are 29 in all, 14 professional and 15 vocational or technical. The main ones are:

(a) Ex-service men and women who, because of war-caused incapacity, are unable to return to their pre-war occupations;
(b) Ex-service members who enlisted on or before their 21st birthday, and
(c) Ex-service members who interrupted a course to enlist.

Eligibility for training benefits under the C.R.T.S. is not affected by length and place of service, except that a minimum period of six months' service is generally required.

ALLOWANCES FOR STUDENTS

An ex-airman writes: "I have been selected as a trainee teacher under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme. What would be my rate of pay whilst in training?"

★ If selected by the Education Department, a college allowance of £140 is paid. In addition, normal Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme allowances are paid provided that the total income from the Education Department and the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme shall not exceed £324 per annum.

BUSINESS LOANS

Another ex-soldier writes: "I have been discharged from the Army for two and a half years and would like to know if it's possible for me to apply for a loan to go into business?"

★ It is not necessary to apply for a business or re-establishment loan immediately after discharge, as circumstances may arise later which will necessitate financial assistance. Therefore, applications may be made within five years after the cessation of hostilities, or after your discharge, or after a period of reconstruction training, whichever is the later. A pensioner is eligible to apply for a loan.

INCOME TAX

An ex-soldier writes: "Is income tax payable on cash donations to Local Repatriation Committees?"

★ No. Cash donations to Repatriation Local Committees are an allowable income tax deduction.

ACCIDENT VICTIM

I was the victim of an accident just before the outbreak of the war and, because of that, was unable to enlist. I have been told I could get assistance in finding suitable employment through the Commonwealth Employment Service. Is that correct?

★ Yes. The Disabled Persons Em-
Employment Section of the Commonwealth Employment Service advises that disabled civilians, as well as disabled ex-service men and women, can apply for assistance in finding a suitable job.

**TOOLS OF TRADE**

What is the time limit on applying for tools of trade?

- The closing date for applying for this benefit is June 30, 1948, or 12 months after discharge, whichever is the later. However, the Repatriation Commission may extend this time limit if it can be satisfied that, through circumstances beyond your control, you were unable to apply within the specified time.

**PAYMENT OF GRATUITY**

Can I obtain early payment of my War Gratuity in order to buy a motor truck?

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Business Loans
Request for Further Grant
Recently the Federal Office of the League made representations to the Minister for Repatriation, asking that a further loan of £250 be granted where necessary to ensure the success of a business already granted a loan of £250. It often occurred that this extra amount was necessary to make the business a complete success.

The Minister replied that the request had in fact been in operation since May 2, 1946, when Cabinet approved that business loans up to £900 can be made in certain specified occupations.

The Minister pointed out that it would not be possible to grant the second advance in respect of every occupation. The list of occupations has been compiled, having regard to the circumstances experienced by the Repatriation Commission in dealing with business loan applications.

The additional loan, it is assured, will not be declined where the evidence is there to show that the extra assistance is necessary to ensure the success of the business.

ATOMIC HEAT WILL WARM BUILDINGS
Experiments to be Undertaken at Britain’s Research Station
Some of the buildings at Britain’s Atomic Research Station at Harwell are soon to be heated by atomic energy as an experiment. The Director of the Station, Sir John Cockcroft, is arranging for this to be done by using waste heat from the big atomic pile.

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Numerous appeals of late have been made to members to attend in greater numbers at the monthly meeting of the sub-branch, and perhaps—the greatest advertisement we have had in connection with these was forthcoming at the March meeting, when one of the members, at the conclusion of a very lively meeting, moved a vote of appreciation to those present for the avid interest displayed by all in the business of the evening.

Many points were raised and vigorously debated, all contributing to what was unanimously declared a “right good meeting.” It is hoped that this interest will be maintained and that all members will attend at the May meeting and submit any difficulties—big or small—with which they may be confronted, for discussion and any necessary action.

The purpose for which these meetings are held is to give members the opportunities of giving voice to any of their difficulties which may be within the active scope of the League, and consequently give the League the opportunity of acting in their interests.

Income Tax
As it Affects the Ex-Serviceman

Already the end of the financial year is not far away, and the time is getting close when we’ll all have the unwelcome duty of making out our income tax returns. The principal war-time tax concessions to members of the Forces expired on June 30, 1947. Since that date all serving members (including those serving overseas) are subject to taxation on their service pay, except on dependants’ allowances.

However, certain concessions have been preserved for those who were in the Forces on June 30, 1947, even if they’ve been discharged since that date. For instance, no tax is payable on deferred pay which accrued in respect of any period up to June 30, 1947. Payments in lieu of War Service Leave will also be tax free. In cases of payments in lieu of Recreation Leave and Re-establishment Leave which accrued before the “cut-off” date (June 30, 1947), ex-service men and women will get the benefit of any war-time concessions that they would have had at the time when they became entitled to the leave.

Then there are certain payments to ex-service men and women that are exempt from tax in all cases, irrespective of the date when they’re received. They are:

1. War Gratuity, sued on discharge, or allowance granted for that purpose.
2. Value of civilian clothing is.
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For some considerable time the following facilities have been available: Recreation centres in camps and cities; picture shows six nights per week; good library, educational and hobby facilities; regular Sunday ferry trips to interesting places during suitable weather, the only condition being that 27 persons make the trip. These trips were cancelled because lessons at the Appeals Tribunal. The appeal was against the decision of the Commonwealth Relations Office and NOT the Ministry of Pensions. Correspondence with the Commonwealth Relations Office has elicited the information that:

By a decision of the late Secretary of State for India, the various Royal Warrants administered by the Ministry of Pensions have been applied to Indian Service personnel and their families.

The Appeals Tribunals appointed by the Lord Chancellor (the Lord President of the Court of Session, when the appellant is resident in Scotland) have no statutory power in relation to Indian Service cases, but arrangements have, however, been made for these tribunals, acting in an advisory capacity, to consider appeals from personnel of the Indian Services. The advice of the Tribunal is invariably accepted.

This statement may well be of interest to branches at this time, when so many Indian Army personnel are returning to the United Kingdom.

Arthur Hullett Goes to N.Z.

