AT THE STATE WAR MEMORIAL ON ANZAC DAY: A MOTHER’S TRIBUTE

I do not at all underestimate the severity of the ordeal which lies before us... Every man and every woman will have the chance to show the finest qualities of their race, and render the highest service to their cause.

—Winston Churchill, June 18, 1940.
ANZAC DAY PARADE

Top: Members of the A.A.N.S. Left: Legacy Club girls. Right: At the newly formed Ex-Service Women's Sub-Branch function for disabled ex-servicemen.

AT THE RED CROSS-R.S.L. FOOD FOR BRITAIN APPEAL CONCERT

Left to right: H. Cockrane, Gordon Hack (President Highgate Sub-Branch), Phyllis Blott, Dave Howard, "Mick" Hungerford (Chairman), — Dix, C. Dearden.
GREAT BRITAIN

Her Need Your Opportunity—Your Responsibility

It is a good thing that the League is able to look beyond its own domestic problems and engage in a work of this nature, from which it is not expected to receive anything in return. The highest form of giving is that which entails sacrifice and the most acceptable gifts are those which cause the donor some personal sacrifice. During wartime we were often assailed by the slogan of the various philanthropic organisations to "give until it hurts." Let me on behalf of the R.S.L. exhort you to experience that delightful feeling of giving until it hurts. It may be bad for your pocket, but it will be good for your soul. The people of Britain gave until it hurt with a vengeance. They gave to the point of exhaustion. They drained their resources almost to the last dreg. They poured out their substance, not only to save themselves but to save the rest of the World. Such sacrifices could not be made by any nation, however strong, without vitally affecting her welfare. What she lost materially she gained, however, spiritually, but that does not lessen her urgent present-day needs—Britain needs food. For nearly a decade she has been urged by circumstances and by patriotism to make sacrifice upon sacrifice; to tighten her belt and to increase her labour. She has been burning the candle at both ends. She had to do it, of course, but she did it magnificently. We are proud to call Britain our blood brother. We are proud of the opportunity and the privilege to contribute to her present need.

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Our Giving—Not Charity

This is not charity. Britain would be the last to receive or accept

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Mental Patients

MEETING WITH DR. A. STOLLER

A meeting was held on May 5, 1948, to meet Dr. Alan Stoller, specialist in medical psychology of the Repatriation headquarters.

Mr. E. S. Watt was in the chair, and others present were Messrs. W. J. Hunt, Dr. R. Greenham, W. James, C. Ferguson, I. Ferguson-Stewart, J. Chappell, H. Rae and W. Lonnie.

Dr. Stoller was accompanied by Mr. C. Taylor, Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, and Dr. C. W. Courtney, S.M.O. They were welcomed by the chairman.

At the request of the chairman, Dr. Greenham outlined briefly the League's desires. These included the provision of suitable accommodation necessary for the essential treatment of mental patients, the provision of suitably trained staffs and the Repatriation Commission's direct control of the treatment under State Lunacy laws.

Dr. Stoller expressed pleasure at learning that the League's committee was thinking along the exact lines as himself on the matter.

He agreed with Dr. Greenham's fears regarding permanent hospitalisation of patients, where this can be avoided by specialised treatment, and agreed that many ex-servicemen who are not in-patients of institutions require special treatment. He also touched on the matter of the State controlling the treatment of mental patients.

Dr. Stoller spoke of the Repatriation Commission's plans regarding new buildings, engagement of qualified staffs, the training of nurses in psychiatric methods, etc.

He also mentioned the difficulties the Commission is encountering, but declared that definite progress was being made. He felt certain that, in six months' time, a very definite stage of progress would be reached.

Dr. Stoller acknowledged the help that could be given to the Commission in carrying out its scheme by a lay body with the influence that the League possessed, and stated his appreciation of such help.

Mr. W. J. Hunt dealt with the subject of new hospital buildings and the Government's policy in this regard.

Mr. Harvey Rae also spoke on various phases of treatment, he having been closely in touch with these patients for some years.

Dr. Stoller spoke again regarding Lemnos, and mentioned the hope held for improvement of elderly patients by certain new operative treatment.

Mr. C. Taylor traversed the history of what had been done in the way of occupational therapy at Lemnos and of the difficulties in interesting a great number of the patients. He mentioned that circumstances connected with the outbreak of war have caused the efforts to be curtailed or abandoned.

Dr. Courtney mentioned that the branch medical staff were aware of the requirements of specialised treatment of the mental patients, and had been doing its utmost in this direction.

Mr. W. J. Hunt thanked Dr. Stoller, Dr. Courtney and Mr. Taylor for their attendance, and expressed the committee's appreciation of the Commission's efforts, as outlined by Dr. Stoller.

THE DAWN SERVICE AT PORT MORESBY

J.F. writes:—

"It was a wonderful setting and nearly everyone from Moresby was present. The cemetery, containing some 4,000 graves, all set out in geometrical precision, each with its small white cross, is situated on rising ground in the foothills some 12 miles from Moresby (and a further 12 miles brings one to the jumping-off point of the famous Kokoda Trail, across the Owen Stanley Ranges, the other side of which our boys met and threw back the Jap invaders). As dawn broke and the sun came over the Ranges, the thousands of soldiers in their last resting place were covered by a glorious shroud of gold. The service, short but impressive, lasted some 40 minutes. An inspiring address was delivered by the R.S.L. President (Syd Riley).

"A further general service was conducted at the memorial gates (to the local recreation grounds) at 11 a.m. and was well attended. This was followed by a reunion at R.S.L. Hall. Papuan and New Guinea Police bands provided music. A splendid effort!"
Press Sub-Branch Organises
R.S.I. Debating Competition
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Arrangements are now complete for the 1948 competition being conducted by Press Sub-Branch, at the request of the State Executive R.S.I. Thirteen sub-branches have signified their intention of taking part. These have been divided into three zones: "A," Perth, Press, West Perth, Welshpool, Ex-Service Women; "B," Fremantle, Mosmans, Claremont, Subiaco; and "C," North Beach, North Perth, Mt. Lawley and Maylands.

The first debate, in the nature of a "pipe-opener," will take place in the Y.M.C.A., on Wednesday, 23rd June, 1948. Sub-branches are asked to cooperate by coming along in force to hear this debate, as it is hoped to make it a model for future debates. The teams will be Press v. West Perth.

The draw for the first round resulted as follows:-


Welshpool (affir.) v. Ex-Service Women. Subject: "That eligibility for the old-age pension should not be subject to the Means Test." At Board Room, Anzac House, on June 28, 1948.

Perth, bye.

Zone "B"

Mosman v. Subiaco (neg.). Subject: "That the claim for equal pay for equal work between the sexes is a negation of one of the fundamental principles of society." At Mosmans on June 28, 1948.

Claremont (affir.) v. Fremantle (neg.). Subject: "That the consumption of alcoholic liquor is the fount from which springs most of the community's ills and should therefore be abolished." At Fremantle on July 5, 1948.

Zone "C"

North Beach (affir.) v. Mt. Lawley (neg.). Subject: "That the present machine age, through its diminution of the need for individual effort, resource and initiative, has had deleterious effect on the human race." At Board Room; Anzac House, on July 1, 1948.

Maylands (affir.) v. North Perth (neg.). Subject: "That a benevolent dictatorship is preferable to democratic government." At Board Room; Anzac House, on July 12, 1948.

LAND EXEMPTION EXTENDED
A YEAR

The period of protection for ex-service personnel against eviction and compulsory acquisition of their land is to be extended to four years from date of discharge.

Cabinet decided this recently on the recommendation of the Attorney-General (Dr. Evatt).

The Prime Minister (Mr. Chifley) said protection previously was for three years. This also applied to their female dependants and parents.

For many, this term had expired or had nearly expired, and evictions were possible.

So that ex-servicemen might not be deprived of land on which they hoped to build homes, protection against compulsory acquisition of their land was extended from the original 12-months' period.
Anzac Day March

The numbers in the march were disappointingly low. It is hoped that the men of the last war will join in greater numbers in the future.

