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LEAGUE’S RIGHT TO SPEAK AND BE HEEDED

If there is one subject more than another on which the League claims the right to speak, it is that of National Defence.

The League does not presume to speak with authority on every subject, as is sometimes hinted. It is as futile as it is untrue for even the Minister for Defence to state “that the League is not fitted to advise the Government on high Government policy, including Defence.” Surely even a Minister is open to advice and guidance!

Every Minister must surely rely on the knowledge and advice of the experts to guide him in his decisions, no matter how intimate his own knowledge of the subject.

Over a dozen senior and experienced war leaders have condemned the present defence policy as inadequate. Is it possible that they can all be wrong and only the Minister right?

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) has stated that he relies for his guidance on the Defence Council. It is a fact that of the twelve who form the Council, eight are Cabinet Ministers, only two of whom have had any experience of war. Whose voice should be most audible? Hundreds of thousands of ex-servicemen who know, and who include in their ranks most of the senior leaders in both wars, or a dozen politicians?

The Council being comprised mainly of parliamentarians who are not necessarily experienced on matters of defence causes feelings of apprehension. The League throughout the Commonwealth, over a long period of years, has consistently advocated the system of compulsory military training as the only effective means of ensuring that other races who turn longings eyes towards this country will think twice before disputing our right to hold.

The present system of voluntary training is not only inadequate, but it is dangerous. It imparts a false sense of security. We got through after the First World War and the Second World War, but at a terrific cost of life, which had we been better prepared could have been enormously minimised. It took years for us, during both world wars, to gain the momentum necessary to carry the Forces through to victory. It is a terrific price to pay for unpreparedness. National Defence, which means national safety, should not remain as a party political issue.

When the R.S.L. raises its voice in protest and in warning on matters such as these it should be remembered that it is not just another organisation beating a drum. Its members comprise those men who are best able to appreciate and advise on the position which intimately concerns them. They are the very people who on two occasions have been called [Continued on page 2]
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SUCCESSFUL IMMIGRATION SCHEME VITAL TO AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE

says Leslie C. Haylen, M.H.R.
Chairman of Commonwealth Immigration Advisory Council

All Australia is backing the Commonwealth Government's immigration programme, because all Australia realises that the successful execution of this programme is vital to the future of this country.

The extent of this backing can be appreciated when the membership of the Immigration Advisory Council is considered. This body is made up of representatives of all walks of Australian life: Chambers of Commerce, the Trade Union Movement, returned soldiers' associations, employers' and employees' associations, women's societies — organisations whose interests are widely dissimilar have united to advise the Government on problems which will be, or already have been, created by the influx of many thousands of people into Australia.

The Immigration Advisory Council's duty is to advise the immigration authorities on the needs of Australia.

The many thousands of people—Britishers, Americans and Europeans—who have emigrated to Australia since the end of the war have been absorbed successfully by the Australian community. Australian industry has benefited. Australia's army of home-builders has been greatly strengthened. Australia's way of life has been enriched by this transfusion of new blood.

In the years to come, the effect of this transfusion, now well under way, will be even more apparent. Australia will be strengthened until she can take her rightful place in the world today.

The members of the Commonwealth Immigration Advisory Council are:

Mr. LESLIE C. HAYLEN (Chairman), M.H.R. for Parkes, Australian novelist, playwright and journalist. Was Chairman of Immigration Advisory Committee which toured Europe in 1945.

Mr. C. J. AUSTIN, Federal Secretary of the Air Force Association.

The Hon. P. J. CLAREY, M.L.C., former Minister for Labour, Victoria, President of the Australasian Council of Trades Unions.

Mr. W. R. DOVEY, K.C., leading Sydney barrister and former President of the N.S.W. Bar Association.


Mr. H. R. MITCHELL, solicitor, former M.L.A. for Byrwood, N.S.W. Federal Councillor of Legion of Ex-Service Men and Women.

Mr. A. E. MONK, Secretary and former President of the A.C.T.U., Member of Governing Body of I.L.O. Was member Immigration Advisory Committee in Europe.

Mr. J. C. NEAGLE, General Secretary of R.S.S. & A.I.L.A.

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- Mrs. JESSIE M. STREET, well-known feminist and leader of women's movements. Has represented Australia at many overseas conferences.
- Mr. W. H. NICOL, of Hobart, General President of the Australian Workers' Union.

**WAR PENSIONS APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Panel of Names Submitted

Mr. C. G. Ferguson (State Executive) is one of a panel of three persons whose names have been submitted to the Government for the selection of one for appointment to a War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal. The other successful nominees are Messrs. F. E. Cotton (Tasmania) and C. H. Harburgh (Queensland). They were chosen by exhaustive ballot at the May meeting of the Federal Executive.

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**AN OLD LEAGUE STALWART PASSES**

During the visit of the State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt) to Esperance earlier in the year, he called on an old League stalwart, Jock Sheridan, who at the time was very ill. Shortly afterwards, Jock passed on, and we sought a record of his activities, not only as a citizen, but as a member of the R.S.L. He had a worthy record of service in many spheres to his credit, as the following list of activities shows:-

- Justice of the Peace since 1937.
- Commissioner for Declarations since 1936.
- Past Chief of the Boulder Caledonian Society.
- Past President Boy Scouts' Parents' Association.
- Member of Boulder Municipal Council.
- Hon. Secretary Australian Board of Missions (Boulder), 10 years.
- Member of Boulder Fresh Air League.
- Member E.G. Local Product Campaign Committee.
- Member Prince of Wales Youth and Motherhood Appeal Committee.
- Member of the Back-to-Goldfields Committee.

To his wife and family we extend our sincere sympathy.

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The Commonwealth Government has decided to make available to the general public facilities for re-establishment in industry of persons suffering physical disabilities which precluded their return to their former occupations, or which would prevent or delay the resumption of their former employment.

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In a letter to the Federal Secretary of the R.S.L., Mr. J. C. Neagle, the Minister for Social Services, Senator McKenna, explains that ex-members of the Forces with non-war-caused disabilities, who were accepted for re-establishment benefits under Part 4 of the Re-establishment and Employment Act, will continue to receive these until their treatment and re-training has been completed. They will still receive the re-employment allowance and will be eligible for sickness benefit when the former ceases if the disability suffered prevents his obtaining employment. He will also become eligible for other benefits that may become available when the general scheme comes into operation.

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REHABILITATION OF NON-WAR-CAUSED DISABLED EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL

Under Part IV of the Re-establishment and Employment Act, the Commonwealth Government made provision for certain benefits—allowances and medical treatment—for ex-service men disabled by other than war-caused disabilities.

The provision was a temporary one to tide over the period until a similar scheme covering the general community could be introduced.

In reply to the League’s representations regarding the discontinuance of the scheme, the following advice has been received from the Minister for Social Services:

“When proposals for the development of rehabilitation facilities in Australia were approved in 1945, it was agreed that the benefits would be available for ex-service men and women only until such time as the scheme for the general community could be introduced and the ex-service personnel who were not eligible for benefits under the Repatriation Act would then be required to apply...
for the benefits available to civilians.

"Consideration has now been given to the provision of rehabilitation facilities to the general community and it has been decided that the above-mentioned proposals shall be brought into operation and that ex-members of the Forces with non-war-caused disabilities will in future be eligible for benefits on the same conditions as civilians.

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The Importance of the Soldier

I fear that we expect too much of machines. We fail to realize two things: First, that the finest plane or tank or gun in the world is literally worthless without technicians trained as soldiers—hardened, seasoned and highly disciplined to maintain and operate it—and, second, that success in combat depends primarily upon the development of the trained combat team composed of all arms. This battle team is the most difficult, the most complicated of all teams to create because it must operate on unknown ground in darkness as well as in daylight, midst incredible confusion, danger, hardship and discouragement.

It is a team of many parts, the decisive element of which remains the same little-advertised, hard-bitten infantry soldier with his artillery support.

General of the Army,

GEORGE C. MARSHALL

Army Training Memorandum.

KEEP YOUR R.S.L. BADGE UP

The King is our Patron

His Majesty the King is Chief Patron of the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia. During the Royal visit to Western Australia next year, he will almost certainly be the guest of the League at an exclusive R.S.L. function in Perth.

If you are unable to gain admission because you have no R.S.L. badge, it will be just too bad. If you don’t recollect when you last paid your annual subscription, it would be just as well to make a check and see that you are financial. You must keep that badge.

A recent decision of the State Executive has an important bearing on this. Badges of members whose annual subscriptions are three months overdue, it was agreed, should be recovered by the League.

Britain’s wartime Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, too, will ere long be another honoured R.S.L. guest, I expect. That great man who inspired the Empire and the entire democratic world during the war, is a life-member of the League. I’d be proud to shake him by the hand. Maybe my luck won’t stretch as far as that; but it will be good to be there and hear him speak.

Other distinguished members from overseas whom we’ve already met include the Royal Patron, H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, and Patrons, Field Marshal Lord Birdwood and Lord Gowrie, V.C.; also Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten.