The League has in its ranks many stalwarts. One of these outstanding men is sturdy, strong, tall and stout Arthur Hullett.

On Friday night, April 9, a large party of his friends saw him off by train, when he left on his way to New Zealand, where he would be one of a delegation to represent W.A. at Anzac Day there.

It was a happy little party of old Diggers, who appreciate a strong man and a loyal friend.

Arthur's kindly life, upstanding personality and brotherly manner have endeared him to all who know him; while his fatherly advice has been a benefit to many.

His friends will miss him while he is away—the Club won't be the same place without him, but he can be assured of a joyous welcome on his return.

The sea voyage, the change of scenery and the fact that he is again visiting the land of his birth will help to restore him to better health and to yet many years of a vigorous, happy and useful life as a leading citizen and a stalwart of the League.

Arthur's friends were all pleased to be presented to his wife at the train—a wonderful old lady, who won all their hearts, and who will await patiently for his return.

His friends all hope that Arthur will find the wee drop of heather dew will be useful in time of seasickness.

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Air Support School now School of Land-Air Warfare

The R.A.A.F. School of Air Support, which opened at Laverton last April, and which has since conducted many displays of aerial offensive and transport tactics has been renamed the School of Land-Air Warfare.

R.A.A.F. Headquarters stated that the school had been formed to operate on the same lines as a similar school in Great Britain and, since the British school had recently changed its name to the School of Land-Air Warfare, which name was more indicative of its functions, the R.A.A.F. had renamed its school to keep it in line with the rest of the Empire.

The purpose of the school is to give Navy, Army and Air Force officers instruction in the use of air support in future land operations. They are instructed both in offensive tactics and transport work and, since they attend the course together, give to their respective service the benefit of common knowledge gained. The school promotes the closest possible liaison between the three services for the efficient organisation and staff work required for combined operations.

Since its opening in April last year the school, which is commanded by Air Commodore A. M. Charlesworth, C.B.E., A.F.C., has conducted seven courses, two of which have been attended by senior officers of the three services of the equivalent rank of Wing Commander and above.

R.A.A.F. APPOINTMENT

Group Captain A. D. Charlton, O.B.E., who recently returned from the United Kingdom, where he attended a course of training at the R.A.A.F. Staff College, has been appointed Commanding Officer of R.A.A.F. Station, East Sale (Vic.).

Group Captain Charlton, entered the R.A.A.F. as an air cadet on December 1, 1933, and was commissioned the following year.

During the war years he commanded an army co-operation squadron and later became Senior Administrative Officer, Northern Command. Group Captain Charlton was awarded the O.B.E. for exceptional devotion to duty in 1946.

In May, 1947, he travelled to the United Kingdom aboard the R.A.F. Lincoln, "Atlas," which had completed tropical trials in Australia. After completing a course of training at the R.A.F. Staff College, he returned to Australia on the "Ormon.""Famous R.A.A.F. Desert and "Bismarck Sea" Squadrons Perpetuated"

Two of the R.A.A.F.'s wartime squadrons, one of which won fame as a desert fighter squadron in the Middle East, the other being the Beaufighter squadron which led the smashing low-level attack on the Japanese convoy during the Battle of the Bismarck Sea, are to be perpetuated as squadrons of the peacetime R.A.A.F.

Announcing the renaming of the squadrons recently, the Minister for Air and Civil Aviation (Mr. Drakeford) said that the Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Canberra will, in future, be known as No. 3 Squadron, and that Target-Towing Squadron, Richmond (N.S.W.) will be numbered No. 30 Squadron.

No. 3 Squadron which disembarked in the Middle East in August, 1940, won, during its first 15 months, one D.S.O., nine D.F.C.'s, one D.F.M. and six Mentioned in Despatches. Its members flew Westland Lysanders, Gladiators, Gauntlets, Hurricanes, Tomahawks, "Kittyhawks and Mustangs. As part of the famous 239 Fighter Bomber Wings of the Desert Air Force, No. 3 Squadron fought in close support of the Eighth Army under Field-Marshal Montgomery, from Alamein in October, 1942, to the final crushing defeat of the German army in Northern Italy on May 2, 1945.

No. 30 Squadron, led by Wing Commander Brian ("Blackjack") Walker, operated Beaufighters from Ward's airstrip during late in 1942 and the first half of 1943. On March 3, thirteen Beaufighters led U.S. Mitchell's and A20's in daring head-on strafing attacks on a Japanese convoy in the Huon Gulf. This battle, still the highlight of the squadron's history and known as the Battle of the Bismarck Sea, was one of the major turning points of the war in the Pacific. The Beaufighters of No. 30 Squadron became known to the A.I.F. and the Japs as "whispering death" on account of their silent, sudden, destructive approach from tree-top level.

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I am glad about the clever men and women skilled to construct great war-like engines so full of noise and power, but I am still more glad that they are driven, those engines, by men who smile at silly little dogs.

The London Punch.

Memorial Scrolls to British Parents

The Prime Minister was recently asked if he is aware that Memorial Scroll granted to the next-of-kin of a member of the Forces killed in the World War of 1939-45 is issued to the widow of the deceased, if there is a widow; that in such circumstances the parents have no claim; that this has given rise to some disappointment; and whether he will reconsider the matter.

The Prime Minister replied: “I have recently had the problem examined and approval has now been given to a recommendation for the issue of a duplicate scroll in such circumstances to parents who notify the Ministry of Pensions of their desire to receive this.”

Australian Roses Flown to Vancouver

Three dozen Australian rose bushes have been flown to Vancouver, where they will be planted in a Garden of Remembrance at present being made there in memory of airmen of all ranks who gave their lives in World War II.

A stone with the badge of the Royal Australian Air Force inset had been shipped to Canada to form part of the special rockery to which each Dominion Air Force had contributed representative stones.

“... it is felt that such participation in the forming of the Garden of Remembrance at Stanley Park, Vancouver,” Mr. Drakeford said, “is a fitting gesture that will be welcomed by all those thousands of members of the Royal Australian Air Force who passed through Vancouver during the war and received warm receptions from the people of that city.”

The dedication service, he said, would be held on May 9, when a message from himself on behalf of the R.A.A.F. would be read.

