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NO PREFERENCE?

The Royal Commissioner inquiring into Communism in Victoria has been shown a document attacking the returned servicemen's preference in employment as “One of the most infamous devices for building up a Fascist defence of Capitalism against a growing Radicalisation of the working class.”

Furthermore, this document states: “Class-conscious soldiers and honest trade unionists resent the implication that, because of their service in the imperialist war, they are entitled to preference over other fellow members of the unions.”

This statement would be hilarious were it not for the fact that it stinks to high heaven in the nostrils of decent men. The League has always fought, and will continue to fight, for preference for the man who spent many of his useful days in the country's service overseas. The League needs offer no apology for its stand — indeed, it can be proud of it. But such a statement shows how the Communist, for his own selfish ends, endeavours to create division within other bodies (actually the matter has never been discussed in League circles).

Unfortunately, one still hears the cry: “Let the Communist alone and attend to more pressing matters.” But nothing can be more pressing than the removal of this Communist cancer from our midst. Australia must deal—as drastically with Communists as the surgeon would deal with a bodily disease.

For the Communist gives us examples a-plenty of what he would enforce upon us—not the wishes or the will of the majority, but the whims of the few in power.

And whilst the Communist talks glibly of no preference to the returned man, he himself freely gives preference to any Russian idea, to any ideology foreign to our way of life, to any move which will undermine the freedom and the well-being of this country.

Those who would have it that the League or its Westralian official organ, “The Listening Post,” are dealing with politics when they deal with Communism are grievously mistaken. For Communism is not a matter of politics, it is a way of life which many are now desperately trying to force upon us. All recognised political bodies, no matter what their general differences may be, are firmly against Communism and the Communists.

So let us state, here and now, that Preference for the Returned Serviceman has been sought in the past, is being sought now, and will continue to be sought in the future.
Nearly 5,000,000 British ex-service men and women have not yet claimed their war medals. A puzzled Government wants to know why. Hundreds of medal-shy people are being questioned by officials. Their answers are being examined by psychiatrists, who believe many want to cut “official” links with the war. Most of the 5,000,000 who were in the Army are entitled to “Defence” or “War” medals or campaign stars. But only about 1,000,000 have claimed them. R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. applications total 500,000 out of an eligible 1,375,000. Very few merchant seamen have applied. One reason given is that the medals are not stamped with the name, rank and unit of the man concerned, therefore there is nothing to prevent any individual claiming service to which he is not entitled.

A bullet leaves the muzzle of a rifle at a certain speed, but how fast is it travelling when it gets where it’s going? The Remington Arms Company, Inc., has recently compiled a table of “remaining velocities” for the .22-calibre cartridges, which provides the answers to such questions. Sound travels at the rate of approximately 1,090 feet per second, which is considerably less than the speed at which a Remington .22 long-rifle “Hi-Speed” hollow-point bullet leaves the muzzle of a rifle. The muzzle velocity of this bullet is 1,565 feet per second, which is approximately 930 miles per hour. Air resistance immediately retards the bullet, and at 50 yards it is travelling at the rate of only 1,135 feet per second, or about 790 miles per hour. At 100 yards it is still zipping along at 1,040 feet per second, at a 710 miles-per-hour clip. When it passes the 200 yards mark its speed has diminished to 900 feet per second, which, at the rate of 610 miles per hour, is still fast.

Collectors sometimes indulge in queer fancies, and the army officer who is reported to have accumulated 22,000 matchboxes of various designs may be held to rival a famous French banker who made a collection of 63,000 cigar bands, all different in some small detail. The banker’s collection represented the labour of love of half a century, and was arranged systematically in a number of specially constructed cabinets. In the end, however, it afforded an object-lesson to his students, who believe many want to cut some small detail. The banker’s collection was itself a lesson in the futility, financially at least, of a hobby, unshared by others. On the collector’s death his children, who did not inherit his taste, sold the cigar bands by auction—when they realised only twenty francs. The legatees must have wished that their parent had collected the bands with the cigars still in them.

In the days when trousers first started to be worn in preference to knee breeches, they were considered so vulgar that religious bodies banned them as sinful; hostesses and exclusive clubs vetoed them as undesirable; and fashionable portrait painters refused to portray any patrons wearing them.

Trousers in their present form were introduced into England about the end of the 18th century. At first fashionable men were loath to sacrifice entirely all that knee-breeches and silk stockings represented. They insisted that their trousers or pantaloons should be cut skin tight. The height of absurdity was reached when a gentleman of fashion told the tailor who was measuring him for skin-tight trousers, “If I can get into them I won’t have them.”