It is a memorial march in honour of dead mates and surely it is good to march again with old mates at least once a year. The total number on parade was 3,914, made up as follows:

ANZAC DAY, 1948
Parade State and Order of March
Hospital Cars (65 cars), 276; Y.A.L. Band, 30; Legacy Children, 190; S.L.S., 60; R.S.L. Band, 28; V.C. Winners, 2; R.S.L. Executive, 20; Ex-Naval Association, 135; 10th Light Horse, 140; Cavalry-Armoured Corps, 56; Artillery, 323; Engineers and Pioneers, 140; Signallers, 46; Pioneers, 1; 2/11th Battalion-11th Battalion, 302; 12th/52nd Battalion, 60; 2/16th Battalion, 119; 16th Battalion, 191; 2/28th Battalion, 96; 28th Battalion, 118; 2/31st & 2/32nd Battalions, 66; 32nd Battalion, 32; 2/43rd Battalion, 28; 44th Battalion, 100; 2/48th & 48th Battalions, 85; 51st Battalion, 130; 2/3rd & 2/4th Machine Gunners, 80; Machine Gunners, 27; New Zealanders, 15; S.A. Veterans, 68; Old Contemptibles, 55; Ex-Imperials, 105; Allied Ex-Servicemen, —; A.A.S.C., 30; A.E.M.E., 34; A.A.O.C., —; 2/7th & 2/13th F.A. Units, 82; A.A.M.C., 37; A.A.N.S., 20; A.W.A.S., —; R.A.A.F., 152; School Cadets, 35; Air Training Corps, 35; Boy Scouts, 100; Girl Guides, 60; Ex-Servicemen’s Band, 24; S.A. Fortress, 32; Leederville S.A., 18; Maylands S.A., 21; V.P. Citizens, 37; Caledonian Pipers, 16; Subiaco, 25; Perth Highlanders, 18; Coastal Scottish, 13; Total, 3,914.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?
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SUNSET

The Diggers at Sunset now have a committee which organises amenities and competitions amongst the Digger inmates and, to stimulate interest in the competitions, monetary prizes are given. Mr. Phillips, the Chairman of the Amenities Committee, would be glad of donations from sub-branches or ex-servicemen, to assist in the continuing of their competitions.

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RECONSTRUCTION TRAINING

R.S.I. Dissatisfied — Remedies Sought

The League has been deeply concerned at the slow development of the plans laid down for training ex-servicemen for industries after their discharge from the services.

At the time of their discharge and previously the ex-servicemen were urged to apply for training under the scheme. Many of them have been disappointed and frustrated in their efforts to be absorbed into industry in the trade of their selection. There are several aspects which have caused anxiety to the League. Some ex-servicemen were able to enter training centres to prepare for the industry of their selection, but, due to restrictions and delays, the 40 per cent. efficiency trainees have not been absorbed into the industry at the rate which was anticipated. Then there is the other aspect, where many ex-members are awaiting admittance to the training centres preparatory to entering industry, but who have not yet been able to even start their training period.

The League has no quarrel with the scheme, which, in the blueprint stage, was so attractive and seemed to meet the position admirably. The implementation of that scheme, however, has been difficult to achieve and, unfortunately, has fallen short of expectations.

Joint Meeting of All Concerned

In order to provide the facility for a full investigation of the failure of the scheme, and in order to endeavour to discover remedies for its breakdown, an invitation was sent to the heads of the Government Departments and other organisations concerned to meet at Anzac House on Tuesday, May 25, to discuss the position.

The State President, Mr. W. J. Hunt, presided and stressed the point that the meeting had not been called to indulge in recriminations or to blame any particular person or Department for the position which had arisen.

The League felt that, representing the ex-servicemen, the responsibility lay with the League to lay their case before the Departments and organisations concerned, so that the position could be examined and, if possible, the causes of the delays removed. The State President presided over a meeting comprising representatives from the Rehabilitation and Housing Committees of the State Executive and outside representatives as follows:

Commonwealth Works and Housing: Mr. Finlayson; Principal Architect, Mr. A. E. Clare; Commissioner for Railways, Mr. Faulkner; Deputy Director Post-War, Mr. Growcott; Deputy Director National Service, Mr. B. A. L. White; State Housing Commission (Materials Section), Mr. A. D. Hynan; Messrs. J. A. Smallwood and W. Fairweather; Master Builders, Messrs. J. White, R. Cole; A.L.P., Mr. J. Coram; and Employers' Federation, Mr. F. J. Darling.

Training Being Limited to Demand

Mr. T. Sten, Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee, drew comparisons of rehabilitation in New Zealand, where he had recently been on a visit, and expressed the concern of the League at the slow intake of trainees into industry, despite the fact that skilled labour appeared to be scarce and the big programme of public works which has been announced from time to time in the Press. He expressed the League's opinion that training should be not limited so much according to demand, but rather on the basis of an anticipation of the demands, which, as the building programmes increased, would create a great demand for labour in the future. He further stated that even allowing for the supply of trainees being in excess of demands, there was no reason why ex-servicemen should not be able to fall back on a trade when trainees' work was available, rather than compelling them to stay in the ranks of the unskilled labourer.

Overcautious Attitude

By this overcautious attitude, ex-servicemen would be denied what they had been promised prior to leaving the services and, in any case, there was no serious harm in having an oversupply of trained men rather than an under-supply. A tradesman could always turn to unskilled labour if economic conditions demand it, but the reverse was not the case.

Representatives from the various departments and organisations were invited to express their views on the matter, which revealed, for instance, that the Railway Department can absorb 250, mainly metal trade trainees, but apparently they were not available.

An analysis of the materials position disclosed that in nearly every line of building material the production was far in excess of the 1938-39 production. There was an assured building programme of public works alone for the next 10 years at the very least.

So far as unemployment was concerned, it appeared that there was no serious position and that a very small percentage of ex-servicemen were out of work at the moment. Investigations, however, revealed that many of these ex-servicemen were from necessity engaged in the unskilled ranks of labour, awaiting opportunities to train.

Training for Employment or Just Jobs?

The Post-War Reconstruction programme catered for the training of men for employment and not specifically for any particular jobs that might be awaiting them. This did not fit in entirely with the policy of the Trade Advisory Committees, however, whose representatives expressed concern lest the labour market be over-catered for and skilled men be left after the boom periods on the unemployed list.

Tradesmen from Overseas

At the present time, however, immigrants, skilled in the trades, were being brought to the country from overseas and admitted to the unions and a similar position arose by the influx from the Eastern States of such immigrants and ex-servicemen, all of which had the effect of filling up the ranks of skilled labour, which would reduce the intake of the ex-service trainees.

Mr. Leslie, as the ex-servicemen's representative on the Regional Committee, explained the position from the ex-serviceman's point of view.

He stressed the paradox of shortage of skilled labour, sufficiency of materials, as disclosed at the meeting on the one hand, and a long waiting list of ex-servicemen waiting to have the promises made to them honoured, to be absorbed into industry as 40 per cent.
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cent, efficient, or waiting to start a course. He also pointed out that the training facilities were not nearly fully extended and the plans made in the beginning for the training of ex-servicemen were not being realised, and, not only were opportunities being lost to the ex-servicemen, but also valuable time.

Mr. E. O. Davies, Chairman of the Housing Committee, also spoke on the housing position and stressed the fact that, in addition to training hold-ups, the ex-serviceman was also faced with the harassing experience of living under adverse conditions owing to the lag in house building.

More Fojth in the Future Required

In summing up the discussion, Mr. Sten stressed the fact that more faith should be shown in the future and that the outlook on training ex-servicemen should be more liberal, even to the extent of training more numbers than industry can absorb at the present, stressing the fact that training for employment did not necessarily mean that the ex-serviceman was guaranteed a job, and he further emphasised that ex-servicemen, particularly the younger ones, were entitled to a reasonable expectation of training for the skilled industry. We should not be satisfied to see them merely employed, as much of the employment which absorbed ex-servicemen at present was merely a temporary expedient adopted by them pending the fulfilment of the promises made to them as to training.