When you come to think of it, they are a pretty good bunch to be associated with—a thought worth keeping under your hat.

IN ANOTHER COAT

Have you been to a mixed party where most of the men were wearing the R.S.L. badge and you were chagrined to discover that you had left your’s at home? I daresay you have.

"I left the darned thing in the car," you probably explained to several of your Digger friends. To the rest, including the men and women who never served in the Forces, you were just one of those not entitled to wear it.

"This can be a bit disappointing, I know, because it has happened to me and to many another old member. Of course, it’s the sort of incident that you can dismiss as a stupid oversight. You won’t let it happen again; or will you? At any rate, without the badge you won’t get into the Club at Anzac House; and in most other places you are just the Man who Stayed at Home."

If your annual subscription has run out and you are toying with the idea of allowing your membership to lapse, the snag is that you have to turn in that badge. Then you won’t want to join, the group of others with their badges up? Well, it won’t be wearing the badge and it won’t be because it’s in another coat at home.

Maybe you don’t want to part up 12/6, a nice bit of pocket money, but to most members little more than one-half of one day’s pay a whole year.

You don’t want anything of the R.S.L. anyway. Maybe you live in the country and don’t have a chance to get near Anzac House, so there’s nothing to the missing badge in that. But let me tell you a few things about that badge:

BE PROUD OF YOUR BADGE

The R.S.L. badge is known throughout the length and breadth of the Commonwealth and has been a symbol of service for over a quarter of a century. In the form of a shield, it is not just an accidental and pleasing design; symbolically, it is a protection to the wearer.

The three familiar figures in the centre of the badge—the sailor, the seaman and the airman—symbolize unity of action. They are marching in step. They convey this message: "As in war, so in peace."

All ex-members of the Services are members of the one League, working together for the good of the whole and each for the other. The figures are enclosed in a circle, which typifies continuity, or something which has no end.

Thus the comradeship which has its origin in battle continues in time of peace and is everlasting.

R.S.L. IDEALS

The principal tenet of the League is loyalty—loyalty among ourselves as members and loyalty to the League as a whole and to all that is best in the Empire. This is signified by the Royal Crown surmounting the badge. It implies that loyalty to the King and the Empire is paramount. It is the most familiar and widely worn badge of any organisation in the Commonwealth of Australia. It is prized as something to be proud of and at present over a quarter of a million good Australian ex-service men wear it with pride.

The message of the badge is symbolic of the League and its aims and ideals. It seeks to perpetuate the close and kindly ties of friendship created by mutual service in war.

The League’s aim is to maintain a proper standard of dignity and honour amongst returned sailors, soldiers and airmen. Its task is to provide for the sick, the wounded and the needy and their dependents; to preserve the memory and records of those who served and died for their country; to guard the good name and to preserve the interests and the standing of all returned servicemen; and, above all, to inculcate loyalty to Australia and the Empire.

The League has to form a bulwark against those insidious forces which seek (Continued on page 8)
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[The programme for the Royal visit to W.A. has not been announced. It is known, however, that a move is on foot to have included a welcome by the R.S.L. to His Majesty.—Ed.]

**NAVAL AVIATION—NOT FLEET AIR ARM**

The forthcoming acquisition by the Royal Australian Navy of two light fleet aircraft-carriers, which are to be named "Sydney" and "Melbourne," respectively, will result in naval aviation playing a leading part in securing our life-lines—sea communications—and in the defence of the Commonwealth generally.

It is important, therefore, that naval Aviation should be known by its correct name; the term Fleet Air Arm in the Navy is no longer used and was only introduced in 1924, when the air component of the Fleet was largely manned by the R.A.F.

In 1939, however, the Royal Navy assumed full administrative and operative control of their air organisation, and the term "Fleet Air Arm" became a misnomer. To change the title during the war was not attempted, except within the service, but in 1945 the name was changed from Fleet Air Arm to Naval Aviation, by which it is now properly known.

Thus, now, that the Royal Australian Navy is sending a crew to England to man its first carrier, it, too, automatically acquires its own Naval Aviation, manned and administered by the R.A.N., and as in the case of the Royal Navy the term Fleet Air Arm is no longer used, as it has ceased to be descriptive.

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**RECRUITING FOR C.M.F. FIELD FORCE**

Authority has now been received to enlist officers and N.C.O.'s, as from June 1, 1948, into units of the C.M.F. Field Force, that is, 13 Inf. Bde.

Set out hereunder are the units concerned and their location:—

- 3 Fd. Regt.: Karrakatta Camp.
- 10 Tpt. Coy.: Karrakatta Camp.
- 13 Fd. Amb.: Karrakatta Camp.

All officers of the Reserve should bring the above information to the notice of personnel of all ranks who are interested in C.M.F. training.

It is desired to point out that in the case of privates and equivalent ranks, recruiting commences on July 1, 1948, but arrangements have been made for applications to be received prior to that date. Such applications will be subject to later medical examination. Enquiries regarding enlistment may be made at any of the abovementioned training depots.
Prominent Ex-Diggers Honoured by the King

It was a matter of great satisfaction and delight to note in the list of the King's Birthday honours that four prominent ex-Diggers, who distinguished themselves in the various spheres of their activities have had their services recognised.

Sir Charles George Latham was born in England in 1882 and went to N.S.W., as a boy. He came to this State nearly 40 years ago and began farming in the pioneering days at Naremburn. Entering the State Parliament in 1921, he became leader of the Country Party in 1930, was Minister for Lands and Health and Deputy Premier (1930 to 1933) and then Leader of the Opposition (1933 to 1942).

For a brief period, he was a member of the Federal Parliament, as Senator for Western Australia, being defeated at the general elections in 1943. For the next three years he acted as Deputy Director of Commonwealth Loans in this State. In 1946, he re-entered the State Parliament, winning a by-election for the East Province in the Legislative Council. Sir Charles served in World War 1 with the 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

Mr. A. H. Panton, C.B.E., M.L.A., has received the honour of C.B.E. (Commander of the Order of the British Empire). He came to this State from Victoria in 1899, entered the State Parliament in 1919 and is still a member. He has held a number of Ministerial portfolios and the office of Speaker. He served in the South African War in the Mounted Infantry and in World War 1, in the 51st Battalion, being badly wounded in 1917. He has a long record of service in the R.S.L., the industrial Labour movement and has also been associated with charitable and welfare organisations.

Mr. A. A. Wilson received the O.B.E. (Officer of the Order of the British Empire). Apart from his 38 years' service as member for Collie, he took a prominent part in legislative inquiries and activities concerned with the welfare of returned soldiers, having himself been a member of the First A.I.F. He was for over 20 years Whip of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Mr. S. A. Taylor received the I.S.O. (Imperial Service Order). Mr. Taylor's appointment as Public Service Commissioner in 1945 came at a time when many officers of the service who had enlisted in the fighting services were returning to their former occupations. He has shown a tolerant understanding of the unusual difficulties associated with the problems following demobilisation and rehabilitation. Mr. Taylor was a gunner in World War I, where he was severely wounded and lost a leg.
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That they will be invited to go on the farm long before it is in a state of development.
That, if it is not up to the standard required by the Government, they will be employed as workers and be paid accordingly.
That as the farms reach the standard required, the ex-serviceman will be placed on a living allowance for a period of twelve months.
That, after all that, he will then carry on the normal business of farming.
That the problem of farm housing is being overcome by the use of prefabricated houses.
That this type of house is now in the course of preparation in the factory at East Perth.
That these houses will commence as a two-roomed house; will be added to.
That should domestic conditions warrant additional accommodation, the League will endeavour to obtain the release of materials for expansion without the necessity for waiting until materials become generally available.
That farms already purchased in a high state of productivity will be purchased on a W.I.W.O. basis.
That such purchase will include the plant, stock, machinery, and will be handed over to the ex-serviceman as it stands.
That he will be permitted to dispose of anything which is not actually required on the same basis as if the property had been purchased privately.
That the Rehabilitation Board has previously resisted the acquisition of farms privately.

That the reason was to prevent any inflation of cost.
That where a farm is offered for sale it must reach the standard set by the Commonwealth and State scheme.
That if an ex-serviceman secures a specific farm, it is because he has some particular connection with the property.
That he must have either held it on lease, worked on the property, or assist in its working, or have relatives near to it.
That local ex-servicemen receive a preference for local farms, provided their classification is suitable.
That they must be in a category of the particular type of farm for which they are applying.
That in order to qualify under this heading, they must be in priority 1 or 2.
That otherwise the farm is pooled and is available for any applicant in the State who has the necessary knowledge and priority.
That there is no preference to ex-servicemen for wire and netting.
That these are not controlled by the Government; the allocation being in the hands of the agents.
That the agents release it in priority of receipt of orders.
That the League has requested that ex-servicemen receive these commodities outside of priority.
That farms obtained by allocation from pool are held on 99-years' lease.
That any sale made will be the right of sale, plus the fixed assets.

That this can be handed to the heirs of a deceased applicant, who will retain the same rights as the original owner.