Those of you who pay an occasional visit to the chemist to have a prescription made up might like to know that the very first prescription on record was of sufficient size to interest a wholesale firm. Details are to be found in the second book of Moses, in the thirtieth chapter, verses 22 to 23. Here they are: ‘Of pure myrrh five hundred shekels, Of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, Of cassia five hundred shekels, Of oil of olive an hin.” This prescription was for ointment for the anointing of the tabernacle. The shekel was approximately half an ounce, and the hin was about 1.0198 gallons. The ointment, when made up, would weigh somewhere around 55 pounds.

If certain British fashion firms have their way, no longer will Mum be classed as OS or XO or anything of that sort, for the idea is to do away with such designations and substitute the names Venus, Juno, Phoebe, Chloe, and so on. But until the new names become general, Dad may find it best to take care—for should Mum hear him talking glibly of Chloe or Phoebe she may think that there is some other charmer in the offing—and perhaps act first and ask questions afterwards.
This is Official

Items of Interest from the State Executive

A meeting of the State Executive was held on June 1, highlights being:

HOUSING

The report on housing which was submitted to the Executive included an item on "Eligibility for membership of the State Housing Commission" as follows: "It was decided to recommend that the State Executive press for an amendment of the State Housing Commission Act, to provide eligibility for appointment to the Commission of ex-servicemen of the 1914-18 war. It was directed that it be recorded in the minutes of the Housing Committee that at the last meeting that committee indicated that if the restriction regarding service in the 1914-18 war did not apply, the committee would unanimously recommend the chairman (Mr. E. O. Davies) for appointment to the vacancy on the Commission." The report added: "Mr. Davies' valuable services on the committee were highly appreciated by the members."

RE-ESTABLISHMENT

The report presented by Mr. Stanbury dealt with the matter of bricklayer trainees, and it was resolved that before any approach is made to the Premier in an effort to induce the Government to introduce project work on which a number of trainees could be profitably employed, Mr. Leslie, M.L.A., the ex-servicemen's representative on the Regional Reconstruction Training Committee, be requested to submit a written report concerning the recent deliberations of that committee with particular reference to bricklayer trainees. The report added: "Your committee is very desirous that some means shall be found whereby more men can be trained in bricklaying."

REPARATION

The report presented by Mr. Stahl pointed out that the Repatriation Commission resumed full control of the Edward Millen Home as from April 1, and the matter of treatment of T.B. migrants at the Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood, resulted in the League being concerned as this violated the principle of retaining the hospital for treatment of ex-service personnel. A report on the deputation to the Minister for Repatriation (on April 27) showed that Mr. Watt requested that 1914 war widows be placed on the same footing as those of the 1939 war in regard to treatment by local medical officers, instead of through Friendly Society lodges, and the Minister, agreeing with the principle, promised to go into the matter. The Minister also agreed to inquire into the matter of compensation for loss of time by ex-members attending for repatriation purposes, and he stated that the subject is at the moment being discussed by the Treasury and the Repatriation Department. Dr. Cook suggested that when beds become vacant at the R.G.H., ex-service patients in the Royal Perth Hospital be transferred, and the Minister said that he was impressed with the suggestion. The Minister also agreed to discuss, with the appropriate Ministers, the matter of increased pensions for widows.

MIGRATION

Mr. Lonnies presented this report, which stated that in connection with the Kalgoorlie scheme [already outlined in these columns] it was resolved that the chairman of the committee, the State Secretary and Mr. Denny of the State Immigration Department visit Kalgoorlie on June 6. [A copy of the Kalgoorlie scheme is to be forwarded to sub-branches at other mining centres.] Two members of the Migration Committee and a staff representative are shortly to visit country, centres to impress on sub-branches the importance of the migration scheme. In regard to the tendency on the part of the general public to measure the success of migration by the few failures which are sometimes given undue prominence in the Press, it was reported that 80 per cent. of migrants settle down without any difficulty whatever; 10 per cent. come back to the Immigration Department with queries about housing; and 10 per cent. come back to discuss general troubles which they encounter during the course of their absorption.

FAVERSHAM

The report submitted by Colonel Olden revealed that women's auxiliaries had recently donated £140/17/- to this home for aged ex-servicemen, and a further £121/5/- is expected at an early date. In addition, the South African and Imperial Veterans' Association donated £5/5/- (their second donation this year). Full details of the auxiliaries' fine efforts will be found elsewhere in this issue.