The State President, before closing the meeting, pointed out that the meeting had not been called with any idea of placing the blame of the present situation on any person or department. He felt that the League was under a duty to the ex-servicemen whom it represented to have the way opened up to discussion, such as had taken place, in order to find the weaknesses of the scheme and to find out, if possible, whether remedies could be effected. It had been shown by each of the speakers that so far as they were concerned they were satisfied with what was being done by their particular departments under the circumstances, and that in fairness to the authorities concerned in the scheme he acknowledged that each was acting apparently in the best interests of his department and organisation, but the fact remained that the plan of re-establishment fell short of the ex-servicemen's expectations and entitlements.

Outcome of Joint Meeting

No suggestions were forthcoming as a result of the meeting of a tangible nature for the improvement of the position, but it was generally conceded that the meeting was well worthwhile and that it had served the useful purpose of revealing to the League the goodwill towards and anxiety for the welfare of the ex-servicemen.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the presence of so many representatives from the Government departments and organisations intimately concerned with the C.R.T.S. was a compliment to the League which was greatly appreciated and that, whilst no definite action could be taken as a result of the meeting, nevertheless he was firmly convinced of their desire to help as shown from the full and frank discussion which had taken place.

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With the cessation of hostilities, ex-servicemen in great numbers sought membership of the R.S.L. Many of them joined the League because they felt it was the right thing to do. Others joined from a feeling that unity is strength, and by ex-servicemen standing together there would be a better chance of having their particular interests served.

Some joined in order to secure the privilege of wearing the League badge which, over a long period of years, members have been particularly proud to wear. Others again were, no doubt, actuated by the ideal of service. Many were mindful of all three commendable motives, but there is a number who, unfortunately, have allowed their membership to lapse. This may be due merely to carelessness, perhaps some apathy, and some perhaps have felt that the League did not measure up to whatever standards they set for the League. Whatever the cause, the fact is that many of the younger Diggers have ceased to be members of the League.

The R.S.L. is the body authorised by governments to nominate representatives to bodies where servicemen are to be represented and it has nominees on many public bodies, including the State Repatriation Board, Repatriation Commission, Regional Reconstruction Training Committee, Re-Enlistment Committee and other official and semi-official bodies.

The R.S.L. has been behind most of the legislation secured for the benefit of ex-service men and women; it is the guardian of their rights and privileges. Up to this point we have been describing what we might call the material side of the League's work. The League seeks to service its members by obtaining for them in their difficulties, better conditions, to which it is considered their service and sacrifice in war for the country have entitled them. This may be regarded as the tangible side of League membership. There are, however, the intangible benefits to be derived from the association of ex-servicemen through the R.S.L., which seeks to perpetuate and develop those comradeships which were formed during service. We mean that disinterested type of comradeship, that willingness to render service without profit to oneself. A man may profess comradeship, attend reunions, make speeches, cry aloud from the house-tops his pride in his former regiment and glory in its history, speak warmly of his old comrades and their worth; and yet, despite his professions, he might be no more comradely in practice than the most indifferent. Merely being a member of the League, or any other association for that matter, does not set a seal upon his comradeship.

He only is above reproach who shuns all actions which create disputes and divisions and sinks his own desires and needs in the interest and the welfare of the whole.

Comradeship in its highest term can best be expressed by members working through their sub-branches in the interests of the League as a whole, disinterested, unselfish motives which scorn to subordinate the welfare of the whole to the petty interests of the individual. For that reason, the R.S.L. has maintained a firm attitude down through the years despite the attempts to divert the League into party political channels. The League takes no part in politics as it affects the parties, any more than it is interested in matters of religion as they affect the numerous sects and denominations.
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tion. The members may differ as in-
dividuals on such matters as religion
and politics, but these are outside the
aims, objects and ideals of the League
as a whole. If the League in any
way does associate itself with politics
it would be to ensure that those re-
turned to Parliament were ex-servicemen,
on the principle that only those
who are ex-servicemen can properly
and sympathetically legislate for ex-
servicemen. Beyond that the League
does not go as far as politics to be
prized and any who have become
apathetic to the organisation, because
it may have failed to measure up to
some personal requirements, would do
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A Contrast in Vocational Training

At the recent meeting of the Federal Executive, hard things were said concerning the difficulty of finding entry into trade training classes. Victoria and N.S.W. both claim a complete breakdown in the building-trade classes. In the case of the former, figures were submitted as follows:

- In training, May, 1947: 1,662
- In training, March, 1948: 383

Awaiting training, March, 1948: 3,021

Estimated intake for next 3 months: 167

Figures refer to main building trades only.

The Victorian report also quotes carpentry, painting and plumbing as trades where employers' representatives have been pressing for increased intake, while union representatives have in each case been able to deny the opportunity of training.

N.S.W. openly lays blame of union outlook and suspects Communist influence. In W.A., after two and a half years of training, only 40 per cent. of approvals have been fortunate enough to obtain training and the position at the end of March was most discouraging. In the meantime the Federal Immigration authority is seeking tradesmen in Europe. The role which our own disappointed men must play in a future building expansion is obvious.

Let us look at the New Zealand situation. At the end of March, 1948, of all approvals for training only 165 remained to be fitted into classes. How does this come about?

1. The training period is for two years only and there is no attachment to any lengthy apprenticeship. The serviceman is regarded as a mature adult in this regard and his training reduced accordingly.

2. There was no scramble for accommodation for training classes. There is, as with us, a six-months' roomwork preparation. For this training, the Dominion Government built or acquired its own centres and went straight ahead without delay.

3. The recruit learns by doing. It was with great interest that the writer saw a group of young trainees commencing this phase of training. They had completed six months in the training centre and, as a group, were commencing their first house under State Housing Scheme. They were, when observed, in the process of sorting out their materials from a heap of bricks and timber for their first house. They would entirely build the home under the supervision of an instructor, and in so doing would actually gain the experience of journeymen in the trade. They would join in building two such homes under supervision within the second six months of training. During the second year of training they would work as journeymen with some little supervision. This applied to all portions of both brick and wooden homes, with exception of plumbing and electric fitting; in which case the same degree of responsibility could not be offered.

Nevertheless, the greatest amount of practical experience was forthcoming. In this way, no less than 948 homes had been built and the training problem eliminated. A complete home was thoroughly examined. There seemed to be no doubt about workmanship. The pace was a little slower, the work more painstaking, but the extra cost of building more than justified.

The logic of the scheme is obvious: the close relating of a State training scheme and a State building scheme.

(4) State housing was a pre-war activity. It never really ceased during the war. This meant that once a liberal training scheme was devised, there was a practical field in operation to absorb young trainees.

(5) The fact that State housing was established and that people had great faith in the merit of it as a social activity might be the main reason for a tolerance of attitude towards the young man during training, which we, in Australia, have been denied.

People were getting State homes, were wanting a lot more, and were willing to allow these young men to practise on them. Under these circumstances, vested industrial interests might find it hard to oppose any liberality of system and to offer any hard-and-fast restrictions. However, that is the position. By an arrangement which was sheer common sense, some thousands of young men have acquired their right to the trade union ticket by learning to build usefully.

It was commented that there have been times when the New Zealand trade union movement has become restive at the numbers being so trained. But, again considering the need for homes and the present fast rate of building activity, who would dare be instrumental in applying any brake to a scheme working so smoothly?

Without any intimate knowledge of the New Zealand technique, the League has in this State been pressing for the same principle—the use of a greater proportion of trainees in active building, but has met with neither response nor encouragement.

New Zealand has not only found a way of making training available numerically, but as trainees do the full job is ensuring that they get the right quality of experience.

What of the future in Australia? The whole system has gone wrong from the beginning. Will, therefore, any piecemeal remedy or system of remedies be of any use? Australia budgeted her training rate on what industrial interests were to permit. New Zealand seems to have firmly made it clear that she expected her young men to be given opportunity. At least when one quotes the Australian situation, they look blankly amazed.

22 SQUADRON, R.A.A.F.

In an effort to form an association consisting of all personnel who served with 22nd Squadron, it is requested that eligible persons communicate with A. N. Smith, 2 Chamberlain Street, Cottesloe, Perth, W.A.

31st BATTALION, A.I.F.