MIGRATION

R.S.L. Opposes Return of Enemy Aliens

There was strong opposition at the May meeting of Federal Executive in Sydney to proposals that deported ex-P.O.W. be permitted to return to settle in Australia.

On a motion by Mr. K. H. Todd (N.S.W.) it was resolved that the Commonwealth Government be asked to review the cases of enemy aliens who had been granted permission by tribunals to remain in Australia. The N.S.W. Branch undertook to supply particulars of a number of cases deemed to warrant investigation.

The type of migrant entering Australia from the Baltic States was praised, and on a motion by Mr. T. Sten (W.A.), it was decided to ask the Minister for Immigration (Mr. Calwell) to obtain a larger proportion of migrants suitable for farm labourers.

SCALE OF PENSION FOR FACIAL DISFIGUREMENT

The Fourth Schedule to the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act provides for pension on the following scale: Very Severe Facial Disfigurement, 100 per cent.; Severe Facial Disfigurement, 80 per cent.

Minor degrees of disfigurement are assessed with full regard to distortion of the features, whether at rest or in movement and how nearly the actual disfigurement approximates to "severe." All particulars of the ex-serviceman's employment and environment are taken into account.

All doubtful cases are referred to the Repatriation Commission, accompanied by a series of photographs (including a pre-enlistment photograph for comparison) of full face at rest and with movement, and profile at rest.

Special regard is had to cases of females with facial disfigurement.
Red Cross-R.S.L. Food For Britain Appeal

Keep up the Good Work

The Red Cross played a valiant part in war-time and it has continued its work in time of peace. Many unthinking people raised the question as to why the Red Cross should stand in need of funds today. The Red Cross carries on a wide variety of tasks, not only connected with the maimed and the wounded from both wars, but also in the wider sphere of humanitarian work in the community generally.

How many lives have been saved as a direct result of the Blood Transfusion service which the Red Cross voluntarily makes available to hospitals?

The cost of this part of the Society's work by itself is enormous and this is only one small section of the great work which the Red Cross is performing in our community today.

Practical Help

The Social Service, the Hospital Visiting and practical assistance of food and clothing to the needy, the assistance to the war blinded and the war maimed, the help to those afflicted as a direct result of the war or by reason of the economic conditions, all amount up to an impressive sum total of endeavour and achievement. This work cannot be carried on without funds. These funds are not supplied by the Government. It is the people who must give this money, because it is the people who derive the benefits. You are the people, and it is your money that is needed for this appeal. Do not regard this joint appeal of the Red Cross and the R.S.L. lightly—it will serve a dual purpose. It will help the Red Cross in its great work and it will help in the purchase of much-needed food for our hard-pressed kinsfolk in the Mother Country. Do not regard this as just another appeal—make it a personal matter. Send your donation direct to the Red Cross or the R.S.L. Work for the appeal through your local sub-branch of the R.S.L. or the Red Cross Society. Full credit will be given to R.S.L. workers for the amount they raise through their sub-branch, but that is only secondary.

The main thing is to see that the money is forthcoming, and the objects for which it is raised will benefit. The R.S.L. is pledged to see that this appeal is a success and the Red Cross is doing its share in the work of raising funds.

We owe it to the people of Britain. We owe it to the people of the community of which we are a part. We owe it to ourselves that this appeal meets with the fullest success, and that the amount aimed at is identical, and the organisations are based much along the same lines.

Both organisations have very strong representations throughout the country areas and it is on these country sub-branches that so much of the success of the work depends.

Gratitude—Not Charity

The particular object which has joined the League and the Red Cross together in this appeal is to provide the funds for the purchase of food parcels for England. This is not done in any spirit of charity—in fact, it is realised that Great Britain does not need the charity even of this country—but anything that we can do for the Mother Country at this time is more in the nature of repaying in gratitude the debts which we owe to her for the past. It is much in the same ratio as the gratitude due from the grown-up child to its parents.

Australia will never be able to repay the debt owed by her to the Mother Country, whose sacrifices in the last war have been so great as to grievously cripple her to the extent even of placing in jeopardy the normal food supplies to keep her in health and strength. Such has been the enormous toll which the war took from Great Britain and such was the sacrifice which she undertook in order to preserve that which we all hold dear and for which they fought and suffered for so severely.

To Help is a Privilege

And so, to send food to Britain is a privilege which we should cherish and—both the Red Cross and the R.S.L. entertain no doubts that this appeal, now being made for such a noble purpose, will not fall on deaf ears. It is not intended that we should engage in a long-drawn-out campaign—money is needed and needed quickly, and it behoves every one of us, not only as individuals, but as groups and sub-branches of both organisations, to lend a hand and with a right good will and determination make this appeal the success it deserves to be.

This is everybody's job. Do not leave it to the other fellow. If you do not take part in this appeal, you will deny yourself that deep satisfaction of having done something really worthwhile. The cause is good—the opportunity is yours—the cause is just. Their need is your opportunity—your responsibility.

NEW SMALL ARMS TARGETS

As from July 1, 1948, the following targets will be brought into use in the A.M.F. and will supersede existing targets:

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Honourable Mention

Mr. C. G. (Snowey) Gibb, who was instrumental in forming the Victoria Park women's auxiliary in 1928, died recently in a private hospital in Kalgoorlie after a long illness. The late Mr. Gibb had lived in Kalgoorlie for several years.

The late Mr. C. W. (Claude) Box, who died in Geraldton on May 18 at the age of 56, was a foundation member of the Upper Chapman sub-branch and its president for a long period. He served in the 8th Battery of the Field Artillery, in France, during World War I, and was gassed. He was farming at Naraling. He left a widow, a son and two daughters.

The late Mr. J. Weare's memory was honoured by his former colleagues of the Gloucester Park sub-branch at their last meeting, when they stood in silence as a mark of their respect and regard.

Mr. W. Carruthers, president of the Bassendean sub-branch, is absent in the country and the Senior Vice-President (Mr. Laurie Berwick) is chairing meetings while Mr. Carruthers is away.

Miss Clifton, President of the Returned Army Nurses’ Club, was unable to preside at the club’s last meeting owing to illness. Miss Barnes, Vice-President, took the chair in her absence.

Mr. T. Sten, Senior Vice-President of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L., who led the recent delegation to New Zealand for the Anzac Day observances in that Dominion, paid a high tribute, at the May Federal Executive meeting in Sydney, to the cooperation with the delegation of the Australian High Commissioner in New Zealand (Mr. A. R. Cutler, V.C.), the Government of the Dominion and the New Zealand Returned Services Association.

Mr. W. Holder, who for a number of years was on the staff at Anzac House, has now taken over the duties of the Secretary of the City of Perth sub-branch, Monash House. It will be remembered that Mr. Holder was stationed at the Discharge Depot at Karrakatta towards the end of the war, enrolling discharged members as League members. Mr. Holder was a rehabilitation and Welfare Officer at Anzac House, in which latter capacity he visited Hollywood on behalf of the League regularly. He carries with him the best wishes of the staff of Anzac House in his new sphere of activities.

Viscount Bruce, of Melbourne, and Mr. N. Mighell were elected by the May meeting of Federal Executive to be the League’s representatives in London on the Empire Council of the British Empire Service League. Messrs. N. A. Martin and L. H. Pike were appointed deputy-representatives.

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As a result of a meeting in Canberra, of Parliamentary Advisory Committee, on the War Gratuity Act in April, the Government has accepted a recommendation for extensions to the early-payment regulations to give the Central Gratuity Board discretionary power of approval in the following cases:

Where an ex-serviceman has obtained the maximum possible re-establishment loan (business, professional or agricultural) and, in the opinion of the Repatriation Commission or other appropriate body, urgently requires additional money for business purposes, including the purchase of plant, machinery or tools, and would receive substantial benefit for the early payment of gratuity.

Where it is established that an accredited person is experiencing severe hardship caused by an "act of God," such as storm, fire, drought or flood.

In certain circumstances to the beneficiaries of any deceased gratu- tant, not necessarily a member [amendment of Regulation 19 (2).]

The committee expressed its satisfaction with the administration of the Act and stressed the desirability of generally deferring payment until March, 1947.

Deceased Members

It was agreed that when a member died before the date of entitlement (March 3, 1946, or date of discharge, whichever is the later) gratuity should not form part of his estate, but be credited to a close relative: where a particularly close relationship had existed, such as a sister having taken the place of the member's parents during his childhood.

Information supplied to the committee by the chairman of the board (Lieut-General S. G. Savage) revealed that 873,000 persons were eligible for war gratuities, involving payments totalling £80,000,000. Applications numbered 775,000 and entitlement notices issued, 750,000. Appeals to the board against decisions of war gratuity officers, concerning assessment credits and early payments, totalled 190, of which over 10 per cent. had been upheld. About £5,400,000 had been paid out in early payments, of which over £3,700,000 otherwise be afforded. The ages assist ex-servicemen in the purchase or building of homes.