PENSIONS

Mr. Stahl, stating that people looked to the League for leadership, moved that the W.A. State Branch requests more definite action by the Federal Executive in support of the claim for increased pensions, feeling that the case is not being presented forcibly, and that the follow-up is not sufficiently strong to get results. Messrs. Watt, James, Lonnies and Davies spoke strongly in support of this resolution, which was carried unanimously.

A further meeting of the State Executive was held on June 15, when highlights included:

LAND

The report submitted by Mr. Davies pointed out that advice from the War Gratuity Office indicated that there was a possibility in the near future of allottees under W.S.L.S.S. being granted an early payment of war gratuities.

HOUSING

Mr. Davies also submitted this report, which recommended that the War Service Moratorium Regulations in regard to housing be carried on by the State, and that regulation 30a of these regulations be extended to include business premises, and rendered effective immediately.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT

Mr. Chaney submitted this report, which pointed out that the Bricklayers' Union is now considering the advisability of permitting a school of trainees to be employed on project work. It also stated that the Hon. Minister for Police has agreed that the League be notified when an ex-

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From the Editor’s Note Book

There’s life alone in duty done, and rest alone in striving

joyable evening can be spent, but to
quite, a number of League officials
(both in sub-branches and on the State
Executive) the League means so much
that its activities colour their whole
lives.

Many men are proud of the fact
that a considerable portion of their
spare time is spent on behalf of the
League (in other words, on behalf
of the ex-serviceman in general); in-
deed, there are quite a number of men
who give to the League and its affairs
much time which really should be
spent elsewhere.

Sometimes, when one makes such
a statement as this, one receives the
reply: “They’re lucky blighters to
have the time to give.” But how
many men are there, in this world,
who have time a-plenty, yet spend it
all in selfish pursuits for their own
individual ends? The balance, one
fears, is strongly in favour of the
latter type, which makes the work
of those who do battle, year in and
year out, for the League, all the more
commendable.

I bring this matter up because,
sometimes, I am sheeply amazed at
the amount of time certain gentlemen
do give to the League, attending com-
mittee meetings, general meetings,
sub-committee meetings, executive
meetings and what not, when per-
haps most of us are comfortably in
bed or seated before a cozy fire.

Some men, indeed, seem to have de-
voted the greater part of their lives
since World War I to League affairs,
and I mention this because I fear
that their efforts far too often go, so
far as the rank and file of us are
concerned, unhonoured and unsung.

Therefore I would say, to those
who are apt at best to be armchair
critics, that a meed of consideration
is due to those who so gladly give of
their time that the League may func-
tion efficiently. About them I would
feel that nothing more fitting could
be said than those words which
Shakespeare put into the mouth of
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That of the battlefield of Assaye, mean drama, one of that battle, a private soldier made his first appearance on parade after the Wars of the Roses had sounded the death-knell of the already crumbling Feudal System. The name was then given to men who volunteered for military service, to distinguish them from feudal levies and others who had been snatched for naval or military service by the Press Gangs, which were very active in the days of Good Queen Bess. The rank and status of this new type of fighting man is defined by one of Shakespeare's characters, who said:

"I cannot put him to a private soldier that is the leader of so many thousands."

There is a less-clear reference in Hamlet. During one of those play's on words; so frequent in Shakespearean drama, one of Hamlet's friends, referring to Fortuna, remarks:

"Fair, her privates we."

This invites from Hamlet a rather indelicate retort.

As the army became organised on a modern basis, the term private was restricted to the foot-soldier, who held no rank. The corresponding grade in the cavalry was that of Yeoman, the volunteer who armed and equipped himself at his own expense and was, therefore, of superior status to the mere man-at-arms, but ranked below the Squire.

Even in the infantry of the British Regular Army the man below non-commissioned rank is not always a private. The opposite number of Private Thomas Atkins is Rifleman Thomas Atkins in a Rifle Regiment, and Fusilier Thomas Atkins in a Fusilier Regiment.

Incidentally, it was the Duke of Wellington who originated the British infantryman's time-honoured nickname. When Wellington was Commander-in-Chief, a staff-officer submitted for his approval a pro forma of the oath of attestation. With his sharp eye for detail, Wellington noticed that a space had been left for the name of the soldier. He pointed out that the other ranks were mostly uneducated and thought a name should be inserted. The officer asked what name would the Commander-in-Chief suggest. Then, according to the generally accepted version of the story, the Iron Duke thought for a while and said:

"I, Thomas Atkins," and so on.