The annual meeting was held at Monash Club on May 7 and presided over by Mr. R. Reg. Wood. Financial statement showed a healthy balance of affairs. Crowds of attenders was still being made by the President to get the battalion cross transferred from Ryde Church, N.S.W., to St. George's Cathedral and it is hoped that, when this takes place, Colonel Christle will be able to come to Perth for the occasion. Election of officers resulted: Patron, Colonel R. Christle; President, Captain B. Booth; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Passmore, Morrell and Wren; Secretary, Mr. B. Alderman; Treasurer, Mr. T. Morrell; Auditors, Mr. H. Barrow; Committee, Messrs. Henderson, Lundgren, Laughton, Charlton, Stevenson, Bantock, Lewis and Jago. Memers are reminded that the annual reunion will be held on Friday in Show Week.

2/7th AUST. FIELD REGIMENT

At the annual general meeting of the association, held on Monday, 10th inst., Mr. A. P. Fisher was appointed Hon. Secretary for the ensuing 12 months. All correspondence or other matter requiring attention will be received by him on behalf of the association.
no small measure, to Tom’s leadership and I am sure all members of the delegation will agree with me in these remarks.

Mr. Sten not only carried out his duties as leader, but also took the opportunity of looking into all phases of rehabilitation and housing and, in addition, went very closely into educational matters. The only unfortunate aspect of his visit to New Zealand was that, on account of its briefness, Tom had to miss visits to many scenic resorts while he was making inquiries into rehabilitation and education.

I shall be interested to hear both from you and from Mr. Sten the description of the presentation of the plaque to the Lord Mayor of your city.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mr. Sten.

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both too savage to worry about the rules of the game, the memories of those beside whom men rode and fought remain strong.

Even in individual units, those who came back—like those who never returned—are widely distributed. But memory bridges distance even more surely than modern means of communication. That was demonstrated recently when Ted Arundel, ex-squadron quartermaster of the Tenth Light Horse Regiment, on a holiday visit to Sydney encountered a live branch of the regimental association, a good troop or so strong, in New South Wales.

In memory of old campaigning days, the members of the branch handed to him for transport to the parent body a handsome banner bearing a replica of the regimental badge. The banner was made by Mrs. W. H. Stewart, wife of Trumpeter Bill Stewart, while the painting of the regimental crest and general effects was carried out by Tpr. Bill May, who will be remembered as medical orderly of "C" Squadron.

In due course this trophy was safely delivered to the Tenth Light Horse Association (A.I.F.) in Western Australia, and was gratefully received as a tangible reminder that absent comrades have not forgotten the days when they, too, wore black-and-gold shoulder patches and drooping emu plumes.

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**State War Memorial Appeal**

The chairman of the State War Memorial Appeal Committee (Mr. E. S. Watt), in reporting to the State Executive at its meeting on May 19, 1948, said that his committee had agreed to go into recess, and he asked the approval of the State Executive for himself, as chairman, Mr. J. E. Watson (hon. treasurer) and Mr. Ron Bocking (hon. secretary) to continue in office in order to handle the banking account in the collection of outstanding monies known to be in the hands of R.S.L. sub-branches and others. This was agreed to.

In presenting a statement of receipts and payments, Mr. Watson said that up to May 19, 1947, the sum of £11,814 had been received, and he was assured of further amounts that would increase the fund to over £13,000. Expenses had amounted to under 5 per cent. of the receipts and a large percentage of the expenses had already been wiped off by interest from the investment of the receipts in Commonwealth bonds.

The State President (Mr. Hunt), supported by Mr. Yeates and Mr. Benson, thanked the appeal committee for its efforts in raising the money.

Mr. Watson said that he desired sub-branch secretaries to send in to him at Anzac House whatever money they had on hand, and this would be credited to their quota which they could fill at some later date.

The appeal committee's objective was £20,000, and they intended to get this amount when they again became active.

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**The "Valley of Plonk"**

**OLD SIXTEENTH RETURNS A CALL**

Harry Day, of the 16th Battalion Association, has been seeing things. He was a member of the party of 78 (members and wives) who went to Adelaide last April to join South Australian comrades of the Old Sixteenth in the Anzac Day ceremonies. They were returning the visit of the South Australians to Perth for Anzac Day in 1947. Drastically cut to conform to the limits of our available space, Harry's highlights have been sadly mutilated. Among many adventures, however, there is the visit to the Barossa Valley—the "Valley of Plonk." That must be told! Here is what he says about it:

The State Executive, with three large buses, took us on a 100-mile trip through the hills around the lovely Barossa Valley. From several places, including Mt. Lofty, we had splendid views of the city, valleys, farms, orchards and miles of vineyard. We were given lunch on the showgrounds at Nurioopta.

We went to Seppelts' Wine Distillery and saw "plonk" by the millions of gallons. The largest wine containers we saw in the valley were 17,000-gallon tanks, the smallest were bottles. The sight of vats about 24 ft. across the open tops and filled with dark red grape juice fermenting in bubbles held its own fascination.

We had afternoon tea at Tanunda, on the sports ground. They were getting ready for the day and night sports to be held next day after the Nurio-
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Australians, went to jail on the lawn and afterwards to the barbecue. The papers said that there would be half-hour hoopla ball. For the barbecue, three bullocks, each weighing 4 cwt., were being slowly roasted. They cost £25 each and were stuffed with 180 loaves of bread and three bags of onions. They were wrapped in wire-netting and turned on the spit every half-hour and were expected to take 38 hours to cook. Next night a plate of beef would be sold for one shilling. There were 40 such bullocks being barbecued in the valley.

**ON WITH THE DANCE**

One could help oneself to “plonk” at the ball and 2,200 persons jammed into the hall. The police had to clear the crowds away from the doors to let people out. Miles of cars brought Adelaide and country visitors. The ball ended officially at 1 a.m., but the dancers got out on the lawns and streets and were just properly “hitting their straps” by sunrise.

The pretty girl selected as the Queen of Bacchus was crowned at the Nurioopta sports last month, when there was a huge procession over a five-mile route to wind up the festival. Bacchus sat on a huge wine cask and minions handed out wine along the road to Tanunda. Adelaide newspapers said that 10,000 visitors (the police 15,000) crowded into the district wineries on each of the two days.

**ADELAIDE WELCOME**

Dawn Ceremonies Compared

Dealing with the more formal side of the Visit, Harry Day writes:

Our 16th colours and King’s Colours, which we had given to the “young” 16th (Militia), were sent over by the G.O.C. Western Command and were carried by an armed party. They were placed at an intersection and all other banners carried in the march were dipped in salure as they passed. The Old Sixteenth again went into action—cripples, fat men and thin, bald and grey. We marched 12 abreast and it took 1½ hours to pass the saluting base. The march ended at the Cross of Remembrance across the Torrens River.

At 12.30 p.m., the pubs opened and racing and sports started. The pubs closed again at 6 o’clock. I still think that hotels should open after the Anzac parade; old pals need a drink when they meet once a year.

On Monday, May 3, the homeward exodus commenced and Harry Day ends his account of the trip thus:

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**STREET PARADE**

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A.R.M.S. GAMES FIXTURES
FIRST ROUND ONLY—TWO ZONES

The home team is mentioned first in each instance.

First and second in each zone will play in semi-finals. Winners of first and second zone to contest grand final. Sub-branches contesting same will be notified by letter regarding dates of semi-finals and grand final.

Games to be completed by dates mentioned.