Discretionary Payments

In addition to the provisions in the original Act for early payment to be made following recommendations for this to be done at the discretionary power of the board were promulgated in regulations administered by the board in the following cases:

To aged members or the aged parents of deceased members, if gratuity is required for the provision of medical attention or personal amenities that could not otherwise be afforded. The ages specified are: males, 65; females, 60, or if qualified for service pension, males, 60; and females, 55. The provision applies where only one parent is of the specified age.

If the Central War Gratuity Board is satisfied that an approved applicant might be unable to receive the benefit of the gratuity if payment is deferred until the normal due dates.

For payment to an estate to relieve hardship caused by the incidence of funeral expenses or other pressing debts of a deceased, approved applicant.

In the case of a member dying after the date of entitlement, early payment may be made to the estate for the benefit of certain specified beneficiaries.

All gratuities credited to the Repatriation Commission in respect of children of deceased members of the Forces, or in respect of dependants of living members who have failed to provide adequately for them.

If the prescribed authority is satisfied that the gratuity is required to alleviate severe distress or hardship due to sickness of the accredited person or his dependants.

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The Military Mind
(By U.S. Secretary of War, Robert P. Patterson)

When a former professional soldier or sailor is appointed to high office on his own merits, it is acknowledged generally that he may be highly qualified in character, ability and devotion to the general welfare; but we are warned in certain quarters to watch out—he has the military mind. The taint is sometimes supposed to touch even those who served in a civilian capacity with the armed forces. Let a number of such appointments be made and our liberties and the Bill of Rights are as good as dead. There ought to be a law against it!

Military Mind a Closed Mind?

As a rule no specifications are given to the accusation of possessing a military mind, perhaps on the chance that it may be better to leave the reader or listener on the loose to conjure up his own specifications. But sometimes the specification is given that the military mind is the closed mind, the mind that will not adjust to changed conditions.

That charge will not carry conviction to anyone who has lived with the military while they were developing, and on sudden notice, too, the plans for mobilising, organising and equipping a force running into millions. It will not register with those who have been present in the evolution of the plans for a landing operation, like the assault on Sicily or the descent on the Normandy coast, and have seen the infinite foresight and attention to detail, with which those plans were built. The facts that confronted the planners in those campaigns were never the same and we must bear in mind that in successful planning the facts determine the plan, never the plan the facts. Under such hard conditions, tight minds would be bound to produce disaster. Yet World War II, of all the wars we have fought, was unique in this, that after the shock of surprise of the first six months, not a single operation, on land, sea or air, was a disaster.

Mobilising Industry

As one who has also been present on many occasions when plans for mobilising war industry on the home front were formulated, I say with conviction that those problems did not approach in complexity the problems with which the military leaders in the field of operations were faced.

Those who take the role of critics would have us believe that the military mind, as they call it, cannot grasp civilian issues.

We have no tasks today that compare in toughness with the occupation jobs in Japan and Germany. Constant threat of famine, economic paralysis, unemployment, re-education care of displaced persons, punishment of war criminals—these are only some of the manifold problems that press for solution. General MacArthur and General Clay, with their capable assistants, are handling them with extraordinary ability. There surely is no trace of the closed mind in their performance; no sign of inability to understand the needs of the situation.

Military Mind Hostile to Freedom?

I take it that the military mind, in the imagination of some critics, is a mind hostile to freedom. That charge also will not stand up. Those who make it would be hard put to it to make out a case against Washington, Jackson or Grant, on the score that the liberties of the people were imperilled when those ex-soldiers were at the head of the Government.

I have been in close touch with the military for ten years of my life—three years in the Army and seven in the War Department. I give it as my experience that there is no set type of military mind. There are marked characteristics. There is a highly developed sense of duty—a standard of behaviour that is stricter than the average. There is a military method, a way of doing business. You can generally distinguish an officer of the line, one who has spent most of his service in command of troops, from an officer whose time has been devoted to staff work, to supply or to school duty. But I have never seen the signs of a military mind that could be identified as a single type, any more than there is a lawyer’s mind, an engineer’s mind or a merchant’s mind. Mental equipment and outlook on life vary as much in the Army and Navy as with other occupations or callings. The sharp differences of opinion that have led to controversies in the Army and Navy from time immemorial should serve as sufficient proof of the diversity of intellects found in the military service.

Ups and Downs of Military Leadership

In the course of our history our military leadership has had its downs as well as its ups. There have been periods in our past when the search for competence in the higher levels of command seemed hopeless. But there is no blemish on the devotion of the military to the Republic. This nation has run no risk of seizure of power at the hands of the military. We know full well that there will be no such risk.

In these times—no one can say they are tranquil—it is senseless to indulge in unfounded criticism of the military. Under their leadership, and extremely able leadership it was, we have come safely through the greatest war the nation has ever fought. For the future we can have firm confidence that they will be equal to any emergency.

(From an address made before the Alumni Association of Columbia University, New York City, June 3, 1947.)
WAR PENSIONS
Dissatisfaction at Government's Long-Delay

Great dissatisfaction at the lack of any response by the Commonwealth Government to a request from the League for a review of many aspects of the administration of war pensions was expressed by delegates to the Federal Executive meeting in Sydney last month. It was recalled that representations on the matter had been made to the Prime Minister (Mr. Chifley) last November. No statement of the Government's intentions had yet been made.

It was decided to telegraph a strong protest to Mr. Chifley and inquire whether his Government was prepared to make a statement without further delay.

To this the Federal office has received a reply from Canberra intimating that the League will receive a further communication at the earliest possible date.

[At the time of going to press, however, we had no information of its having been received.—Ed.]

APPEAL TRIBUNALS

It was decided to ask the Government that persons appointed to be chairman of repatriation tribunals be entirely independent of Repatriation Commission and that members of the Commission's staff be not appointed.

After discussion of a proposal that it might be advisable for representatives of Commission to be present at the sittings of appeal tribunals, it was agreed not to express an opinion and that this was a matter to be determined by the Commission. There was strong opposition, however, to another suggestion that the public and the Press be admitted.

Mesers. K. McL. Bolton (N.S.W.) and T. Sten (W.A.) successfully moved for the retention of two Entitlement Appeal Tribunals to expedite the completion of appeals. It was also decided that when an appellant brought a medical witness, or obtained from a medical practitioner or hospital or other institution where he had been treated, a report or certificate for the purposes of the tribunal and the Chairman certified that such action was reasonable, the appellant be paid the amount of expenses involved.

R.S.L. SEeks Betterment

Strong disapproval of the long delay of the Commonwealth Government in dealing with representations made by the R.S.L. last November in connection with war pensions, was expressed by delegates at the meeting of Federal Executive in Sydney last month. A telegram was sent to the Prime Minister, Mr. Chifley, as follows:

The Federal Executive protests very strongly against lack of response to the League's representations on war pensions generally, made to you last November, and respectfully requests your Government to make a comprehensive statement of its intentions in the matter without further delay.

A reply was received four days later promising "A further communication as early a date as possible."

NEW APPOINTMENT

The Minister for Repatriation (Mr. Barnard) has announced the re-appointment of Mr. H. P. Ritchie as Chairman of one of the War Pension Assessment Appeal Tribunals, as from July 1 to December 31 next. The post carries a salary of £1,750 per annum.

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R.S.L. BARS "REDS"

"No Communist shall be permitted to become or remain a member of the R.S.L."

This was decided, by the recent meeting of the Federal Executive in Sydney. It has immediate effect and is a part of the Constitution of the League until next Federal Congress in October, when the new rule will require to be ratified for permanent incorporation in the membership rules.

After the Congress, the Federal President (Mr. Eric Millhouse, K.C.) explained that all Communists and their "fellow travellers" came under the ban. It was the duty of every State branch and sub-branch to rigidly implement the resolutions, he declared; and State branches had the power to withdraw a sub-branch's Charter if the sub-branch did not enforce the rules. Branches and sub-branches must act immediately.

FIRST V.C.—WAR II

The first V.C. award to an Australian in World War II was made to Corporal J. H. Edmondson for his action against a party of German infantry at Tobruk on the night of April 13, 1941.

The enemy broke through the wire defences, and during the defenders' counter-attack, Corporal Edmondson was badly wounded. Under heavy fire he continued to advance, and while doing so saved the life of his officer and killed several Germans. He later died from these wounds.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

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EXPOSED: The Secret of the Atom Bomb
(By Robert M. Hutchins, Chancellor of the University of Chicago)

Any realistic appraisal of the status of atomic energy today, militarily speaking, must be predicated on two simple propositions:—
1. There is no secret.
2. There is no defense.

The theory that all chemical elements are composed of atoms was corroborated 145 years ago. The structure of the atom was determined and its energy known before World War I.

The fact that atoms of certain substances, specifically uranium, a metal, could be split and that this splitting or fission was accompanied by the release of enormous quantities of energy was demonstrated before World War II.

Not an American Secret
This was not an American secret; it was known by scientists in many countries. The only problem since that time has been to capture and control the atomic energy thus released and discovery of methods for doing this has been only a question of time.

Much as it may discomfort some of America's professional patriots, the fact is that a very great part of the preliminary work, as well as practically all the subsequent work, was done by foreigners. Of 10 scientists who pioneered atomic fission in 1939, five were German, one was French, one Danish, one Italian, one English, and only one American. The Germans were far ahead of us at the outbreak of the recent war.