Wellington's thoughts were, indeed, far away. They had gone back to the battlefield of Assaye, his first important victory. In that battle, a private of the Grenadier Company of Wellington's own regiment, the 33rd Foot, whose name was Thomas Atkins, was mortally wounded, but, before he died, Wellington was able to compliment him on his gallantry. It was his name that the Duke preserved from oblivion when he had it inserted in an official document.

When Sir Garnet Wolseley became Commander-in-Chief he tried to improve the education of the Other Ranks. He issued a Soldiers' Pocket Book, which contained the pro forma as finally approved by Wellington. Then Kipling played his part and fixed the nickname "Tommy Atkins" in the minds of the British public. It was not until the South African War of 1899-1902 that the name was generally accepted by the service and, even then, only in Line Regiments. Before that time it had been resented as a piece of civilian patronage.

In the South African War, Australian soldiers were called "Cornstalks," "Gropers," and so on, according to their State of origin, but towards the end of the war the term "Swaddy" was used, often disrespectfully. In 1914, The Bulletin made a laudable, but unsuccessful, attempt to coin a nickname for the Australian soldier, corresponding to "Tommy Atkins." The result was the awful hybrid "Bill-jim." This was rejected even by civilians. The troops found their own nickname, "Digger," though this did not become general until late in the war.

Strangely enough, the first soldiers to be called "Diggers" were not Australians at all. They were members of a sect which arose among Cromwell's Ironsides, the Levellers, who considered all men equal. They declared that every form of rank should be abolished, and refused to salute officers. The more extreme of these extremists held that the land belonged to the people, and proceeded to put their theory into practice. They "squatted" on vacant land outside London and cultivated it until they were driven off by Fairfax's cavalry. These illegal cultivators became known as "Diggers."

Precisely when and where the men of the First A.I.F. began to call one another "Diggers" can never be established. Claims that the name originated in Egypt, among the trench-diggers on Gallipoli, or even at Blackboy Hill, are of doubtful validity. Of one thing, however, we can be sure. It was introduced into the army by men from the goldmining centres all over Australia. This was a natural historical sequence. In the bushranging days, the goldfields of Eastern Australia were always referred to as "The Diggings," and the men who worked on them as "Diggers." In those romantic days a miner was a man who worked in a coal mine.

When the A.I.F. went to France in 1916, there was a tendency among their British comrades to refer to all Australians as "Anzacs," but the lads who had not served on Gallipoli declined this honourable name. It was not until the end of 1917 that the name "Digger" found any wide acceptance, and then only on the Western Front. I have been assured by Gentlemen of the Light Horse that they had not heard the name applied to soldiers until after the Armistice.

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After-Dinner Attack

By LAURIE THEODORE

Dr. Ivan Carter replaced the tumbler on the tray, then stared at the decanter. "Good drop of Scotch, that," he asserted, with a smile.

Setting himself in an easy chair he soon had his face buried in the book, "Later Magic," a volume on his pet hobby. But in a few minutes he had fallen fast asleep.

Soon he awoke to find himself looking directly into the little enigmatic eye of a blued-steel automatic. Stilling a cry he noted, with horror, the blood-shot eyes set in the broad, livid face, and the hard line of the mouth.

His visitor was one Carl Brenner, whom he'd attended only that afternoon at Rylstone.

Brenner took a step forward and eyed the doctor critically. "Surprised, aren't you? Well, I'm going to show you what mad now. Carter, I've come to kill you!" His tone was shrill, like a car braking suddenly.

There was a queer tugging at the pit of the doctor's stomach and his face had chalked. Alone, and face to face with an armed maniac, was, to say the least, frightening. But how did he, how could he, have escaped? Where had Brenner obtained the gun? Had his escape been detected yet? Chaotic thoughts tumbled over one another in the doctor's mind as he tried to think clearly.

The odds were terrifically uneven. Brenner stood a good six feet and was every ounce of thirteen stone, while Dr. Carter was of slight build. He decided to talk—quietly.

"Well, Brenner," he began, smiling disarmingly, "I am surprised—most surprised. However, did you manage to get..."

A sneer curved the hard mouth down. "You know darner well how I got out. I'm clever, see. I've been waiting this chance for weeks. I came tonight. They're short of staff down there and I got away without any trouble; now I'll kiss your hand!" He smirked with satisfaction. "You're wondering where I got this?" he continued, as he looked at the revolver he held firmly. "I got friends, see—and don't think it's not loaded!" He took the magazine off and showed it to the doctor. The cartridges glistened in the light. "You've got me just where you want me, Brenner," the doctor nodded sadly, "but you'll let me take a drink, surely?"

"All right, but make it snappy!" came the surly reply.