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State Executive congratulates the R.S.L. Cricket Team on return from a successful tour of South Australia.
The policy and conditions governing the formation of an extensive R.A.A.F. Reserve are revealed in a statement issued by the Minister for Air and Civil Aviation (Mr. Drakeford).

The announcement revealed that the proposed strength of the Reserve would total many thousands of officers and airmen. It would consist of:

- Members demobilised from the R.A.A.F. who were still eligible for active service.
- Members of the Permanent Air Force who had completed their initial and subsequent periods of engagement.
- Qualified aircrew and tradesmen of the commercial aviation industry.
- Members who had completed a period of active service in Citizen Air Force Squadrons.
- Officers whose short-service commissions had expired.
- Ex-members of the R.A.A.F. Nursing service, the W.A.A.A.F. and the Training Corps.

Mr. Drakeford said it was anticipated that the combined R.A.A.F. reserve would total many thousands.

"It is planned," he said, "that the Permanent Air Force Reserve alone will total 5,000 to 8,000 men, which is based on the estimated number of personnel required to cover urgent requirements in fixed and mobile establishments in emergency. We would need this figure to bring all existing units up to strength of war establishments and to form such auxiliary units as would be required to accompany a mobile task force overseas at short notice."

The period of service in the Permanent Air Force Reserve would be for five years, with re-engagement for a further five years.

Ex-members of the R.A.A.F. would be invited to voluntarily join the Citizen Air Force Reserve.

Volunteers would be entered in the Citizen Air Force Reserve in their last substantive or temporary rank.

The division of members of the Permanent Air Force and Citizen Air Force Reserves of Officers would be categorised into general duties, technical, equipment, accountant, special duties, medical and dental officers and officers of the R.A.A.F. Nursing Service and W.A.A.A.F.

The Reservists would be kept in touch with latest developments in the R.A.A.F. by means of special training bulletins, service pamphlets, newsletters, lectures, films and, wherever possible, visits to R.A.A.F. stations and units for the purpose of viewing new equipment and flying demonstrations.

### Britain’s Housing Effort

Houses or dwellings have been provided for nearly 600,000 families in Britain since the end of the war, or for something like two and a half million people, roughly 5 per cent. of the total inhabitants.

This has been achieved in spite of the immense pressure on manpower and material engendered by the post-war reconstruction programme as a whole, while three-quarters of a million war-damaged houses have also had to be repaired. But that is only half the story. The provision of housing for Britain’s highly developed industrial community is anything but purely quantitative. It involves delicate adjustment, according to the needs of various groups of the community.

The allocation of housing between the various sections has been a great problem of late. Men are urgently needed in the coal mines, but they cannot go to work there unless they have houses to live in. So some priority must be given, and this is reflected in the most recent figures which show that over 7,000 houses have been specially provided for miners.

Similarly, Britain has now to provide more of her own food and is aiming at expanding output from her farms by one-fifth in the next four years. This would not be possible unless farm workers could be given somewhere to live. Over 6,000 houses have accordingly been provided especially for agricultural workers.

### New Standards Set

Altogether, almost 60,000 houses have been built since the end of the war in rural areas where about one-sixth of the population lives. This operation is a particularly interesting one, since totally new standards are being set in rural housing.

Various types of factory-built houses, approved for both town and country districts, have been shown in London recently at a big domestic exhibition. The Airy Rural House, of which 20,000 units were recently ordered by the Government for erection in farming areas, is a concrete building which can be put up with about 200 man-hours of work. It provides two main living rooms and three bedrooms, with a hot-water system, a bathroom and indoor sanitation. Other housing types were exhibited and in each case the accommodation was seen to be similar.

The present shortage of timber in Britain is being overcome by the use of steel and concrete frames. One interesting new development is a reinforced concrete joist which not only saves timber but has certain advantages over wood joists.

By means such as these, the rural population of Britain is being housed according to urban standards, for the aim is that rural workers shall have the same living amenities as town workers and the standard of housing already provided has gone far towards realising this aim.
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It was most gratifying to the writer to learn that he had at least one reader as, after our first article, the wife of one of our Fremantle members wrote me on behalf of her husband and suggested that we adopt the name 'Tick Tocks' for the reason that a great number of our members are suffering from heart complaints and are slowly 'tick-tocking' their lives away.

Verbal suggestions have also been received. One was 'The Unpredictables.' Writer was somewhat confused and mistook it, until corrected, for 'The Indestructibles' as, looking around our Rest Room, they still appear to have many years of life left.

It is the intention of this Branch of the Association to carry out appeals for amelioration and building funds in the near future, but, before such appeals can be made, the public must be made aware of the badge of the Association and what are its membership, aims and ideals. It therefore devolves upon all members to bring the short name, "T.P.I." (which incidentally has been confirmed by Federal Congress), before all their friends and acquaintances with a view to placing it before the public generally.

Recently we were busily engaged with our Federal Congress. Delegates from all States, with the exception of Queensland, arrived on Saturday, April 3. Incidentally, Queensland appointed two W.A. members as proxy delegates.

We got through a lot of Congress business, as our Federal President (Mr. J. R. Haigh) is a real worker who does not waste time. He is one of the "Old Contentibles," having served in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry before he came to Australia in 1911, and from then helped in the formation of the Commonwealth Military Forces. He went overseas with the A.I.F. in the 1914 show and, in all, he served about 37 years in the armed forces.

We, in this State, were astonished to learn of some of the concessions granted by governmental and other bodies in other States and have taken note of same so that representations may be made to our Government and to other bodies here for similar concessions, as we feel certain that they will not allow the Wise Men of the East to outdo the West in the question of generosity.

Every other State Branch owns its own premises. It is our ambition to do likewise.

By courtesy of Mr. J. P. Stratton, delegates visited our W.A. Trotting Association fixture on Saturday, April 3, and some are reported to have come away somewhat better in pocket than when they arrived.

On Sunday, April 4, in perfect W.A. weather, a wreath was laid by the Federal President on the State War Memorial and afterwards he drove round the University and part of our river, finishing up with afternoon tea with our ever-carnest and good friend, Miss Mary Meares, M.B.E.

On Monday, the Lord Mayor of Perth gave a civic reception to our delegates and kindly invited His Excellency, the Lieut.-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, to meet the delegates.