ZONE 1
June 7 to June 18
North Perth v. Bedford-Morley Parks
South Perth v. Darling Range
Victoria Park v. Maylands
North Beach v. Cottesloe
Swanbourne, bye
June 19 to June 30
Darling Range v. North Perth
Bedford-Morley Parks v. Maylands
Cottesloe v. South Perth
Swanbourne v. North Beach
Victoria Park, bye
July 1 to July 12
Maylands v. North Perth
Darling Range v. Cottesloe
South Perth v. Swanbourne
Victoria Park v. North Beach
Bedford-Morley Parks, bye
July 13 to July 25
North Perth v. Cottesloe
Swanbourne v. Darling Range
North Beach v. Bedford-Morley Parks
South Perth v. Victoria Park
Maylands, bye
July 26 to August 6
Cottesloe v. Swanbourne
Victoria Park v. Darling Range
South Perth v. Bedford-Morley Parks
Maylands v. North Beach
North Perth, bye
August 7 to August 18
North Perth v. Swanbourne
Cottesloe v. Victoria Park
Maylands v. South Perth
Bedford-Morley Parks v. Darling Range
North Beach, bye
August 19 to August 31
North Beach v. North Perth
Swanbourne v. Victoria Park
Cottesloe v. Bedford-Morley Parks
Maylands v. Darling Range
South Perth, bye

ZONE 2
June 7 to June 18
Gloucester Park v. Mosman Park
West Leederville v. Mt. Hawthorn
City of Perth v. Mt. Lawley
Claremont v. Subiaco
Nedlands, bye
June 19 to June 30
Mt. Hawthorn v. Gloucester Park
City of Perth v. Mosman Park
Subiaco v. West Leederville
Nedlands v. Claremont
Mt. Lawley, bye
July 1 to July 12
City of Perth v. Gloucester Park
Mt. Hawthorn v. Subiaco
West Leederville v. Nedlands
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Subiaco v. Mosman Park
Mt. Hawthorn v. City of Perth
West Leederville, bye

Parlor Bowls

The R.S.L. Sports Council has been negotiating with the manufacturers of the Bias Parlor Bowls with the view of forming inter-sub-branch bowling pennant competitions, both metropolitan and country.

The game played with the Bias Bowl is conducted and played as with lawn bowling, the only difference, lawn bowls on grass rinks, bias parlor bowls on a strip of green Feltex, 25 to 30 feet in length, indoors.

Teams are: Singles (each player four bowls); Pairs (each player four bowls), Threes (each player three bowls), Fours or Sixes (two bowls each player).

Teams other than singles are led by a skipper, whose position on the rink is behind the Jack, and gives the necessary direction to his team as they play from the mat.

Sub-branches will readily see the possibilities of this amenity. Inter-sub-branch pennants should soon become one of the most interesting competitions of the League.

At present the difficulty is in obtaining the Bias Parlor Bowl. Manufacturers are far behind in their orders for the lawn bowl. A suggestion has been put forward in that respect: Sub-branches that are interested in Parlor Bowls please contact the Sports Officer, Anzac House, with some idea of the number of sets of bowls they would require. (Each set of four bowls—approx. price—90/- per set. Feltex, it is hoped, may be supplied at wholesale rates.)

It is felt, then, that an order placed for a given number of sets would expedite their being obtained. The Sports Council would then organise pennant competitions.

It is hoped sub-branches will give Bias Parlor Bowls careful consideration, as it would prove a very interesting competitive amenity.

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Announcing the renaming of the squadrons recently, the Minister for Air and Civil Aviation (Mr. Drakeford) said that the three squadrons of the wing would be renamed Nos. 1, 2 and 6 Bomber Squadrons.

"All Australians will be glad to learn," Mr. Drakeford said, "that Nos. 1 and 2 Hudson squadrons which played such a glorious role during the disastrous Malayan campaign and No. 6 Squadron, which flew Australian-built Beauforts in the New Guinea and New Britain campaigns, which squadrons were disbanded at the close of the war, are to be re-established as active squadrons of the peace-time R.A.A.F."

No. 1 Squadron, he said, was the squadron to which Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham recently paid tribute in his official report on Malaya. During their attacks on the Japanese on December 7, 1941, the Hudsons of No. 1 Squadron killed 15,000 Japanese in 7½ hours during the initial landings on the Malayan coast. In the succeeding days they kept up their attack in patched-up aircraft against insuperable odds, with no rest because of enemy raids.

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Foreword by Lieut.-Colonel M. R. Jeanes, D.S.O., M.C., E.D.

The price is higher than was originally expected, but this is due largely to the use of art paper, which is extremely difficult to obtain, and a better binding than was at first intended. The printing of the book has been delayed until art paper became available. It was felt that it would be better to wait a few months than to use an inferior quality paper.

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R.S.L. BAND NEWS

The activities of the R.S.L. Memorial Band have been many and varied in the past few weeks. They were present at the W.A.T.C. races during the big meetings and rendered selections during the intervals between the events.

On Sunday evening, April 18, the band participated in the concert arranged by the City of Perth sub-branch, held in Anzac House in aid of the War Memorial appeal.

The old Diggers at Sunset Home were entertained during the month. The band turned out in full strength and a delightful programme was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Specially appreciated was the selection of 1914-18 melodies and the special arrangement of "Three Blind Mice." That the band would make more frequent visits was the wish of the old Diggers.

Congratulations from numerous officials and others were showered on the R.S.L. Memorial Band for their efforts on Anzac Day. The band members regard Anzac Day as their special day, and a 400 per cent. effort was forthcoming from each and every member. After the parade, the band played for the service at the Esplanade and provided the six buglers for the rendition of the Last Post and Reveille.

In addition, the band provided buglers for several other services on Anzac Day, and they were in request from the Dawn Service till the evening.

The annual dinner of the band was an outstanding success. Representatives of the State Executive, R.S.L., R.S.L. sub-branches, kindred bands and the W.A. Band Association were present. Mr. Gordon Hack (vice-president) and Mrs. Hack were also present. Mr. Hack's speech was one of the highlights of the evening, and Mr. John Chappell (State secretary of the R.S.L.) and Mr. Eric Davies (vice-president) gave interesting contributions to the speech programme. This social side to the band's activities...
is especially appreciated by the womenfolk.

On Sunday, May 2, the R.S.L. Band assisted in the Food for Britain appeal, arranged by the Highgate sub-branch. Outfitted with individual electric torches, and followed by a searchlight, the band paraded through Perth before the concert, and with stirring music attracted the attention of the people of Perth to the fact that the concert was to be held at the Capitol Theatre that night.

On the stage the band presented a spectacular sight and opened the concert with the National Anthem, followed by a selection that was much appreciated by a packed audience.

With these and many other functions the band has had a busy time in assisting to further the interests of the League. As was aptly remarked by Mr. Gordon Hack at the annual dinner, the band deserves congratulations for its efforts on behalf of the League and for its ever-ready offer of assistance to all sub-branches.

Important Notice

Owing to the authorities needing the use of the 16th Battalion Drill Hall, the band was “evicted” and has now moved to Anzac House.

Practice is held at Anzac House every Sunday morning (last Sunday in month excepted) at 10.30 a.m. All interested are invited to attend.

Junior Band

One of the most pleasing and heartening sights is the roll-up of the members of the R.S.L. Junior Band. The success of this venture in such a short time has been outstanding, and the members continue to increase. They have made great strides in their musical knowledge, and the conductor of the junior band (Mr. Len Cooper) deserves great credit. We again ask the question: “Have you a son, a young brother, or a friend, who could and should belong to the R.S.L. Memorial Junior Band?”

It is not necessary for the lad to have had previous musical knowledge. You provide the boys and the necessary tuition will be provided at the practices of the band. This tuition is given free, but is none the less efficient. If the lad does not possess an instrument, we will provide him with one.

Junior band practice is held at Anzac House every Sunday morning at 9.30 a.m. Bring your boy along next Sunday!

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.

Officers

Conductor: C. W. Court (B5676, WM1237); president: G. K. Dix (W1540); secretary: G. Parham (U1310); treasurer: F. Ashton (B9081, WM1110); committee members: E. J. Holman (WM2614) and S. Court (W2573).

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

BRITAIN’S NEW NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Every Man, Woman and Child will be able to make use of Free Facilities from July 5

Every family in Britain in the last few days has received an official leaflet explaining how they will be able to make use of the new health service which starts in July. Altogether, some 13,000,000 copies have now been delivered.

The United Kingdom’s new National Health Scheme offers a wide range of services, for every man, woman and child in Britain will be able to make use of medical, dental and nursing facilities free of charge and without insurance qualification. The National Health Service is not a charity. Everybody bears the cost of the service, mainly as taxpayers.

Everybody will be entitled to receive advice and treatment from a family doctor of his or her own choice. Dealings between doctor and patient will remain personal and confidential as they are at present. Most families will choose to retain the services of their present doctor. Anybody who wishes to change doctors and anybody who is not already on a doctor’s list has been asked to make a choice now in order that the scheme can start efficiently and smoothly.