Dr. Carter slowly poured a whisky and soda and drank, the gun all the while covering him. His hand trembled as he replaced the decanter and returned to his chair.

"Oh, no, you wouldn't offer me one!" snarled Brenner, in utter contempt, "but I expected as much!"

The doctor instantly became apologetic. "I'm sorry, Brenner," he said in surprise. "I really overlooked it—but the way I'm feeling at the moment I..."

"All right, all right, cut the drivel," Brenner barked, as he side-stepped to the buffet and poured himself a drink, which he drank at a gulp. Then he poured another. "'M, not bad, not bad at all," he smirked. "I certainly needed those two."

"But how did you manage it?" asked both Dr. Matthews of Rylstone and Detective-Inspector Harris, of Dr. Carter some twenty minutes later. Brenner, securely trussed up, sat on a chair, scowling drowsily at everybody, two attendants close by.

Dr. Carter screwed his eyes up in a twinkling smile. "Well, I expect I really owe it all to the practice I've been putting into this curling craze that's got hold of me," he explained, "although I must confess I almost did panic as I slipped the half-dozen tablets into the decanter. After I took a drink myself; he had his eyes and his gun on me all the time."

"You're a game one all right, doc," said the inspector in genuine admiration. "Accept my sincere congratulations. By the way, what was the name of the drug you used?"

"It's a scrip I've been experimenting with lately, Inspector," the doctor answered. "A combination of Sodium Ethyl Barbiturate, Morphia and Atropine. As luck happened, I had the bottle in my vest pocket—ran across it as I was hunting for a cigarette. They acted almost instantaneously and put my friend under for just the time I needed to grab his revolver and phone you."

Then he turned to the little assembly in his lounge: "Well, gentlemen, I think this calls for a drink, don't you?" He smiled wryly.

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By L.T. Sardone (Ex-A.L.F.)

IT'S a fact—and I'll prove it to you. When I first donned khaki I was most impressed with the string of military abbreviations I ran into. When my C.O. spoke of Don R's, R.T.O.'s, A.M.R. & O's and such like—frankly, I wasstonkered.

But during the next five years I took all these as a matter of course as, no doubt, you did. We had our R.A.P., D.A.A.G., D.A.Q.M.O., A.A.M.C., A.A.S.C., D.A.D.O.S., A.I.F., G.M.F., P.M.F., R.A.N., R.A.A.E., W.A.A.F., A.W.A.S., and on the home front the V.D.C., C.C., N.E.S., and A.R.P. The Yanks were here, too, under their U.S.A.S.O.S. banner. For was very much in the limelight, and who wasn't A.W.L. at some time or other?

Then, when I hit G.D.D. and got my A101—discharge to the unitiated—I thought it was good-bye to all that coded stuff. But was it? Not by a long shot. Once more in the Cwyw Divvy, I became a member of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. and enrolled for a course in the C.R.T.S. I saw some of my pals go to Japan and serve under the B.C.O.F. and others re-enlist in the A.R.A.

And it didn't stop at that. Every day in every way we're meeting up with what is taken as the King's English. But could a foreigner, with a reasonable knowledge of our language, honestly understand what we're driving at?


It's not only the political sphere that delights in this sort of thing, either. We get it in all fields of activity. On the industrial front we have the A.L.P., A.W.U., A.R.U. and the F.F.D.F.A.

Right in your own home it's the same. Think of the goods you buy: D.D.T. for insects, XXX bottled-stuff for conviviality, XXXX peppermints and a host of other commodities that have a coded trade name. Your clothing needs will be either S.M., M., O.S. or X.O.S.—whichever way you're built. Your cutlery will probably be marked E.P.N.S. Most of your bills will have E. & O.E. along the bottom, and if you're expecting news from the tax-gatherers the envelope will have O.H.M's along the top.

Speaking of envelopes, who hasn't as a teenager, written S.W.A.L.K. on the back of the envelopes containing those first love messages?

Any invitations you receive should always have R.S.V.P. on the bottom; but let's sincerely hope none of your cheques come back to you marked N.S.F.

Your radio will be either A.C. or D.C.-operated—you hear the A.B.C. stations with their coded call-signs. They all operat, on so many K.W.'s and on wave-lengths of so many K.C.'s and broadcast, among other items, the B.B.C. news. And if it's a commercial set, there's a big chance it will be branded with a coded trade name—H.M.V., S.T.C. or A.W.A.

Of course, you've paid your licence fee to the P.M.G's department at the G.P.O.