Basic Idea Came From Europe
Every single basic idea in atomic fission came from a European mind. Very few basic contributions were made by Americans. The American contribution consisted of applying these ideas and producing the atomic bomb.

All of these foreign scientists are entirely familiar with the processes involved in producing the atomic bomb. Today they are scattered throughout the world—in at least four European countries—and each of them knows all there is to be known about atomic energy and atomic bombs. So there is no secret!

No fewer than 5,000 individuals knew an atomic bomb was being made and many of them knew the essential steps that were taken. An effort was made to compartmentalise the work, certainly, but this in itself would have been ridiculous if carried out according to directives. Compartmental regulations were violated every day. If they had not been, production of the atomic bomb might have been delayed several years.

As a matter of simple truth, no harm would have been done had the whole enterprise been published in the newspapers, for at that time we were the only nation on earth able to carry on such a monumental enterprise.

Germans and Japs Not In It
The Germans had no facilities and the Japanese wouldn't even have known where to start. We could have given them all our plans and still they could not have duplicated our work, merely because they lacked the physical resources to make the bomb.

That is not the case today with Russia. When we speculate on what may be going on behind the Iron Curtain, we must concede at the outset that the production of atomic bombs now is only a matter of mobilisation of physical resources—materials, machines, manpower.

Can Russia make them? Of course! If we told the Russians all we know at this moment—and we know a great deal more than we knew in 1945—this knowledge would not shorten their work by more than six months.

Is Russia making them? We would be foolish to assume that she is not. An able scientist prophesied after reading the Smyth report that Russia would complete her first atomic bomb within three years and thereafter would produce them more rapidly than we could. That prediction was made more than two years ago.

CHANCE FOR EX-SERVICE WOMEN

New opportunities for ex-service women to train for full-time branches of nursing profession has been announced by the Ministry of Post-war Reconstruction. Suitable applicants, who have been honourably discharged and who joined the forces on or before their 30th birthdays are eligible. The closing date for applications is June 30 and they should be sent to the Deputy-Director of Reestablishment, Yorkshire House, 194 St. George's Terrace, Perth.
AIRBORNE R.A.S.C.
(By a Military Observer)

SUPPLIES! Without them men cannot live and armies perish. Isolated fighting units who have held on tenaciously in the face of fearful odds, and fought like heroes, die ingloriously with the absence of all those vital necessities covered by the word "supplies"—ammunition, food, medical stores, fighting equipment.

Hamblin achieved what was deemed the impossible in this day by maintaining his supply lines and carrying them over the Alps to Northern Italy, and then living off the surrounding country.

But the modern army works differently, and recently Major-General, Hugh Stockwell, the new commander of the 6th Airborne Division, together with a number of senior officers, saw the Airborne R.A.S.C. put on a demonstration of supply dropping in Palestine, in which a parachute platoon of the Airborne R.A.S.C. and gliders of the Glider Pilot Regiment took part.

Parachute Brigade

The demonstration showed how a parachute brigade could be re-supplied some three to five hours after dropping into hostile country, with all it requires for tough fighting as the spearhead of an airborne invasion—petrol, ammunition, rations, medical supplies, signal stores, wireless sets and portable batteries, ordnance stores and miscellaneous equipment—everything!

It was early morning when the two planes came over the dropping-zone. As they flew in starboard echelon about 800 feet above the spectators, two "sticks" of parachutes, the parachute platoon of 398 Company, R.A.S.C. (Parachute Division), commanded by Capt. Noe Witt and Lieut. R. E. Clark, floated down.

All the men in the platoon were either young soldiers above release group 70 or else Regular Army men, busy as they are with normal duties, their training for a war-time role must go on and this was just a small part of it.

90lb. Kitbags

Some of the men carried kitbags weighing in the region of 90lbs; there were two 2-inch mortars, a couple of 68 wireless sets, and all carried their personal arms, rifles and Bren guns.

Within a few minutes they had dispersed of their chutes, consol dated and commenced digging-in under the orders of their section commanders.

As light transport—jeeps and trailers—drove up, presumed for the demonstration to have been landed by glider on another landing zone some half-mile distant, the platoon commander gave out his orders in readiness for receiving the supplies which were due in less than half an hour from the time the platoon had jumped.

Under his instructions, a traffic circuit was marked out around the supply-dropping zone for the jeeps to collect the supplies as quickly as possible. No sooner had this been done than the supply plane came into view. Sixteen paratroops, representing about two tons of supplies, were parachuted to the waiting platoon and, immediately, the jeeps collected them and whisked them off to the supply dump set up outside the dropping zone.

All the supplies were checked as they came in and within ten minutes were stacked ready for distribution to the whole brigade.

90 Tons of Supplies Per Day

In active service conditions a brigade would probably need some 90 tons of supplies a day—about 700 panniers. Consequently, a large number of planes and gliders would be called into use. Gliders have the great advantage of being able to land a heavy load on a small landing area, almost silently.

During the demonstration, two horse-giders of "A" Squadron, Glider Pilot Regiment, were shown in operation.

The spectators had the opportunity of seeing how a complete jeep and trailer could be carried by glider and then driven out of its glider in a couple of minutes, ready for action. They also saw guns and jeeps crated ready for dropping from aircraft by parachute.

A.A.S.C./R.A.F.

The task of re-supplying a fighting brigade of parachute troops is entirely an R.A.S.C./R.A.F. affair. The supplies are despatched from the aircraft by men of the R.A.S.C. Air Despatch Group—in this case it was No. 48 Group.

The Airborne R.A.S.C. have the task of following the brigade troops by parachute and, of course, defending their dump area against any enemy opposition. In World War II the Airborne R.A.S.C. found, to their cost, that supply-dropping points received their fair share of enemy attention!

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Disease Free Areas Next Stage in Government's Campaign to Improve Britain's Cattle Herds

In the campaign to free cattle from disease and improve both breeds and milk in the United Kingdom, further moves are now being made by the Government.

During the debate on the Animals Bill in the House of Lords recently, a Government spokesman said that, since 1944 when the campaign for disease-free cattle herds in Britain was resumed after a temporary wartime halt, the number of dairy herds attested free of tubercle had risen from 16,000 to 32,000, containing more than one-seventh of all cattle in the country.

Having worked so far for disease-free herds, it is now proposed to achieve disease-free areas.

Payments for Ten More Years

The Animals Bill authorises the Government to continue payments to farmers for getting rid of bovine tuberculosis for another ten years and more if necessary. The result will be to reduce wastage, increase the milk supply and further purify the milk.

Plans are now being made to free completely certain large areas of tuberculosis and these will result in savings in material, labour and in time by allowing freedom of movement to attested herds and by releasing veterinary surgeons for work in other districts.

Another provision of the same Bill extends to horse-breeding those licensing regulations which have already resulted in the removal of inferior bulls and mares from Britain's farms.

MISSING FRIENDS

British Legion:
Richhill & District Branch,
Richhill,
c/o Armagh,
10th May, 1948
R.S.L., Perth.

Dear Sirs,

I have been asked by Mr. Robert Kelly, Richhill, c/o Armagh, to write to you and find out if you could trace his son, Pte. Kenneth Kelly, Official No., WX 303, who, when demobilised, served with B Coy., 2/2nd Australian Headquarters, G.D.B.M. A2, Australia.

Private Kelly was born at Richhill, c/o Armagh.

His father has £14 belonging to him and is anxious to trace his whereabouts so that he can forward the money.

He would consider it a great favour if you could do anything for him.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

M. GLENDINNING,
Secretary.

The Waratah-Maryfield sub-branch of the R.S.L., Newcastle, N.S.W. is seeking the whereabouts of Henry Boyden, who, the sub-branch states, lived in Subiaco, W.A., for some time.

The last heard from him was by letter in January, 1943, to his father in Newcastle, his address then being 195 Central Avenue, Inglewood.

Mr. Boyden, Snr., died recently, and his brother desires to convey the news of this to Henry Boyden.

"What d'yer mean 'Had to kill 'em.' We wanted sculls! oars!—you fool."
BRITAIN'S NEW 42-TON AIR FREIGHTER

"UNIVERSAL" TRANSPORT
Can Carry 30 Passengers and 9 Tons of Cargo—Ready Early Next Year

Details of a new 42-ton British freighter transport aircraft have been released by the Society of British Aircraft Constructors. Called the "Universal Transport," it will be the largest of all Britain's freighter planes when it takes the air early in 1949.

The new freighter will have a wing span of 162 feet, a height of 31 feet and a length little short of 100 feet. Its main feature is 5,760 cubic feet of uninterrupted freight space in the main compartment, in which 11 tons of freight can be carried;

 Aptly named the "Universal," this aircraft can be utilised in various ways, if fitted out as an airliner, 90 passengers could be carried in the two compartments, with a refreshment buffet in the upper deck. Alternatively, as a freighter-aeroplane, it can seat 30 passengers on the upper deck and still leave space for nine tons of freight for a 500-mile stage.