The same night we were entertained at the Tivoli Theatre by courtesy of Mr. Bruce Carroll, and enjoyed an excellent show.

On Tuesday work engaged us during the whole day, but, at 5 p.m., we were invited by the State President of the R.S.L. (Mr. W. J. Hunt) to come to Anzac House and meet the Premiers of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. In the evening we were the guests of the Management of the Plaza Theatre, who put on a really good show.

On Wednesday all delegates were taken to Armadale to lunch at Ye Olde Narrogin Inne, and afterwards driven to Canning Dam and Araluen, returning via Roleystone, transport being provided for the whole trip by the Red Cross.

On Thursday a complimentary luncheon was tendered to the delegates, which was attended by many prominent individuals, including Mr. Ross McDonald, representing the Premier; the Lord Mayor; the Heads of the various Services; and others too numerous to detail.

On Friday, delegates attended a civic reception by the Acting Mayor of Fremantle. During the afternoon they were shown over Hollywood Repatriation General Hospital by courtesy of Col. Frank Wallace, who is in charge.

They also enjoyed some of our brilliant sunshine on Saturday, April 10, when we were the guests of the West Australian Turf Club. We have not been told of any outstanding financial gains.

Congress unanimously elected Mr. H. W. (Bert) Rig, Immediate Past President of W.A., to life membership of the Association, and the Federal President accorded him the signal honour of pinning his own life membership badge on his lapel, until a fresh life badge arrived from Federal Headquarters.

The bridge afternoons and evenings, started only in March, have steadily grown in popularity and, from a beginning where six tables were assembled, we note that on the first afternoon in April we had ten tables, despite the fact that at least eight of the habitual bridge-friends were away attending Congress business. It has even been suggested that,

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if such increases in attendance continue, we shall require the use of a large hall or other premises to carry on our bridge programme. Good work, Social Committee, keep it going!

Our thanks are due to the Editor for allowing us so much space.

Sydney Anzac House Architectural Competition for National Memorial

The Anzac House architectural competition has been launched for the selection of an architect for, and design of, "Anzac House," which will be erected as soon as building materials are available.

The building of Anzac House has only been made possible through the whole-hearted support and generosity of the public of New South Wales in supporting the Anzac House appeal, inaugurated in 1942 by the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia for the erection of a national memorial to the ex-service men and women of Australia—a building worthy of the great sacrifice made by our fathers and sons in two world wars.

Approximately £400,000 was subscribed, and is held by a trust appointed by the Master in Equity, with the responsibility of erecting Anzac House on a site—corner Martin Place and Macquarie Street—which was purchased for the sum of £100,000 generously donated by the New South Wales State Government.

Nerve Centre

Anzac House—a building of approximately ten floors—will be the nerve centre of all ex-service activities, to which all ex-servicemen, ex-service women and their dependants may come with their problems.

It will be more than a mere building; it will have a soul within it, forming part of the spiritual and cultural life of our city—a monument to the dead as well as a service to the living.

Down through the years the R.S.L. has faithfully faced up to the problems of ex-service men and women. Within its capacity the League has organised, controlled and put into first-class working order an Employ- ment Bureau, Special Pensions Office, Special Welfare Scheme, Women's and Children's Clinic, and numerous other ancillaries, so necessary for the complete and successful rehabilitation of our ex-service men and women.

All these departments will be housed in Anzac House. Also incorporated will be:

Hall of Contemplation

A Memorial Gallery or Hall of Contemplation, a hallowed spot where one can draw close to those who are gone, and associated with this memorial gallery will be chapels of the four main religious denominations, regularly attended by the clergy, where all persons can go for spiritual meditation and advice.

An auditorium, capacity approximately 1,000, for the use of ex-service organisations for the holding of conferences, etc. This auditorium will be designed particularly for orchestral concerts, etc., and probably will be the only assembly hall in Sydney acoustically perfect; it being considered that this side of life should find expression in the material rehabilitation of ex-servicemen.

A sports room—a monument to the many sportsmen in our community who have paid the supreme sacrifice in defending you and me.

A war library—a war correspondent's room—in memory of the war correspondents and authors of the 1914 and 1939 wars, which will be utilised by Press and Radio reporters on ex-service conferences, etc.

An appropriately-equipped music room, containing a library of the world's greatest musical compositions, associated with the women's and children's clinic will be a children's creche, where mothers and widows of ex-servicemen may leave their children while attending business on their own or their soldier husband's behalf.

Housing All Ex-service Organisations

In addition to the R.S.L., all major ex-servicemen's organisations will be housed in Anzac House, namely:


Front Row: R. A. Whitby, N.S.W.; G. N. McPhie, N.S.W.; J. R. Haigh, Federal President; W. E. Shearer, State President; F. Storer, Federal Secretary-Treasurer; H. W. Rigg, W.A.

Messrs. Loudon and Rigg represented Queensland as proxy delegates.
Architectural Competition

Thus, the launching of the Anzac House Architectural Competition is the Board of Management's initial move towards fulfilling its obligations to the public, and there is little doubt that the design selected will be truly indicative of the sacrifice made by our honoured dead.

The competition will run for a period of six months, closing on October 25, 1948. Those architects eligible for registration as competitors are: British-born architects resident in Australia or New Zealand and registered or eligible for registration as an architect in New South Wales, and non-British-born architects resident in Australia or New Zealand who are eligible for membership of the R.S.L. and are registered or eligible for registration as an architect in N.S.W.

For the design placed first, the amount of £1,000 will be paid; for the design placed second, £750; for the design placed third, £600; and in addition to designs placed first, second and third, as many as five designs may be commended by the assessors, in which case each will receive a premium of £200.

An Appointment Challenged

The Federal President of the R.S.L. (Mr. Eric Millhouse, K.C.) said recently that the League would protest strongly to the Federal Government at the appointment of Mr. C. J. Olliffe, an employee of the Repatriation Commission, as Chairman of the

No. 1 War Pensions Entitlement Appeals Tribunal.

This appointment is a serious departure from the policy previously observed by all Commonwealth Governments. Such positions should be filled by men outside the employ of the Commission.