You go to a movie. I'll be surprised if it's not an R.K.O. or an M.G.M. film. If it's a stage show it will probably be J.C.W. If you go to the theatre somebody must get K.O. and in other sports you've coded items—B.W. and ush祺e.


On the social side, you and your sons could be members of the Y.M.C.A., the M.U.I.O.O.F. or the G.I.U.O.O.F. Then you're hoping—and rightly so—that your lad may become a B.A. or perhaps a B.Sc., B.D.S., L.L.B., a B.Com. or a M.P.S.

If it's an accountant you want your son to be, let's hope he'll get his A.F.I.A., A.C.A., A.C.I.A. or A.C.I.S. without undue bother. Who knows, he may distinguish himself in public life and become an O.E., a K.C.M.G. or K.C.B., to say the least.

If you're a businessman, some of your more common everyday code words will be: P.O.D., C.O.D., T.P., F.O.R., F.O.B., C.I.F.E., H.P. and F.A.Q.

Then how about chemicals? If you're a chemist you'll live in a coded world of your own—H.O., T.N.T., K.C.N., H.C.N. and all that.

Well, by now you will have come around to my way of thinking and realise that, although we know what we're talking about, we haven't given our poor foreign friend a go, or else you feel that I should have committed this MS. to the W.P.B. And should you be goaded enough to inform the C.I.B. that there's someone at large who shouldn't be, I'll still be O.K. I'll send an S.O.S. to the R.S.P.C.A! Better relax. How about an A.P.C.?

A writer in Home Front (South Africa) who recently returned from a visit to Australia, says, "Property prices in Australia were pegged in 1939, and are still pegged," making it possible for the Australian workman to purchase 20/- worth of property for his £1. "In South Africa, a pound will purchase 7/3 worth."

He must have had either a brief or a queer time here if he thinks a pound still purchases twenty shillings worth of goods.
I,- · rec~mimend . . and on the training. servicemen, including C.R.T.S. trainees, to obtain tools, is not ungenerous.

Challenging the latter part ("which, incidentally, is given to all ex-servicemen") of the above extract, appearing on page 17 of The Listening Post of March, 1949, under the heading Cost of Books and Tools, I wish to ask that this statement be qualified or substantiated.

After consideration of possibilities, and on the Educational Officer's recommendation at the time of my discharge, I chose full-time vocational training. I was asked: "Tools of trade? Oh, you'll pick them up when you start school."

After a year of full-time training I relinquished the course and took an opportunity to rehabilitate myself in another field—the Educational Officer's alternative recommendation—in which no suitable C.R.T.S. course was available—journalism. I was asked to return the books issued to me and on enquiring about a tools-of-trade allowance it was explained to me that I did not qualify.

That I have heard of a man being granted £10 worth of white aprons, which he would hardly use all at one time as tools of trade; that I know another journalist who has books to the value of £10 as his tools of trade; and that it appeared from the explanation given me that there are regulations covering the grant, is not in accordance with the Minister's statement, "which, incidentally, is given to all ex-servicemen."

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Beware the Backdoor Swindler

By William Beecham

Once again the door-to-door salesman—a rarity during the war—is making his appearance. Some of these men—probably quite a good percentage—are better, offering goods to the housewife which are of reasonable value, but among them are a number of the get-rich-quick fraternity, gentlemen with glib tongues, engaging manners and a good line of sales talk which is likely to lead the unsuspecting housewife into parting with good money for almost worthless trash or, in some cases, for absolutely nothing at all.

Not long ago in Perth two men called upon housewives stating that they were from the Water Department and asking how many of the household taps were used for the drawing of drinking water. When given this information they stated that, under a new health regulation, it was necessary to fit each of these taps with a filter, and a sample was then brought out and tried upon one of the water-fittings.

“These will cost you two shillings each,” said the “Water Department representative,” pulling out a receipt book. “A workman will be around to fit them during the week,” and in nine out of ten cases the money was paid over on the spot. Filters were a line selling at sixpence each in the Perth stores, but whether or not these would have actually been fitted was never discovered, for the receipt forms of the variety sold in any stationery shop for sixpence a box, awoke suspicion in one woman’s mind and the police were communicated with. It was found, of course, that the Water Supply Department knew nothing of these men.

Moral: If a salesman wants cash or a deposit, see that he gives you a receipt on an official form—one with the name of the firm or organisation he claims to represent printed upon it.