Partial Dental Service, Too

Besides private treatment, everybody will be entitled to medical and health services offered by general or special hospitals. Included in these amenities are maternity care, sanatorium treatment, care of mental health and all kinds of surgical operations. Hospital charges will cease on July 5, but, accommodation permitting, patients will be able to pay for greater privacy. Medicines and drugs prescribed by doctors will be obtainable free of charge from all dispensing chemists taking part in the scheme. In the same way, all necessary appliances will be available without charge to the patient.

At present there are too few dentists to make a full service available straight away, but after July 5 a special priority service for expectant and nursing mothers and young children is being organised by local authorities. This is in addition to the free dental service at the disposal of all school children. A partial dental service, which will come into operation in July, offers free treatment to the general public on the same lines as that provided by the medical service.

Special eye treatment will be undertaken by specialists at hospitals and clinics as part of the free hospital service. Several different types of spectacles will be provided without charge.

As soon as possible, it is hoped to organise local home health services throughout the country. Under the direction of local authorities, this additional service will provide for advice and care for expectant mothers and children under five, home nursing, vaccination and immunisation services and appointment of health visitors to deal with problems of illness in the home. A total of £150 million has been set aside to cover costs of the new health services during the first nine months from the inauguration date in July.

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Well, our Federal Congress has ended and all members have returned to their respective States, although a few of them spent a week or two here after the conclusion of Congress and one or two confessed that they would have liked to stay longer.

Since their return, we have received many letters, together with a copy of the minutes of Congress, in which they praised the organisation made by the W.A. Branch for the holding of Congress and thanking us for the hospitality extended to them whilst here.

Our publicity campaign just started to bloom at the time of Congress and it so happened that, when delegates were proceeding to the Artificial limb Factory in George Street, the tram in which they went was one of the first to be fitted with our publicity placards and the conductor marshalled us all to seats under these placards and said, "That's O.K. I know the T.P.I. now."

In addition to the placards in the trams, smaller placards have been distributed and placed in conspicuous places by our own members and friends. Talks have been given to various sub-branches of the R.S.L. and these have been attentively listened to and received with great courtesy.

An outline of our general activities was also given to the Friendly Union of Ex-Servicemen's Wives and, whilst writer took a goodly number of placards with him, the demand was so great that further supplies have since been made available.

It is hoped that our street appeal will be held in August and plans are in hand to make this a bumper success. This appeal is being made on behalf of our amelioration funds and it is hoped that, perhaps later this year or in the early part of next, to hold a general building fund appeal, as it is felt that the Association will never be properly consolidated here until this Branch owns its own offices and rest rooms. A cautious approach is being made regarding the necessary land on which to build and it is hoped that our efforts meet with success.

Another Anzac Day has come and gone and our Association was well represented in the march and at the service on the Esplanade. At the Dawn Service we were represented by our ever-vigorous and able Honorary State Secretary, who also represented us at the memorial service at Mt. Lawley.

After the Esplanade service, the newly formed Ladies' Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. entertained us to afternoon tea in Anzac House and our thanks go out to these ladies, who spared no effort to give us a really good time.

Our social club is going from greatness to greatness and, at a recent bridge afternoon, they had 17 tables fully occupied, which is nearly three times as many as they had when these functions were first started. If they can keep this up, some of our financial troubles will not appear quite so troublesome.

That genial Scotsman, the Editor of The Listening Post, was very generous in his allocation of space to us last month for news of Congress, etc., and the writer, also a Scotsman, knowing how hard it is to give something away, has promised to keep this article within reasonable bounds and thanks the Editor for his kindness.

And, until next month, says "Cheerio, T.P.I."

STOP PRESS

We have just been notified that the Chief Secretary has granted our association permission to hold a street appeal for amenity funds on Friday, 2nd July, 1948.

We shall be grateful for any assistance that members of the ladies' auxiliaries and members of sub-branches generally can give us.

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mean that a third world war would have to be fought. I am in a position, as Minister for Defence, and Minister in Charge of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, to know that the consequences of a third world war would be just too awful for anyone to contemplate. However, one must recognise that this is one way in which peace could be achieved and maintained, although it is a way which, I hope, can be avoided.

The second way of maintaining peace throughout the world is the method which resulted in periods of peace throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, but they were periods of peace broken at times by war on an ever-increasing scale. I refer to the maintenance of some kind of balance of power. Peace of that kind is so precarious that we must try to find some better way.

The third method of obtaining and maintaining peace is through the United Nations. First, however, let me say a few words about the possibility of maintaining peace by means of a balance of power among the various nations. The Hon. member for Flinders (Mr. Ryan) spoke of the unique resources of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Of course, everyone recognises today that national power is based on industrial power. Anyone who has seen the tremendous industrial wealth and power of the United States of America, and the tremendous productive capacity of that country, will realise that, at the present time, no other country in the world could wage war against the United States of America with any hope of success; the industrial resources and industrial might of that country are so great in comparison with all the rest of the world combined.

That is one reason why I make bold to say that there will be no war for at least five years, if not, indeed, for a very much longer period. It would take Russia, or any other potential enemy of the United States of America, many years to build up its industrial capacity so as to have any hope of success in a war with the United States of America. That is why, I believe that talk of war in the near future is unreal. That is why, I believe that we have a period of time—some estimate it as low as five years, some at ten years, and some at fifteen years (which is the estimate of Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery)—in which settlement of differences of opinion between the United States of America and that great country, Russia, which is set before us as the potential enemy of the United States of America in a war about which so many people are, unfortunately, speaking.

The world's population is now greater than a decade ago by almost 200,000,000, or nearly 10 per cent., but the world's production of key industrial commodities for which data are available has, in many instances, not yet reached the pre-war level. As much coal, steel and rubber was produced in the world in 1947 as in 1937, but the production of pig-iron was lagging behind pre-war levels. There has, however, been a vast expansion in the production of electric power.

The population of the world has increased by 10 per cent. in the last decade, but world production is almost the same as it was before the war. A report by the Food and Agricultural Organisation to the Economic and Social Council shows quite clearly that the food situation in the world today is extremely acute. That situation will not pass for some years. The continuing world food crisis was an item on the agenda of the Food and Agricultural Organisation. From the reports it appeared that the food shortage would be acute during 1948 and 1949, was likely to remain very serious until 1952 and might continue in a sub acute state for a long period thereafter. We must take that into account in planning our own domestic economy. It means that we can plan ahead for increased production of food with the assurance that for at least some years we shall obtain reasonable prices for it.

Winding down by farm and forest on its journey to the mill,

There's the quaintest railway running, hugging, sidling, climbing hill,

Carving now to dodge a gum tree, rushing down to jump a stream;

Sometimes shadowed in a thicket, blunted and vague as in a dream.

There's a dusty little loco bustling down the curving track,

Hauling giant loads of Karri from the feller's camp outback,

Hauling heavy rakes of timber from the mill into the town,

Keeping touch with all the bush folk as it burrows up and down.

Rattling by while scrub is heavy with the dew-drops, icy cold,

The sun has kissed the tree tops, tinting them with sheen of gold,

Through the summer day, heat-laden, or through stormy winter day;

Always with an urgent burden—faith to keep and part to play.

Whistling when it drops the papers at each farm along the track,

Stopping as it leaves some parcel at the settler's humble shack.

And the driver calls a greeting to a 'lone boy, shy, bush-bred,

While the wood hice builds the steam up for the switchback just ahead.

Bushmen joke about the "rattler" in the way that bushmen will;

But they love its very echo as it struggles round each hill.

Camp and farmhouse seem less lonely when the timber train's in view,

With the cheerful, fusing loco and its friendly cheerful crew.

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BRITISH FARMING ADVENTURE IS RACE AGAINST TIME

Reclamation Scheme Aims to Save Land from the Sea and to Produce Crops in Two Years

Seventeen farmers have combined with engineers to undertake a big reclamation scheme on the east coast of Britain which will win a large area of new arable land from the sea.

In a race against time and tide, they have set themselves the task of building a sea wall 5½ miles long in 17 weeks. The whole success of this farming adventure depends on completing the wall in time to prevent the high equinoctial tides next September from flooding the land which is to be reclaimed.