The League shares the fears of all ex-service personnel that while Mr. Olliffe remains a permanent officer of the Commission he can hardly be expected to carry out his important task as Chairman of the Appeals Tribunal in the same impartial manner as if he came from outside the service, added Mr. Millhouse.

The Commonwealth Gazette, of March 24, announced Mr. Olliffe's appointment from March 12 to May 20 this year at a salary of £2,000 a year.

The League understands that he has been given leave of absence from his position in the Sydney office of the Commission to act as Chairman.

Mr. Millhouse said even this short period was too long for the independence of the tribunal to be destroyed.

Tobacco and Cigarettes

Rehabilitation Allocations

The W.A. Tobacco Trade Distribution Committee advise, in connection with the granting of special allotments of cigarettes or tobacco to ex-service men and women of World War II, that except in very special circumstances, it will not now grant these allotments if applications are made after 12 months from the date of discharge from the forces.

As it is realised that some ex-service personnel may have already entered into negotiations for the purchase or building of premises, assuming that they will be granted a quota when the building becomes available, although they may have been discharged for longer than 12 months, the Committee will be willing to consider applications from persons under this category, provided such applications reach the Committee by the 31st of May, 1948.

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CLOSE OF AFRICAN CAMPAIGN. 1943

Alan Moorehead in his book "The End in Africa" described the dramatic conclusion of the African Campaign in the spring of 1943.

"Eight minutes to eight o'clock on May 12, 1943, is the official time given for the cessation of all organised enemy resistance in Africa. The last act was for me almost the most dramatic and moving of all. It happened on the coast north of Enfidaville. The two most famous infantry divisions of both armies—the New Zealanders and the Ninetieth German Light—had continued in a bloody battle in the hills long after the war had finished around them. Von Sponeck was the commander of the Ninetieth Light, and his name stood almost as high in the Afrika Korps as Freyberg's stood in the Eighth Army. Their soldiers were the elite of the British and German Armies. For two years they had mauled one another back and forth across the desert. We had killed two of the Ninetieth Light's commanders.

The Ninetieth Light had almost killed Freyberg. They had charged up to the gates of Egypt in the previous summer, and it was the New Zealanders who broke the German division's heart outside Mersa Matruth. There was hardly a major battlefront in the desert where you will not find the graves of New Zealanders and men of the Ninetieth Light.

Now at last it was all over. This war within a war, this private vendetta between two great divisions was finished. Von Sponeck saw that he could do no more.

"He put on his formal greatcoat, his insignia and his cap, and drove down the coast road. His only companions were a driver and an interpreter. Freyberg was waiting for him on the road, his road, the road that wound for nearly two thousand miles back to Egypt, the road he had done so much to conquer. The old lion looked a little shabby in his desert shirt, his shorts, his battered cap. He stood a little ahead of his officers on the road as Von Sponeck got down stiffly from his car and drew himself up to a full salute. Freyberg saluted slowly in reply. The two generals looked at one another for the first time. Suddenly there was nothing to say. It had all been too long, and too bitter. There were too many dead.

Von Sponeck got back into his car and drove away to gather his men for the surrender. Freyberg turned round and walked down the road.

SUSTENANCE PAYMENTS

Important Concessions Made at League's Request

Representations were recently made by the League to the Repatriation Commission asking that payment of sustenance, for which a patient may be entitled from hospital, be made at the time of discharge instead of the present system, where a discharge must present a voucher to Repatriation Headquarters.

The Minister for Repatriation pointed out that the request was not an easy one of adoption, as, in order accurately to compute the amount of
Ex-P's O.W. Reunion

Described as "waifs and strays," about thirty ex-P's O.W. of the Japanese held a bright reunion at Gerry McMorrow's Ballroom in Murray Street recently.

Gerry generously supplied the hall free and a little hurried organisation on the part of three ex-8th Div. men resulted in an enjoyable "POW-WOW."

Present were ex-members of the 8th Div. Sigs., 9th Field Ambulance, 2/6th Engineers, 4th M.T., and 2/3rd Machine Guns. Tales of roads, railways, rice and revenge predominated.

Service Rewarded
Barney Keeley Receives High League Award

At a particularly well-attended meeting of the Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch held in the R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Oxford Street, on Thursday, March 18, the State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt) made a dual presentation to Mr. Barney Keeley of two certificates, being the Life Membership Certificate was the result of a resolution carried unanimously at the annual meeting of his sub-branch, held January 22, when it was decided to present the Immediate Past President with the highest League award in recognition of his long and valuable service to the sub-branch and the League generally.

In making the presentation, the State President paid a glowing tribute to the splendid service rendered to the League by Mr. Keeley and said that he considered it a privilege to be associated with the presentation. He was ably supported by Mr. John Chappell (State Secretary), who also eulogised the work of Mr. Keeley.

The State President read out the particulars which appeared on the Certificate of Service, and which are as follows: President, 1944-1947; Senior Vice-President, 1941-1943; Junior Vice-President, 1940; Social Committee, 1940-1943 (two years Chairman); Building Committee, 1939-1942. This was truly a great record.

The large attendance present was an endorsement of the presentation and a tribute to Mt. Hawthorn's first and only life member.

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SUB-BRANCH ACTIVITIES

BULLSBROOK

The sub-branch held a dance in the Bullsbrook Hotel on Saturday, May 6th, the proceeds of which will go towards the fund of the State War Memorial Extension Appeal. The dance was a great success and considerable sums of money were raised. The President, Mr. T. D. Smith, and Secretary, Mr. R. B. Smith, were invited to a social dinner at Gunnedah by the R.S.L. sub-branch on the 15th of March. They accepted the invitation and spent a very enjoyable evening—"I'll say they did!

CALINGIRI

On Saturday members of the sub-branch held their monthly meeting in the local hotel. There was a big attendance. President T. O. Drake-Brockman presided. Items for Anzac Day celebrations received close attention. Details were somewhat held up pending names of Executive speakers who had been invited by the branch to attend on that occasion and had yet come to hand. Local speakers appointed were Rev. Edwards and the President of the sub-branch. A letter congratulating Bolgart members on the formation of a sub-branch in that district was sent. It was announced that the Sports Committee were now in action in the matter of fund-raising for several purposes. The sub-branch had decided to provide a method of having petrol allowances allocated to ex-service men when travelling in the business of reviewing farming properties. There were many minor matters which occupied the remainder of an interesting session.