Another “go-getter” recently called upon all telephone subscribers in a country district with a petition requesting the reduction of telephone rates, the installation of meters to check calls, the provision of automatic exchanges for country towns, and so forth. Petition was headed apparently—by the signatures of a number of prominent businessmen—and the caller claimed to be in a position to have the improvements effected “at short notice.” On behalf of a so-called “League” an initial subscription of five shillings was then collected. When the collector was arrested it was stated that his haul from this scheme—which had no solid foundation whatever—had amounted to about £200. In other words, no less than 800 people had fallen for his swindle.

In most cases, however, the salesman is actually selling something. But what?

Recently, when a man hawked from door-to-door a so-called cleaning agent known as an “Electric Stick,” it was found to be nothing more than a small piece of household soap in a special wrapper. One pennyworth of soap sold at eightpence must have netted the salesman a nice, substantial profit.

Another man offered a preparation which was “guaranteed” to give brass taps and similar items a nickel finish with but little application. A demonstration showed that the liquid did do the job, but what it did not show was the fact that within 24 hours the taps were again brass, but now covered with verdigris which took several hours’ labour to remove.

Before the war a common pest in some cities was the “vanman” who had a roll of lintolium “over” from his deliveries. He offered this, “on the quiet,” usually to the man of the house, who was more likely to take the “risk,” and for about half the price of a good line. If the prospective purchaser thought the line, looked thin, he was told that it was “a special production of the highest grade, produced under enormous pressure to give lightness but infinite wear.” Actually, of course, it was the cheapest of rubbish.

The door-to-door seller of “imported” perfumes, offered at cut rates because there are “no advertising costs or retailers’ profits,” often had bottles and labels which were a good imitation of familiar brands, but more often than not the opened sample, which had an exquisite odour, was far, far different from the rubbish which was handed over.

Beware of the “delivery man” who, delivering a parcel “strictly cash on delivery” next door, when no one is at home, asks you to take it in and pay for your neighbour. It is possible that he has ascertained that there is no one at home—that much is truth—but the parcel may contain only rubbish.

And think twice before handing back one of your own parcels which has been delivered “by mistake.” This is an old, but a very successful trick. A sharp-eyed individual watches an item, say a radio or a vacuum cleaner, being delivered, and notes the name of the firm on the van. Then he goes to the nearest telephone box. “This is the dispatch department of so-and-so’s” he tells you. “We regret that a mistake has been made. The radio just delivered to you had to be adjusted... As it is, it isn’t in proper working order. Will you give it to our messenger when he calls? We’ll see you have it back in a couple of hours.” Then he calls on you, collects your radio, your vacuum cleaner or whatever it may be, and that is the last you ever see of it.

Another type of racketeer, very prevalent in pre-war days, was the man who photographed enlargements of hubby, mother or baby at a ridiculously low figure. Falling for the “bargain” the housewife is asked to sign an order form, “merely that the canvasser may be able to draw his commission.” The form, at a casual glance, seems innocent enough, but somewhere, usually in the smallest of type, is an undertaking to purchase a frame for the enlargement—a frame which is priced at three or four guineas.

Don’t forget that some of the most up-to-date versions of these household swindles may be practised on you through the medium of your letter box—in other words, by mail, or even by telegram.

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George was sitting reading a newspaper when his wife entered the room. "George," she said, "what do you think? Mother wants to be cremated."

"Right!" said George briskly, throwing the paper on one side and springing to his feet. "Where is she? Tell her to put her things around the house that had been poured out. When he staggered home, Mamma Hog met him and quickly shunted him around the barn, out of sight of the baby pigs. With a furious grunt she exclaimed: "You shameless thing. Do you want to let the children see you acting like a human being?"

Two Hollywood kids were talking as they walked home from school. "I've got two little brothers and one little sister," boasted one. "How many have you?"

"I don't have any brothers and sisters," answered the second lad, "but I have three papas by my first mamma and four mammas my my last papa."

"My girl's been a chorus girl for ten years."

"What shows?" "You'd be surprised."

Recently I heard this story of a young woman who suddenly left what had seemed a reasonably good job as a governess. She was asked why she resigned. "Had to," she replied. "Backward child, forward father."

Testifying as a witness in a minor court case, a certain movie star was asked to identify himself. "I am the world's greatest actor," he said with simple dignity. A day or two later, some friends chided him. "Don't you think that boost you gave yourself was a little too thick?"

"You know I always avoid any kind of self-praise," replied the star, "but this time they had me under oath."

Here is the latest story of Sam Goldwyn. Worried of the atom-splitting stories, and piqued that he had not been first in making a film on splitting the atom, Mr. Goldwyn heard one day of a discussion that had taken place in England between two professors on splitting the infinutive.