Low Operating Cost

Another asset is its particularly low direct-operating cost. For a stage of 500 miles, this will work out in sterling at a little over ninepence per ton-mile.

No attempt has been made to give the "Universal" a high operating speed, as it has been designed primarily as a freighter; yet it will be capable of a top speed of 240 miles per hour, with a cruising speed of between 150 and 200 miles per hour.

The strict international regulations concerning take-off and climb have been fully observed. Fully loaded, the aircraft will be airborne in 550 yards and will be able to clear an obstacle 50 feet high in only 860 yards from the start of the take-off.

BRITAIN'S OVERSEAS TRADE THEN AND NOW

A True Comparison on a Pre-War Values Basis

A true comparison between Britain's overseas trade now and before the war has been made possible by an official revaluation in terms of 1938 prices.

This revaluation, which has been published in the Board of Trade Journal, shows that while Britain's total imports in the first quarter of 1948 had an actual value of £487½ million sterling—the highest figure reached since 1920, with the exception of that for the abnormally high third quarter of 1947—the value on the 1938 basis was only £178½ million. Volume for that quarter was accordingly only 78 per cent. of an average three months of 1938.

Britain's export prices have risen less sharply than world prices—a factor which helps largely to account for a deterioration of 13 per cent. in terms of her overseas trade during the first quarter of this year, compared with 1938. Thus revaluation of her exports for that quarter is more favourable and gives a total of just under £148 millions, compared with £373.4 millions actual value.

Swift expansion in Britain's exports during recent months is reflected in volume index numbers. Taking 1938 at 100, the index for the quarter under review is 126, compared with 114 and 118 per cent. respectively in the third and fourth quarters of last year. "It is difficult to make precise comparisons over a long period," says the Journal, "but the volume for this quarter is easily the highest since the first quarter of 1930, though still roughly one-tenth below the general level in the years 1924 to 1929."

Steady Expansion

Sir Stafford Cripps confirmed the continuation in the steady expansion of Britain's post-war export trade when, a few days ago, he announced the volume for April as being 135 per cent. above the 1938 level—the highest point yet reached. The end-of-the-year target is 154 per cent.

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Missiles weighing approximately four pounds—equivalent to the heaviest bird—likely to be encountered—have been attached to the rotor and released at high velocities. Samples of windscreen materials were positioned to receive the full impact of the flying missile. Afterwards, the damage sustained was carefully examined and possible improvements in windscreen composition noted for further investigation.

Exact replicas of the Braabazon’s panelled windscreen were subjected to these tests and proved unbreakable in conditions simulating those experienced when the aircraft has just taken off. At higher altitudes, over which Braabazon will mostly be operating, the danger is considered almost non-existent.

Claude Elliott, M.A., Headmaster of Eton, gave a talk about this famous school in the BBC’s Overseas Service and said that, like other public schools, Eton aims at training the whole personality. This school has over 1,100 boys aged from 12 to 18, and some 90 masters. The boys live in 26 different houses, grouped around the beautiful chapel and quadrangle and cloisters, which were planned and partially built by King Henry VI, 500 years ago, and each House is under a Housemaster.

The boys take the School Certificate Examination at about 16 and till then the curriculum comprises a large number of subjects, the majority, including Latin, being compulsory. Afterwards a boy must devote himself mainly to one line of study, but must still learn some other subjects.

This applies to formal teaching in classroom, but each boy has a tutor with whom he spends several hours a week. Every boy, except those who are not members of the Church of England, must attend a short service in chapel every morning and two services on Sunday.

Each boy has his own room and here he can have privacy to pursue his own interests. Here, too, his Housemaster will visit him every day and they can talk in a friendly and unofficial way. For their first year or so, all boys have to tag or run errands for the senior boys in their Houses. Etonians take a large part in the running of their school and are responsible for much school discipline.

There are many outside activities and boys can join the Training Corps for the Army or the Air Force, or one of 21 different societies. Or a boy may interest himself in the Eton Mission and visit it at Hackney Wick, a poor district in the northeast of London.

“What,” asked Dr. Elliott, “are the distinctive features of Eton?” He described them as close family relationship between masters and boys and the encouragement of independence. From the start a boy has to arrange his time and fit in his work with the hours given to other things. He should be able to find some occupation at which he can become fairly adept or some intellectual or artistic interest in which he can find satisfaction. His conduct is not closely supervised and he is given plenty of time to himself, which he may waste or not, but he knows that reckoning will probably come and penalties are severe. The boys who have functions of management and discipline are allowed great independence of action and have the opportunity of learning from their own mistakes. They also know that abuse of these privileges is amongst the gravest of offences and likely to result in dismissal from the school.

Behind all, lies the ideal of a humane education based on the Christian way of life, which endeavours to teach a boy to understand and strive for the best in every sphere. He must be taught to appreciate right conduct and accurate and logical thinking and to reject the mean, the loose and the shoddy. He must be brought into touch with the best in literature and art; he must be taught to live as a member of a community in which he will be given opportunities for developing his own interests in which he must tolerate the interests of others—provided always that these interests are worthy of pursuit. He must be hardy in body as well as in mind. He must be
taught that admission to Eton is in itself a privilege and, concluded Mr. Elliott, "that it is the immemorial tradition of Eton that this privilege must be paid for by service to the community, first to the community of Eton and, later, the wider community of his fellow-men."

**FEDERAL CONGRESS MOTIONS**

**Widows' Pensions**

A proposal from Victoria that the Commonwealth Government be requested to amend the 3rd Schedule of the Repatriation Act will be submitted for the last Federal Executive meeting prior to the Federal Congress, in October. Victoria suggests that the proposed amendment make provision for a mother to become eligible for a pension, as a widowed mother of an unmarried son, at any time after the death of her husband and not necessarily within three years of her son's death.

State Branches are expected to consider the implications of the suggested amendment and instruct their delegates how to vote on the motion.

Congress will also be asked to vote on a motion from New Guinea Branch that at all future Federal Congresses it be entitled to representation as a State branch with power to vote.

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**State President Visits Carnamah**

**Covering Sub-Branches at Carnamah, Three Springs, Coorow-Marchaggee**

Mr. W. Hunt, State President of the R.S.L., and Mr. C. Ferguson, the Chief Rehabilitation Officer of the Commonwealth Employment Service, and Mr. J. Brown, Country Vice-President of the League, were guests of honour at a social function arranged by the members of the Carnamah sub-branch.

The function, which was attended by members of the Coorow-Marchaggee and Three Springs sub-branches, members of the Carnamah Ladies Auxiliary, as well as representatives of the banks and the Carnamah and Three Springs Local Authorities, was an outstanding success. The President of the Carnamah sub-branch, Mr. W. J. Price, presided and the various toasts were interspersed with musical items contributed by Mrs. W. Sivyer, Messrs. F. Hardwick, H. Dunning, L. Schier and N. Nicholls.

The main toast of the evening, i.e., that the "State Executive," was proposed by Mr. A. P. Tucker, who extended a cordial welcome, to Messrs. Hunt, Ferguson and Brown. In acknowledging the toast, Mr. Hunt expressed thanks for the warm welcome which he and his party had received. In his opinion, it was very necessary that he and other officials of the Executive make it their business to visit all country sub-branches. It was vitally necessary today that the Returned Servicemen's League become and remain a very active organisation. The League's 220 sub-branches could still become a force for good in the world today, and there was no doubt that the principles and ideals for which the R.S.L. stood made the League, whose prestige was never higher than it is today, a force to be reckoned with. The League had a great responsibility to those ex-servicemen and women who had to pay the price of war. Their sufferings were definitely one of the R.S.L.'s responsibilities. There were many sub-committees appointed from the Executive and all of which had a variety of important jobs to attend to, as the League, whose objects were much deeper than appeared on the surface, is an organisation to be made use of by everyone. All returned servicemen who qualified were eligible for membership of the League and of the Executive. It was a duty of each member to see that only those officials were appointed who are conscientious and it is such members' duties then to give the Executive their support and assistance.

With reference to the communistic element, the R.S.L.'s policy was as had been recently published. It's attitude was definite and forthright. The League believed that there was no room in the R.S.L. for Communists and their supporters. Very shortly a directive will be issued to all sub-branches with definite instructions on the matter.

In supporting Mr. Hunt, Mr. J. Brown, of Yandarmooka, who is Country Vice-President of the Executive, expressed his thanks for the welcome extended him that night and confined his remarks mainly to the War Service Land Settlement Scheme. He drew attention to the fact that there was now a board which controlled this Land Settlement and that two members of the board are returned soldiers and practical farmers. This board has held conferences with the Land Committee of the State.
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Executive and he was pleased to state that the relationships had always been extremely happy and productive of results. The Board agreed with the R.S.L. that the acquisition of single-unit farms would not meet the demands for Soldier Land Settlement, and that large estates suitable for subdivision must be acquired and allotted, and that there must be development of alienated Crown lands. The Board had decided to purchase farms on the "walk-in-walk-out" basis, as they considered that this was far more advantageous to the returned settler. The Board intended speeding up the purchase of further lands for allocation.