DENMARK

At least 50 members attended the meeting of the sub-branch on the evening of Tuesday, May 23rd. The sub-branch extended a warm welcome to Brigadier Potts, of Kojonup, and to visiting members of the Perth and Sheidow Park Sub-Branches. It was indeed gratifying to see so many members in attendance, gathering, too, was the expeditious manner in which a large amount of business was disposed of by members. Mr. K. M. Evert. Much business was discussed, the chief item being the provision of local sporting facilities, which we intend to erect on the block of land recently granted to us for building purposes. The idea of an "April Fools" weekend was received enthusiastically by those present. As a consequence, the annual reunion dinner was held on the 26th April, when all returned men were invited, to be present and to bring along a lady friend (as well as a good acquaintance). After the dinner and dance was held. Arrangements were also made for the Anzac Day Parade. Great enthusiasm was displayed when it was learnt that the Walpole Sub-Branch wished to play the Denmark Sub-Branch a gambler's cricket. This notion was accepted and arranged to be played at all future meetings. A good time is assured for all.

PREMANTLE CITY

At a recent general meeting it was decided that in the future the sub-branch would only hold one general meeting a month, i.e., on the first Thursday in every month, allowing other Thursdays for meetings of sub-committees and social nights. To this end, we intend to enter for the sporting activities of the League, and the Secretary will be glad to hear of any of the young members of the sub-branch who would like to enter the teams for the Archibald Riley Shield, debating, and other sporting activities initiated from Headquarters. We are laying down a miniature rifle range, which should be of great interest to our members. Another innovation of the sub-branch is the publication of a sub-branch journal, "Excelsior," which is being worked on and the first edition should appear at the beginning of May. Very soon the second edition is due. The editor and genial George Charles, business manager. Any member who has any good copy of any story or poem will be welcomed and it is hoped that many new members will be discovered in this field. Special thanks are due to our sub-branch in annexing various trophies, etc. To the younger members, I appeal to you to interest your pals in matters pertaining to the R.S.L. Bring them along and make them feel welcome and any matters requiring attention will be seen to by our able Secretary. To our members in hospital we extend our best wishes and hope for a speedy return to health. A word of praise is due to our new President (one of the youngest sub-branches in the State) the wages of which he controls the meetings and, on behalf of the 1101 members, extend our wholehearted support and guidance.

GNOwANGERUP

The date of the annual reunion dinner has been fixed as May 14th. We hereby invite the State President and as large a delegation from the State Executive as can be conveniently arranged. All Lower Great Southern sub-branches, from Kojonup and Kojonup, will be invited to send representatives to the large number of war service settlement farms which will, we hope, be in operation in the Gnowangerup-Borden area. We are also inviting the Minister for Lands, Mr. Barron-Hay, Mr. Chambers (the Purchasing Agent) to visit the district at this time, so that they can see for themselves the progress or otherwise of the 300 separate farms in this district. Any other information you may require is in the hands of the Vice-President, Mr. W. S. Stewart, who is in charge of the function.

MARGARET RIVER

The monthly meeting was held in the Board Room, Maitland Hotel, on Tuesday, May 23rd, with a fairly large number of members present.

GLOUCESTER PARK

It is indeed very interesting to note the enthusiasm with which members, old and new, approach the various items which are brought forward at the monthly meetings, and discussion on matters of the most prominent and appreciated by the members. Indeed, it is pleasing to report that peace and union are now more than ever the watchword of the sub-branch, which is handled by the various committees, and there it will be a great success and the executive hope that the good will be repeated at all future meetings. A good time is assured for all.

THE LISTENING POST

April, 1943
present. It would be very gratifying to see a few more turn up at the meetings. All members will be well pleased to know that Bill Bradlady and Mr. Roy Jones have been appointed as new members and will be introduced at the next meeting.

**NORTHAMPTON**

The annual meeting of the above sub-branch was held on March 31, at 8 p.m. The retiring President (Mr. D. J. Eastcott), after outlining the work of the sub-branch for the past 12 months, thanked the Secretary and Treasurer for their conscientious work in making the work of the sub-branch a success. Mr. Eastcott pointed out that the meeting had not been held at the usual time, and that the regulations covering the work of the sub-branch had been amended accordingly.

**NORTH BEACH**

Once again the sub-branch has favoured members of our sub-branch with a visit. Doug Figgott was sent a card - his first. Doug's wife is a daughter of our auditor and regular and useful veteran member, Wally Wright. Doug's wife picked another boy out of the lot, making three boys in all. Who cares for Russia when this sort of thing is going on in Ausie. Eric Wilks also picked a boy. He has three daughters - now he has a son to keep them in order. Ken Moreton has a daughter. Our sub-branch has had the advantage of bus drivers after an unfortunate experience in the service of the Mandurah Fisheries. Our sub-branch certainly takes notice of the slogan, "Preference to Returned Servicemen." We, by the way, is a Dutchie and has lots of children. Sub-branches in our zone of the A.R.M.S. competitions will be interested in hearing that not only have we purchased our own rifle, but we have our indoor and outdoor ranges, some fair weather or foul, we are prepared.

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South Perth

After six months of extensive renovations, we are now able to resume our regular meetings in the Swan Street Hall, on the second and fourth Thursday nights. To show our members of sub-branch activities, small notice boards have been prepared and will be displayed at appropriate places and, as the committee is eager to provide interesting entertainment for the winter evenings, members are asked to cast an eye over the bulletin board when they drop in at the "locale." By the time this reaches print, we will have had our district drive for the State War Memorial Appeal, the drive being in the capable hands of Tom Bindeman, and is taking the form of a comprehensive house-to-house canvass in which we have the co-operation of our Women's Auxiliary, Kensington Sub-Branch and the South Perth Community Centre Association. We feel sure the total collected will be easily passed. As the A.R.M.S. games are due for re-commencement, our teams are being organised and members are asked to come along and get some practice in, as last year's run-up to the shield, we hope to pull it off this year. A membership drive is being organised and members are reminded that, for their convenience, they may pay fees at Anzac House on our behalf. The following committee will be responsible for the activities: Mrs. President, Secretary, Treasurer and Messrs. Blackadder and James. What, no 40 cents? Considering this is a personal note: Have you heard about the President's new baby?—no, it's the same model. Vic. is just enjoying his new leave, which included a trip to Busselton, but don't mention fishing, boating or sunbathing, "Fatt Jack" Halt has gone north, where they are going to produce "Whole-burgers," or is it "Whole-Pigs," By the way, the fishing is fairly good. The butting team is rather weak and those members who fancy themselves in that role will be much appreciated. See you at the next meeting, Bigg.