The scheme is being carried out in Lincolnshire, on the north coast of the Wash. At present, the land is a desolate stretch of salt marsh which is covered by the sea to the depth of several feet at high tides each spring and autumn. As soon as the new wall has been built to a height of 12 feet, the farmers will start the work of reclamation. The land will be ditched and drained and within two years the first crops will be planted. Analysis has shown the soil to be rich in potash and nitrogen, and when it has been brought under cultivation it is likely to make a valuable contribution to Britain's food production drive.

Beyond a Wall the Romans Built

The idea was conceived by a group of enterprising Lincolnshire farmers, who have formed themselves into a non-profit making company for the purpose of carrying out the scheme. When the work is finished, each farmer will receive a share of the reclaimed land adjoining his present property. They have the full support of Britain's Ministry of Agriculture in their project.

The immediate task of building the sea wall entails raising some 400,000 cubic yards of earth. Bulldozers and giant excavators, travelling on wooden ramps, are already in action. The new wall will run parallel to a similar bank built half a mile inland nearly 150 years ago. Further back is another wall raised by the Romans. Gradually, throughout the ages, silt has been swept in by tides, and has formed on the seaward side of the walls. Inch by inch the sea receded, leaving behind it tracts of salt marsh.

Today, human enterprise is assisted by modern machinery in reclaiming the land from the sea at a time when every additional acre brought under the plough is of vital importance to the national economy.

Air Transport

From an address by the Hon. J. Dedman

The British Empire built up its strength in the past on the basis of sea-power, greater and more widespread than that of any other country. We have now advanced beyond the age when sea-power is sufficient, and this last war has shown that the air is playing a prominent part now, and that its part will become more important in future. It seems clear, then, that since the wealth and strength of any modern nation or group of nations depend on speedy and efficient communications, the British Commonwealth of Nations must ensure that it is well advanced in the art of air transport.

From a defence point of view, of course, the air will play a prominent part, since it adds another dimension to our possible movements. Efficient transport services and effective defence must clearly be backed by a flourishing and virile industry, and an industry can only maintain effective existence if it is backed by research.

There is no doubt that Britain is capable of undertaking research in the aeronautical field, and of producing results at least as good as those of any other nation in the world. But aeronautical research is becoming more costly and more difficult. To compete with the other nations of the world, the British Commonwealth as a whole must pool its resources and ensure that the most economical use is made of the gifted personnel required for research, and of the expensive equipment which it is necessary to install. In our Commonwealth it is quite clear from the presence here today of so many people from the Dominions that we are all prepared to do our share in this work.

The Importance to Australia of Aeronautics

Australia is a country naturally endowed for the development of aviation. The climate is, on the whole, excellent for flying, and there are no high mountain ranges to be traversed by air lines. Our large centres of population are separated by distances of 500 miles or more and, relative to other parts of the world, surface transport is not highly developed.

These are all ideal conditions for the growth of internal air lines. Externally, we need rapid communication with the rest of the world because Australia is one of the most remote lands from the centres of world thought and world power. The time occupied by ship almost precludes the man of limited leisure from going overseas, and today many extremely efficient air-transport services run between Australia and other continents.

Finally, we have a very long coastline and many scattered islands to defend in time of war. Only air-power could meet surprise attacks under these conditions. Thus, on every count, climate, topography, distribution of population, links with overseas countries and military security, aeronautics should reach a high state of development in Australia. That it has already done so is evident to any observer of our civil airways systems, which we believe to be the equal of any in the world. Thus we believe that while aeronautical research may appear an expensive undertaking, especially in conditions where its activities are not directly geared to industrial or defence problems, we realise the advance of aeronautical science in general will foster the development of aviation in this continent, a development which, I have already pointed out, is a natural one and of benefit to the community. We know that anything we can contribute to the common pool we shall receive back in vastly increased measure. Australia cannot afford to stand aside from the general advance of a modern technological age.

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The Spirit of Anzac

An address given at a lunch meeting of the Press Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. by Mr. I. T. Britwistle

"The spirit of Anzac was a continuing thing and that should be the keynote of the commemoration, said the speaker. Anzac Day had no historical confines. Those who fought on Gallipoli would always remember its hills beside the blue sea and its record of bravery, sacrifice, comradeship and privation. But Anzac had its counterpart, and its inheritance merged with a nearer and continuing tradition. World War II yielded equally proud recollections. Tobruk, the Kokoda Trail, the epic end of H.M.A.S. Perth, the exploits of H.M.A.S. Sydney, unnumbered air battles, the records of the Militia as well as the A.I.F., the sustained endeavour of the nurses and medical services, the widespread and sustained civilian war work (including the unpublicised women who washed up dishes for patriotic societies)—all these were the direct and merged inheritance of Anzac.

It was necessary to remind ourselves that the ordinary, average man produced not only the stuff of Anzac and the later achievements of World War I, but also the resounding deeds of World War II. He had the common failings as well as virtues and he preferred to be called a man rather than a hero. The Anzac commemoration, therefore, was a great and stimulating reminder of how the ordinary, average Australian could be counted on to respond to supreme national need.

What was the purpose of Anzac Day? Its primary role, of course, was remembrance of those who might have said: "For your tomorrow we gave our today."

It also announced fellowship, comradeship and charitable understanding of the other fellow gained under the cardinal test of war service. That
The Sub-Branches

AUGUSTA

In glorious sunshine an Anzac service was conducted at the Augusta War Memorial on Sunday, April 23. As the services of a chaplain and bugler were not available, Messrs. Royce and Edwards fulfilled those offices. Over 50 ex-servicemen were on parade, and noticed among the large crowd was young Keith, son of the late “Chook” Fowlies, ex-R.S.M., of the old 11th Bn. Many old diggers from East of the Blackwood River were conspicuous by their absence; shortage of petrol I am told was the cause. After the service, the Augusta Sub-Branch provided light refreshments in the Augusta Hall to the visiting ex-servicemen and their wives. Bill Hoffman, President of Karrialee Sub-Branch, gave a brief but very appreciative address. Bill is a young veteran of the Second World War. Incidentally, Karrialee is the senior sub-branch south of Busselton.

CANNING DISTRICTS

At the last meeting of the sub-branch, held Sunday, April 23, the question of Communism—huh?

in the R.S.L. was brought up by the President (Mr. E. Treasure). Although most speakers spoke against any ban, it was decided to write every member of the sub-branch and ask them to attend the May meeting to discuss this very controversial subject, then arrive at a decision. The Chairman also ruled that, with the general elections coming off late, nominations should be in for the May meeting for all positions, each nominee should be moved and seconded. A welcome face at our last meeting was that of “Pop” Mason after being A.W.L. for many meetings, due to the extra distance he has to travel, and “Pop” is not in the best of health. Would appreciate someone to pick him up each meeting day.

2/16th Battalion Association

All ex-members of the 2/16th Bn. A.I.F. are invited to write the Honorary Secretary of the 2/16th Bn. Association. The annual subscription is 5/-, which includes a posted copy of “Pigeon Post” (published quarterly), the official journal. The address of the Hon. Secretary is W. E. McMauri, c/o Dunklings Jewellers, Hay Street, Perth, W.A. The next general meeting for election of executives and annual reunion will both take place in October, 1949.

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At the April meeting of the sub-branch, the President gave a report of the presentation of flags to the four schools in the district, which took place earlier the same day. He was impressed by the good roll-up of parents and the enthusiasm shown by the children. He also assured the sub-branch that it need have no fears about the doctrines taught in the schools. In his report, a member suggested that it was a move that might well be followed by sub-branches throughout the Commonwealth. It was decided to repeat the decision arrived at as a result of the sub-branch's disappointments at the result of the eligibility ballot. I.e., "This sub-branch is of the opinion that it is not only here to help its members, but all ex-service personnel." The Anzac Day service was well attended, both by returned men and the general public. The President gave the address, urging all present to take every step possible to ensure that those who gave their lives in both World Wars did not do so in vain.