Mr. C. Ferguson expressed his appreciation at being present at the gathering and, in his remarks, made reference to the work of the Re-Establishment and Repatriation Committees. He drew attention to the various benefits available to the discharged servicemen and pointed out that some of these benefits would terminate on the 30th June, 1948. Two benefits affected are the gift of tools of trade, up to the value of £10, and an interest-free loan, up to £40, for the same purpose.

Any serviceman being discharged after the 30th June, 1948, would have a further 12 months grace in which to lodge his application for these benefits. Rehabilitation and re-establishment benefits were available to all servicemen who were arriving as immigrants. The Repatriation Committee's main duties were controlling pensions. There was no time limit wherein an application for war pension may be lodged.

The Act now puts the onus on the Repatriation Commission to prove that an applicant's disability is not due to war service. Previously the onus had been on the applicant to prove his case. An application for a war pension could be lodged at any time during a serviceman's lifetime, but there was still a time limit regarding the applications for pensions for a wife and dependants. Mr. Ferguson enumerated and explained the various pensions available to ex-servicemen.

Other toasts to be submitted and honoured at the social were:

"Visiting Sub-Branches," proposed by Mr. A. T. Black, responded to by Mr. A. M. Williamson (Three Springs) and Mr. W. Howard (Cook-Margaree).

Mr. K. E. Ball proposed the toast to "Invited Guests," to which Messrs. A. A. McGilp and W. Turner, Chairmen of the Carnamah and Three Springs Road Boards, respectively, responded.

The toast to the "Carnamah Women's Auxiliary" was proposed by the President of the sub-branch, Mr. W. J. Price, and responded to by Mrs. Price, President of the auxiliary. In his remarks, Mr. Price congratulated the ladies on the excellent supper arrangements, the quality of which was appreciated by all.

A very happy evening terminated with the honouring of the Chairman's toast, submitted by Mr. Hunt.
LIST OF DAYS ON WHICH FLAGS ARE TO BE FLOWN ON COMMONWEALTH BUILDINGS

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Flags are flown at the masthead, except as shown hereunder in regard to Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

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

Australia Day: 26th January (and on the public holiday observed by Commonwealth offices in the State and Territories).

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

Anzac Day: 25th April (half-mast until noon, then raised to the masthead until sunset, except in Queensland, where flags are to be flown at half-mast all day in order to conform with the practice of all institutions in that State).

Anniversary of the inauguration of Canberra as the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth: 9th May (in Canberra only).

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

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

Queen Mary's Birthday: 26th May.

Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth: 4th August.

Remembrance Day: Sunday before 11th November (unless either 11th November or 12th November is a Sunday). (At masthead from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., half-mast from 10.30 a.m. till 11.30 a.m. At masthead for the remainder of the day.)

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

Birthday of His Majesty: 14th December (and on the public holiday observed by Commonwealth offices in the States and Territories; also on any other day appointed for the official celebration of the birthday).

Foundation Day (Western Australia): 1st June.

R.S.L. Memorial Band

On Sunday afternoon, May 23, the R.S.L. Memorial Band participated in the annual service in commemoration of the founder of the Boy Scout movement (the late Lord Baden-Powell). Playing a stirring tune, the band led the parade through King's Park. An impressive service was held, the music being provided by the band. At the conclusion of the service the band played for the Scouts and Girl Guides as they marched past the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir James Mitchell).

A.B.C. Broadcast

On Thursday evening, May 27, the band provided entertainment in their broadcast over the National Stations of a programme of well-chosen musical numbers. The broadcast was up to the usual high standard and, according to reports, was very much appreciated by listeners.

Food for Britain Appeal

On Sunday, June 6, the R.S.L. Band took part in the massed bands' display at Perth Oval. Disregarding the threatening signs of rain, a large crowd attended. Participating bands included the combined Scottish Pipers:

Foundation Day Ceremony

On Monday, June 7, the R.S.L. assisted at the Foundation Day Ceremony at Fremantle. Led by the band, a detachment of Navy and Military personnel marched from the Town Hall to the Drill Hall, where the ceremony was held. A dinner for the pioneer was held at the Town Hall, and afterwards a programme of light music was rendered by the band.

Can We Help

Information and answers to enquiries in respect to the band are at all times available from any of the following officers:

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President: O. K. Dix (W1540).

Secretary: G. Parham (U1310).

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Well, by the time this article appears, our street appeal will be over. At a time of writing, we are in a state of feverish labour and anticipation. We actually "beat the barrier," as we originally applied for a Friday in August, but the powers-that-be kindly put our day forward to the first Friday in July, and we indeed hope that this is a good omen. There are, of course, so many things to do, but, according to all promises we have had, there should be no lack of helpers on the actual day and Charlie Walker, our genial Secretary, is buzzing around fixing boxes, etc. Until one gets behind the scenes of such an appeal one does not realise the real amount of work involved. Judging on the result of recent appeals, we feel certain that our amenity funds will benefit greatly from this appeal.

Writer recently had the pleasure of visiting Mt. Lawley sub-branch and, through the courtesy of the president, had the privilege of addressing the members present on the aims, ideals and constitution of the association. The Editor of "The Sniper," the Mt. Lawley sub-branch magazine, was kind enough to give us a "write-up" and in his article stressed the fact that his members were amazed to hear that we had lost 140 of our members since the association was formed in 1940. Yes, considering that the Branch was formed with only eight members and that it has only gradually increased to a membership of 280, our mortality rate is certainly high and I do not think that any insurance company would look on any of us as a good risk.

Talking about mortality rates, we have two honour boards in our rooms and these are just about filled with the 140 names referred to above. We are arranging for a third honour board, but our difficulty is to find sufficient colours for draping these boards.

For the first honour board, the Perth City Council presented us with an Australian flag and a Union Jack, but as yet our second honour board is undraped and we have no prospects for either it or the third to be. Can any reader of The Listening Post help us in this direction? We have the necessary poles, all we want are the flags.

1914. Mac was the original secretary of the 8th Battery Association and did a grand job, keeping the 8th boys together for many years. On being transferred to the Adelaide office, the reins of secretaryship fell to Jack Kenny. Mac, spoke at some length in giving praise for Jack and the importance of his work of love; so ably carried on by Jack Kenny for so many years. Unfortunately, Jack does not enjoy the best health and for this reason, it was very disappointing to all that he was unable to be present. Continuing, Mac brought greetings from our many Battery boys residing over East, among them being Peter Dubbin, Jack Judge and Fred Mounts, who is the secretary of the 8th Battery Association in Victoria, and the one and only Renfrew. Roy R. Remensnyder, Mac, recalled the times that the 8th Battery in palaces did dwell and of one or two of the darker times that made the 8th Battery what it was. Finishing a most interesting talk, Mac handed wires with greetings from pals away in the bush, and a letter from that grand O.C., Major Colin Stewart, who is in England, but never forgets his Battery boys. No further speeches being permitted, informal groups soon gathered, then souls were opened and stories of long ago, new and old, were told again. Mrs. McCrae being unable to attend this evening, given in her home by her esteemed husband, her ardent support of Mac's work with the Battery Association was not forgotten. A box of chocolates were despatched to Mrs. McCrae, conveying with them a message of respect and regards from the Battery boys. Mad happy farewells, the night seemed to have slipped by all too quickly.

8th BATTERY ASSOCIATION

A record of original 8th Battery members met in the Board Room of Anzac House on Saturday evening, June 5, the occasion being to welcome our old Battery pal, Roy McCrae, who is taking a deserving holiday back home in the West. Roy is the manager of the Melbourne office of the A.M.P. Society. Proceedings were opened by the Battery President (Johnny Lodge), who called upon General Mervyn Hobbs, our editor, to welcome our guest-pal at the evening. Roy spoke quite feelingly when he looked upon the faces of 30-old originals, all in Blackboy together in

48th & 2/48th BATTALION

On May 10, the first annual general meeting of the combined 48th and 2/48th Battalion was held in Anzac House. About 50 members were present. The election of officers (which was held on the basis of 50/50 of both battalions) was as follows: Patrons, Brig.-Gen. W. L. J. Rawlinson, C.M.G.; S.V.O., M.C.; and Lieut.-Col. Collins, D.S.O., M.C.; president, C. H. McKenzie; senior vice-president, J. H. Ainslie, D.S.O.; vice-president, Messrs. W. J. Nelson, S. McKenzie, W. M. Hendry, L. Chatton, Lewis, Brenchley, Gledhill, hon. secretary and treasurer, R. S. Goldspink; committee, Messrs. M. C. Power, W. M. O'Hare, C. W. O'Shea, R. H. Carter, A. Fogarty, R. Robson, J. Gilhey, J. Ashby, T. B. Carr, J. Berg. Many members expressed the hope that every effort be made to make the association a success and the committee were instructed to get together a committee of hon. directors and to forward the same to the directors of the A.M.P. Society, the present retiring secretary (Mr. W. W. Bengeough), who held office for 14 years.
SUB-BRANCH ACTIVITIES

KENNINGTON

Unfortunately this month's report is far from being a bright one. The ordinary meeting of the sub-branch was held on Monday, June 14, but the attendance was very disappointing and was far below what it should have been. The ladies' night arranged for Monday, June 14, also failed through lack of any organisation and support from officers and members. The two vice-presidents, Messrs. Nettleby and Sharpe, resigned their positions on account of business and other reasons. Messrs. Weller and Tracey were appointed to the vacancies. Mr. I. D. Walmsley was appointed a trustee of the sub-branch. In view of the large area from which to draw its members, it is remarkable that the sub-branch has failed to make the headway it should have done and the reasons for this failure should be examined and steps taken to effect a remedy. The success or failure of a sub-branch depends to a large extent on its officers and the amount of work they are prepared to do to develop the sub-branch and to organise its activities and functions. If they are not prepared to put their all into the sub-branch they should not accept office. The Kennington district is a large one and, if the returned men in the sub-branch could make the sub-branch a very useful and effective one—but the lead must come from the officers. We vowed to preserve at all costs the comradeship forged during our association in the Forces. How better could we reserve that comradeship than by joining up with the sub-branch and making our association in the sub-branch. Meetings for July will be held on the 5th and 19th.