Swanbourne

There was no large attendance at our monthly meeting, at Allen Park Kindergarten, on April 7th. This was doubtless owing to the threatening weather, but the members who were present showed plenty of interest. The meeting in point of interest was the one where the A.R.M.S. games were re-commenced, and our team was so well organised that we had a good win. The following officers were elected: President, J. R. Peters; Secretary, Mr. E. J. Cripps; Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Hume; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. Hume. The meeting was adjourned for a monthly meeting on the 3rd. The next meeting is on April 28th, at the usual place, and all members are urged to continue their support of this fine institution.

Tooday

The sub-branch had its monthly meeting for the past three weeks, and the next will be held on the 3rd. Although well attended, the sub-branch committee would like to see more members attending these meetings, and we hope that the next meeting, on April 28th, will be a good one. The new officers of the sub-branch are: President, J. R. Peters; Secretary, Mr. E. J. Cripps; Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Hume; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. Hume. The meeting was adjourned for a monthly meeting on the 3rd. The next meeting is on April 28th, at the usual place, and all members are urged to continue their support of this fine institution.

Waroona-Hamelin

At the annual general meeting on March 5th, 1948, the retiring President, Mr. N. B. Walsley, presented a lengthy and comprehensive report. He commented on the particularly favourable position of sub-branch finance and offered his thanks to members for their unflagging support during the year. The Women's Auxiliary was especially praised. They were in no small way responsible for a most successful year. In concluding, Mr. Walsley said that he would be glad to meet in his daily emissaries if he did New Guinea, and to the Secretary, Mr. F. Ricketts. Mr. Ricketts had been a very active member and was always willing to help. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Tom Loy; Secretary, Mr. E. J. Cripps; re-elected; the President, Mr. R. W. Walsley, R. Knox and L. W. Purcell: Assistant Secretary, Mr. F. Bowden, Auditor, Mr. C. C. Craydon. The following committee and social committees were also elected. It is interesting to note that the sub-branch was one of the ill-fated 8th Division, which was taken to New Guinea, and later served at Melbourne and Brisbane Headquarters, and then with the 8th Division in New Guinea and Borneo. Mr. Ricketts was not so fortunate and spent 3½ years on a P.O.W. on the Burma-B Ride railway. The matter of Waroona and Hamelin residences, which has been causing concern, is now in the hands of the Housing Com.
mission, an officer from that department having made an inspection of the company of the Auxiliaries, and finding that the branch is well organized, and the members are doing good work, he made a public statement, promising, for the future, that the company will have only one branch, and that it will be well formed, with the R.S.L. and R.O.D. Branches at the head. It is understood that the chairman of the branch has been having considerable difficulty in securing a permanent place for the branch, and has made several extensions to his business premises.

Evidence was given to the effect that similar proposals have been made by Branches in other districts, and that the Auxiliary members in those branches have been authorized by the executive of the R.S.L. to give up the re-organization of the Auxiliary. Details of this have been imparted to the President and R.S.L. State Executive.

WELSHPOOL

This sub-branch is in a healthy position, having been organized for nearly three years ago, and in a "small, growing community." The President, Mr. W. H. M. Martin, fills the chair as president, representing the younger members, and Mr. C. G. G. Salisbury, as secretary, for the 1914-18 boys. The social committee side of the business is handled by Miss E. H. Martin, and the sub-branch is dealing with the "(Frenkie)" job. The women's auxiliary is in very capable hands, in Mrs. H. Gilmore and Mrs. J. R. Martin. The auxiliary met on the first and third Mondays in each month. A sports night on the first Thursday and general meeting on the third Thursday.

KENSINGTON

Interest in the Kensington branch and its activities continues to grow—the number attending meetings is increasing and our membership is on the increase. The auxiliary is held on the first and third Mondays in each month. The Colling Street and South Melbourne districts are very compact and if the majority of returned men are united in one branch, it is a very strong and powerful sub-branch. An invitation is extended to all returned men to attend the meetings. This invitation includes those who are already members, and those who may be interested in joining the auxiliary. A very enjoyable and well-attended ladies' pound night was held in the Colling Street Hall on Monday, March 24, when the "clean out" made it possible for the order, the kitchen, and the ballroom to be given over to "the girls." Miss M. E. Martin, who is the President, was in charge of the kitchen. The following items were the order of the evening. The main feature was a buffet, and the cooking was of a high order. The ladies' committee was formed, with Mrs. Rowles, of 51 Canning Highway, in the Chair, and the sub-committee being Mrs. E. T. Keely, Mrs. M. E. Martin, and Mrs. T. W. Martin. The ladies filled a large order and had a successful evening. The ladies' committee held a barbecue recently and it was a great success, both socially and financially. Their next effort will be a "small" tea, which will be held in the Garden Hall, Angelo Street, South Perth (opp. G.P.O.), on Saturday, May 28. It will be by invitation only, with double tickets, 5/- and single ticket, 2/-.

An invitation has been issued to members of the Kensington sub-branch, members of Kensington Golf Club, with their wives, to attend a dinner at the City Hall on Thursday, April 22. Other visitors to include a visit to Fremantle R.S.L. Club on Wednesday, May 25. A visit to Fremantle was also arranged for Sunday, May 15. Two new members, in All Bokes and Jack Iolan, have joined our branch recently, and there was every reason to believe that they will be welcomed into the fold. The sub-branch has announced they are grateful to attend the service conducted by the Commandant, Mr. E. T. Keely, at the annual direct memorial on Anzac Day. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, and in future, on the last Tuesday of each month.