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In an endeavour to encourage attendance of the monthly meetings the sub-branch will in future meet on the second Friday of the month. This is believed by many to be the solution of the problem in the outer rural areas to attend the meetings on their normal week-end from Fremantle. Even allowing for the previous insurance claims of £150, the annual Easter Service this year brought in a substantial sum from all schools in the area. The Management Committee voted a donation of £25 to the Blind Ex-Service men's Association. The matter of the formation of an R.S.L. Club is again receiving consideration of a special kind. An item in his report to the sub-branch is the intention of members now to provide funds for a suitable local war memorial. The Women's Auxiliary have taken the initiative of devoting the funds of the Empire Ball held in this cause. The precise form of the memorial is as yet undecided. At previous meetings the second Thursday in May month the question of the sub-branch's non-attendance of the country members was raised. Notice of motion was given to revert to the previous night, of a second Thursday in the month. The reason was given for the non-attendance of the country members for whose change was primarily responsible. In his monthly report, the Secretary (Mr. J. F. Berry) reported that the membership stood at 169 (compared to 218 last year). The recent street appeal for the State War Memorial Appropriation Fund in this cause. The precise form of the memorial is as yet undecided. Mr. Berry reported also that the decision to increase the limit in the hall and the fact that he had been

KENSINGTON

May meetings of the sub-branch were well attended and many new faces were noticed among those present. The sub-branch is now beginning to feel and we can expect plenty of progress from now onwards. Arrangements are being made for the purchase of the usual sporting goods for indoor games and it is quite possible that next year we may be in a position to enter a team in the Suburban R.S.L. Club. The sub-branch is also planning to continue its support of the State War Memorial Fund, and the sub-branch to attend the next meeting at Darlington, when nominations will be taken for office-bearers to be voted for at the following meeting.

GLEN FORREST-DARLINGTON

The May meeting held at Glen Forrest was well attended. The sub-branch is now beginning to feel and we can expect plenty of progress from now onwards. Arrangements are being made for the purchase of the usual sporting goods for indoor games and it is quite possible that next year we may be in a position to enter a team in the Suburban R.S.L. Club. The sub-branch is also planning to continue its support of the State War Memorial Fund, and the sub-branch to attend the next meeting at Darlington, when nominations will be taken for office-bearers to be voted for at the following meeting.

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Our usual Anzac Day service was held on April 25, at 3 p.m., amongst glorious sunshine—the first time for many years that we have had an open-air service. The conditions being ideal, and the band was conducted by P. H. Harper, another one of our members, and was assisted by Major Watson of the Armoured Arm. The sub-branch was attended and wards the State War Memorial Fund, and the sub-branch attended a meeting convened by the South Perth Sub-Branch to discuss Anzac Day arrangements and, although it was too late to alter existing arrangements, it is intended to hold a meeting of the sub-branches—South Perth, Como and Kensington—early in the new year, with a view to reconsidering the Anzac Day arrangements and sowing the seeds of the club, which was laid by Mr. W. G. Fawcett, our President, and a wreath from the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary was laid by our President's wife, Mrs. M. P. Mundy, who, at the request of the sub-branch, visited Heathcote and distributed to returned ex-service inmates cigarettes, fruit and periodicals. A social evening was held in the C.C.A. Hall, Collins Street, on Monday, April 17, in aid of the R.S.L. and above. It was an excellent show and we hope at some later date to repeat the enthusiasm shown by the representatives of the sub-branch attended a meeting convened by the South Perth Sub-Branch to discuss Anzac Day arrangements and, although it was too late to alter existing arrangements, it is intended to hold a meeting of the sub-branches—South Perth, Como and Kensington—early in the new year, with a view to reconsidering the Anzac Day arrangements and sowing the seeds of the club, which was laid by Mr. W. G. Fawcett, our President, and a wreath from the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary was laid by our President's wife, Mrs. M. P. Mundy, who, at the request of the sub-branch, visited Heathcote and distributed to returned ex-service inmates cigarettes, fruit and periodicals. A social evening was held in the C.C.A. Hall, Collins Street, on Monday, April 17, in aid of the R.S.L. and above. It was an excellent show and we hope at some later date to repeat the enthusiasm shown by the representatives of the sub-branch attended a meeting convened by the South Perth Sub-Branch to discuss Anzac Day arrangements and, although it was too late to alter existing arrangements, it is intended to hold a meeting of the sub-branches—South Perth, Como and Kensington—early in the new year, with a view to reconsidering the Anzac Day arrangements and sowing the seeds of the club, which was laid by Mr. W. G. Fawcett, our President, and a wreath from the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary was laid by our President's wife, Mrs. M. P. Mundy, who, at the request of the sub-branch, visited Heathcote and distributed to returned ex-service inmates cigarettes, fruit and periodicals. A social evening was held in the C.C.A. Hall, Collins Street, on Monday, April 17, in aid of the R.S.L. and above. It was an excellent show and we hope at some later date to repeat the enthusiasm shown by the representatives of the sub-branch attended a meeting convened by the South Perth Sub-Branch to discuss Anzac Day arrangements and, although it was too late to alter existing arrangements, it is intended to hold a meeting of the sub-branches—South Perth, Como and Kensington—early in the new year, with a view to reconsidering the Anzac Day arrangements and sowing the seeds of the club, which was laid by Mr. W. G. Fawcett, our President, and a wreath from the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary was laid by our President's wife, Mrs. M. P. Mundy, who, at the request of the sub-branch, visited Heathcote and distributed to returned ex-service inmates cigarettes, fruit and periodicals. A social evening was held in the C.C.A. Hall, Collins Street, on Monday, April 17, in aid of the R.S.L. and above. It was an excellent show and we hope at some later date to repeat the enthusiasm shown by the representatives of the sub-branch attended a meeting convened by the South Perth Sub-Branch to discuss Anzac Day arrangements and, although it was too late to alter existing arrangements, it is intended to hold a meeting of the sub-branches—South Perth, Como and Kensington—early in the new year, with a view to reconsidering the Anzac Day arrangements and sowing the seeds of the club, which was laid by Mr. W. G. Fawcett, our President, and a wreath from the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary was laid by our President's wife, Mrs. M. P. Mundy, who, at the request of the sub-branch, visited Heathcote and distributed to returned ex-service inmates cigarettes, fruit and periodicals. A social evening was held in the C.C.A. Hall, Collins Street, on Monday, April 17, in aid of the R.S.L. and above. It was an excellent show and we hope at some later date to repeat the enthusiasm shown by the representatives of the sub-branch attended a meeting convene
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MAYLANDS

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THE LORD HAWTHORN

Attendance at meetings during the month of April were very gratifying in financial terms as, in fact, they were increasing. This year's sub-branch can continue to be well attended. The society will be able to continue to be well attended. The society's annual report will be presented at the next general meeting. The committee's choice will determine the society's fate.

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attended in force with their good ladies. Delegates from the sub-branches attended the public meeting in Collins Street Hall, called by the South Perth Road Board, in accordance with the proposal to establish a district general hospital south of the river. Having been moved, seconded, and carried, it is evident that some real progress can now be expected. Sub-committee concur, are extended to Messrs. Roy King and Bert Skelshower on assuming the role of City Fathers (Board of Trade) and for their words of thanks, for their patients, and for their deeds. At the meeting, and duly “onboard,” our esteemed lady lights stepped forward to assume the role of City Fathers. The annual elections nominations and meeting in the city, it behoves all members to show a common interest in sub-branch matters. Our members are hard at work for the A.R.M.R. and women’s auxiliary are very busy in competition for their shield games. What about that overdue subscription?

SUBIAGO

Our staunch old-born in Townshend Road is having its face lifted and a New Look outfit made of its, street, and its own. In fact, our hall is now so smart that visitors can’t believe the difference between the old and new hall. The superior members of our membership. A successful meeting was held after the closing of business at our April meeting, Syd McNamara acted as chairman. The annual election of officers held at the annual meeting held on the twentieth of this month, in the presence of the superior members of our membership. A successful meeting was held after the closing of business at our April meeting, Syd McNamara acted as chairman. The annual election of officers held at the annual meeting held on the twentieth of this month, in the presence of the superior members of our membership. A successful meeting was held after the closing of business at our April meeting, Syd McNamara acted as chairman. 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