MANNINGUP

After one month's trial, the monthly meetings of the sub-branch have reverted to Friday to the usual second Thursday of the month. At the last monthly meeting, the secretary-treasurer (Mr. L. F. Bailey) advised that the membership stood at 190 and was fast approaching last year's figure of 218. He advised, as there was a distinct possibility of the figure reaching 200, it would enable the sub-branch to send up to three delegates to the Annual Conference. It was decided to send delegates this year, if such was warranted after consideration of the agenda, and any members free and willing to act as delegates to the Congress should hand in his name at the first meeting of the next monthly meeting. It was decided to introduce a system of annual subscription for the allocation of a suitable day for this outing. Mr. L. Thompson suggested to the meeting that plans of the present R.S.L. Hall and the proposed alterations be drawn up and that over a license for liquor be procured with. Mr. Thompson (the chairman) and Mr. R. McDonald said he sympathised with Mr. Thompson for his desire for action, but favoured that the suggestion go through the special committee formed to consider the club project. A vote of the meeting decided in his favour.

MOSMAN PARK

Our May meeting was not as well attended as preceding months. Quite a lot of business was transacted and 82 members were enrolled. Main item of business at this meeting was the nomination of officers for the ensuing year, and it is pleasing to see such a lot of new blood being infused into the various committees. Special attention was given to the 3rd Battalion's appeal for clerical support for the season and all concerns are looking forward to meeting Gloucester Park on June 30. All interested are urged to contact Frank McGeown or attend regular sports night on the second Tuesday of each month. The sub-committee has had a busy time of it working the year and it is a good sight to see the interior re-decorated and the new stage in good heart. Harry Burke, in charge of another term in hospital and all members wish him a speedy recovery and return to activities of the sub-branch. Social secretary, Bill Stothard, has declined office for the new term and I will be around to assist the new committee in his usual able fashion.

MT. HAWTHORN

Sub-branch activities continued to hold the interest of members and meetings are still well-attended. Our financial membership shows an improvement over the previous month, no less than 51 having made themselves known on the books. This position is very pleasing, but the general position is far from satisfactory, financially as we boast, 1,100 financial members at the end of 1948. An appeal has been made to all unfinancials through the sub-branch and we feel sure there will be a good response. We understand that Head Office are also circulating the unfinancials. New members added since our last report included the following: Messrs. J. E. Paul, R. D. Bird and J. J. Campbell. C. B. Stigton rejoined the sub-branch. Our sick list is a fairly lengthy one and it is only right that we should extend our sympathy to all who are ill and hope they will soon be well.

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Our immediate past president (Lewis Keely) and his wife (Myrtle) will have occasion to remember June, 1948. A baby girl arrived in good order and condition, and, as the old adage has it, “New they are married we wish them joy,” first or otherwise.

They have celebrated the month she was born by calling her June Allison, and a very nice name it is. After last meeting we welcomed to our membership a young ex-British Merchant Navy ship by name of David Browne. Both he and his brother have been to Western Australia before, on gun service. Both of them were nominated as admissions to W.A. by one of our members. “So far, David has missed up on the Navy,” the young shipwright said. “I can’t get a job and a home, and what more does a Panaman want—‘Nothing,’ says he and you caught him just right.”

We all wish him the best. Jack Pickering is an ordinary fellow. He is one of our most regular attenders and, in some spare time, I believe he is a good gardener. No one wants a gardener but what a man! He is a first-class raconteur (I can hear him saying, “What the hell does that mean?”) and he is one of those fellows that any sub-branch will pay thousands (if they had it) to have a member. As it is, we sell him a lot of refreshment tickets.

SUBIACO

The merry month of May was a quiet one for our sub-branch, the interest being the renovating of our rooms and the installing of fluorescent lighting upstairs. The plans for the sub-branch were shown at our last meeting by the Past-Post-Rehabilitation expert and was of great interest to those members in attendance.

Our members and friends are all very interested in the result of the Federal Parliament elections, and it is to be hoped that the results will be a mandate for the Labor Party and that it will make itself felt in the future.

Two notices of motion were ruled out of order at the June meeting (Wednesday 26th), one suggesting that the solicitor of the club be ordered to sell the club for the benefit of the club and to ask for a bit more from the Communalers. To replace Louise Henry, who has now left the club, Mr. K. Evans has been elected vice-president; and Mr. Carr has been appointed to the committee. Can you help us, Members? The sub-branch is facing a difficult time.

Debating this year and results will appear in due course—of course, of course. The debating team are: Mr. B. Moore and Mr. Alexander. Subiaco’s report book has been made available at all future games evenings and for a bit more. Debaters will find it a little bit easier to follow the meetings when the report book is available.

SWANBOURNE

Many new members turned up to our general meeting held at Park Kindergarten on June 2. The new line on the membership records shows that the sub-branch now has a total of 200 members, and our aim of 200 membership before Christmas looks like being attained.

The business of the sub-branch was read through in quick time and this procedure is being carried out, with the games, with the games rather than in debate. Reg Bevan’s resignation was accepted with regret. He is a busy man since the wars came in. The election of a minute secretary was deferred until July. Ken Wolfenden did the job for the night in a most workmanlike manner, and his patience was rewarded with a successful meeting.

No doubt in the A.H.M. games on the 30th, and we expect to have good representation from the sub-branch at the general meeting on July 7. All old and new members are urged to attend.

WESLEY-WEMBLEY-FLOREAT PARK

On May 24 the usual monthly meeting opened with the screening of a film entitled “They Found That Place.” The play, which was screened in London, was used to illustrate the activities of the A.H.M. Women’s Auxiliary. The film was of great interest to us all and was very well attended.

The Auxiliary is in the process of raising money for the A.H.M. War Memorial Fund, and any one who wishes to contribute is asked to do so.

FREEMANTLE CITY

Mainly due to the efforts of the members of the sub-branch, the sub-branch has been placed on the list of the State Library for the South Australian Library. The sub-branch has been placed on the list of the State Library for the South Australian Library.

MEMBRIDGE

The Membridge sub-branch decided at a meeting on May 23 to ask the Membridge Road Commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel, to raise funds to assist the W.A. Blind Soldiers’ Association. A small, select committee was appointed to arrange for collections, and the sub-branch will submit a report to the State Government asking for investigation of the matter. The committee is organizing a social and dance to be held on June 26.

KOONONG

Koonung sub-branch has written to the Minister for Lands (Mr. Thirl) asking him to have two additional bulldozers allotted to the district in order to expedite development work in furtherance of the food production plans envisaged by the Governor of the British Food Mission (Sir Harry Turton). The sub-branch will submit a report to the State Government and will be held on June 2.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The sum of £50 was raised at a recent social evening organized by the Gloucester Park sub-branch. In conjunction with the Governor’s Social Club, the benefit of the sub-branch was held. The Administrator of the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme was present at the meeting and discussed the matter with the sub-branch. Discussion of the matter will be held on June 26.

RAMSEY

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VICTORIA PARK

To celebrate the 13th anniversary of the opening of the Memorial Hall in Safford Street, the Victoria Park sub-branch entertained members of the auxiliary at a social gathering on Monday, 26th June, 1943. President, Mr. E. Lloyd, was MC. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a hand-sown shawl by Mrs. J. Taylor. A shoebox appeal for the auxiliary was made. Ten women from the auxiliary were received from the R.S.L. sub-branch thanking the ladies for their assistance in making the annual reunion the success it was. Swannell thanked those ladies who came along and helped organise the reunion, the ladies giving the annual gathering a lovely social gathering in the sub-branch's rooms on Anzac night. All arrangements were made in hand for the birthday party and a few members were received from the Cheroi Club, at Bayswater, and Mt. Hawthorn, to attend their programme parties and a few members were received from the Cheroi Club, at Bayswater, and Mt. 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