ST. HATHWORTH

The average attendance at the meetings is being maintained and great interest is still being shown in sub-branch activities. Membership figures are gradually increasing and we now have 61 financial members. Remember the Auxiliary is completely independent and every financial member should make it a point of getting one of the financial members to introduce a new member at each meeting. Every financial member should make it a point of getting one of the financial members to introduce a new member at each meeting.

Women's Auxiliaries Activities

STATE EXECUTIVE

An Executive meeting was held on April 5. Mrs. L. G. Stone, Ollerton, New South Wales, jock her seat at this meeting—she fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ms. Windsor. President, Mrs. J. M. Herdson reported on Royal Perth Hospital, and the Auxiliary have carried out these duties each Friday, and every visit finds more dagger patients.

Bedside visits were made during the last two visits. Members of metropolitan auxiliaries will be on call during the coming weeks in this work. Hollywood Hospital visits continue twice weekly. Members of metropolitan auxiliaries get to know and appreciate the many charities they bring them.

Outings

On Sunday, March 21, Anzac House presented a very festive appearance—flower-decked tables, laden with a sumptuous high tea, the work of the woman who prepares them is appreciated by the ladies all over the country. A few auxiliary members, for the entertainment of patients from Lemnos, Sussex, Edward Milton and Home of Peace, were treated by the Auxiliary with this joyous occasion. Our guest was brought by taxis and buses to Anzac House, and was received by the Auxiliary, and as our guest was the guest of honour, Jack Mundy, Mr. & Mrs. Sunset, who was celebrating his 87th Birthday the Thursday the Auxiliary Executive was represented by the State President (Mrs. W. J. Hunt) and Mr. John Chappell (St. Leonards) was much admired by the visitors to the Auxiliary. A small address and a farewell were made to the Auxiliary on this occasion by the Auxiliary President, after which the Auxiliary thanked one of our hotels for the use of their dining room, and the Auxiliary guests were entertained by Mrs. J. H. Hunt and the Auxiliary President and Secretary. A few of the Auxiliary members, the Auxiliary President and Secretary, and members from Wagin and Waroona, also members from Pinjarra, Mrs. Smart (President) and Mrs. Barrett (Secretary) are doing a wonderful job for the Auxiliary. In the evening a social was held, to which a few sub-branch members came along.

Auxiliary visits continued at the request of the Auxiliary members, and they have been printed in the Western Mail. Lunch and afternoon tea were provided. Mr. Pilkington, the Auxiliary President, has been much impressed with the work of the Auxiliary, and expressed admiration of work of Auxiliary also congratulated Mrs. McKinnon

On March 23: Mrs. McKinnon and members of the Country Auxiliary of City of Perth held their annual auxiliary birthday party, 20 guests being represented. Excellent supper and dances were held, and two additional Auxiliary meetings were held this week. President and Secretary express great appreciation for the good wishes extended to the Auxiliary.

March 31: A well-attended meeting of presidents and secretaries was held, and a vote of thanks was given to Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs. B. E. Smith, who have been most helpful and kind to the Auxiliary.

EASTER GIFT

Patients in homes and hospitals who are too ill to visit the Auxiliary office during the Easter period were presented by Auxiliary of City of Perth, and were presented by Auxiliary of City of Perth, and were presented by Auxiliary of City of Perth, and were presented by Auxiliary of City of Perth.

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she has given talks to members. At a dance one night she won a prize, and what a prize it was in England, one dozen new-laid eggs. She will be returning some time in July. McKinnay Shield games now in full swing — competition greater than ever this year—we wish them a happy and successful season.

F.S.W.U.

The monthly social of the F.S.W.U. was held at Anzac House. Mr. T. V. Gianetti, Curator of the Museum, was the guest speaker. The meeting was well attended and the talk enjoyed. Dr. Elphick, Superintendent of the Woollam Sanatorium, was also present. He spoke briefly of the work of the staff. The appeal for cotton reeves for the Sanatorium, made some time ago, was a great success and hundreds have been brought in by members to be sent to Wooloo. The musical program was arranged by Mrs. E. Clear. The artists were Mrs. A. Collins (accompanist), Mrs. E. Bailey, Mrs. P. McCann (soloist), Messrs. C. M. Lewis and E. Clear (duet). Mrs. R. A. Moore thanked the artists for their programme and entertainment. Mrs. Silverlock is wanting members who are willing to act as emergency helpers at the King's (former Woollam) Hospital for sickness of permanent volunteers. Afternoon tea was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

SWAN VIEW-GREENWICH

Our last meeting was well attended. Our President, Mrs. Harrison, welcomed a young member, Mrs. Tomkins, and Mrs. Byrne offered to make wreaths for our Anzac service. Some of our members went to Glen Forrest to help entertain the Diggers from the 15th North. Our meeting, held on April 21, was well attended from the members of seven branches. A large and enthusiastic audience, Glen Forrest sending in the letter, found a total of 31st May, fortnightly, and the President, Mr. R. F. G. McPhail, was quite a number of the Executive. Presentations were made by Mrs. McPhail to our Past President, Mrs. Tomkins, and Past Treasurer, Mrs. Holmes, on behalf of the ladies of the SUBURBS. The retiring officers then had their certificates of service, which unfortunately were not ready for that night. Donations to various organizations were made by the居amount of £14.2s. Our next dance is to be held on 26th May, "That Mad Hatters"—so roll up. An afternoon is to be held at Mrs. Marsh's home for Mrs. Patton, one of our foundation members, who has been ill and unable to be present. Our annual meeting and election of officers was held on March 16 and was as follows: President, Mrs. Holmes; Treasurer, Mrs. Williams; Vice-President, Mrs. Francis; Secretary, Mrs. Tomkins; Past President, Mrs. Murphy; Local Secretary, Mrs. Frances. A letter has been sent to our retiring officers for the work they had done while in office. Mrs. Tomkins, our retiring President, said she hoped the new committee would keep the same spirit as this year for the very important work they have done. Her address was well attended from sub-branches down the line, well attended for the lovely successful season.

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ARMS AND ARMOUR INSTITUTE OF W.A.—Meetings as noted: President: J. B. Roberts; Treasurer: Jesse J. Davenport; Secretary: Mrs. Cook, 35 Fairway, Nedlands.

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