"Oh! Here is my chance," said Mr. Goldwyn, and immediately called his team together to discuss the making of a film on splitting the infinitive.

It was pointed out to him that this was a question for grammarians. "O.K.," he replied, "We'll make it a swell mother love story. We'll have a sweet old white-haired lady, somebody's grammarian, willing to entirely split everything so as to definitely split the infinitive."

Gently it was explained that it was not a scientific subject but one of illiteracy.

"So what?" Mr. Goldwyn said. "So we don't offend the Hays Office, we have a big dramatic climax in which the marriage lines are found, and so the Grandmother and Grandfather were married all the time."
Perhaps the most interesting be-ribboned marcher in all cities on Anzac Day last was George Shegog, at Launceston, who served in the Boer War and was at the Gallipoli Landing. In addition to his own medals, he wore those of his grandfather for service at Inkerman, Balaklava, and Sebastopol. Mr. Shegog’s grandfather was trumpeter to General Scarlett, and Shegog told his cobbens that his grandfather had sounded the charge of the Light Brigade in the Crimean War.

he advised the Naval Board upon all matters related to naval aviation. On his return to the U.K. in July, 1948, he was promoted Rear-Admiral and appointed Flag-Officer Training Squadron.

Mr. W. Mathews, of the Kating sub-branch, who was recently welcomed home on his return from England by members, stated how very much the people of Britain appreciated the assistance given by Australia in food supplies.

Mr. Hart stresses the fact that he has always been proud of wearing the badge, and states that during a visit to England last year it gained for him “some wonderful receptions.”

Mr. R. G. Filmer has been appointed publicity official of the Meekatharra sub-branch, and reports that the sub-branch is at present very active.

Mr. E. Aberle has been elected president of the newly-formed Bicton sub-branch, with Mr. T. G. Hadden as hon. secretary.
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There’s truly magic in names—and money, too.

One day I walked into a barber shop I hadn’t entered in some 10 years. “You’re next, Mr. Wheeler,” the barber greeted me.

“How come you remembered my name?”

“Remembering names adds £1,000 a year to my income,” the barber replied.

That set me to thinking. Here was an easy way for sales people, housewives, bankers, lawyers—everybody—to add pounds to their yearly income by remembering names.

To learn how to remember names you must first know why you forget names.

The big reason why you forget names is that you don’t really “get” them in the first place, or fail to repeat the name, or slur the pronunciation.

I have seen my good friend Bob Nutt, world’s foremost memory expert, call off the names of 100 people at a luncheon club; then his wife would get up and do the same thing to prove it is easy for anyone to learn the secret.

You do not have to be a genius to master the few simple rules necessary to the easy remembering of names.

No longer need you say, “I remember your face—but I forget your name.”

Here are three Wheelerpoints to help you remember names:

Wheelerpoint 1: “Get the name right!”

Only too often you fail to hear the name, and you do not bother to ask the other person to repeat it.

You keep on fumbling with the name, not bothering to get it correctly.

If you get the name right from the start, it is £1,000 to one that you will never forget it!

The trick to use to catch the proper pronunciation of anybody’s name from the start is to give full attention when a person is being introduced.

Get the full force of his name right smack in your ears!

Concentrate on the person being introduced. Listen to the name. Hear it clearly. Hear it the way it is pronounced.

If you still fail to “get” it, save yourself later embarrassment by asking, “Would you mind repeating your name? I didn’t quite hear it.”

He’ll be highly flattered to think that you really want to get his name correctly. There you have Tested Rule 1 for remembering names.

Wheelerpoint 2: “Repeat the name!”

Once you hear the name correctly, don’t just set it aside to forget it.

Repeat the name.

Repeat it once. Then twice; then, for good measure, repeat it a third time—and it is yours to remember for a long, long time.

Say, “I am pleased to meet you, Mr. Pickeltwister.” Not, “Glad to know you.” Say, “Won’t you step this way, Mr. Pickeltwister? Not, “This way, sir.”

Pretty soon that name “Pickeltwister,” which is a tongue twister, will be firmly worked into your memory muscles.

Finally, don’t say, “Hope to see you again, sir.” But, “Hope to see you again Mister Pickeltwister!!!”

Remember this second Tested Rule: Make excuses to repeat the other person’s name at least three times.

Wheelerpoint 3: “Associate the name!!!”

If you will at once associate a new name with something, you will have an easy time recalling it.

This is no new-fangled idea of mine. The Greeks had a word for it, too. Plato and Aristotle observed this tested rule 2,000 years ago. They said one idea causes us to remember another which is linked to it by association.

And the more unusual, out of the ordinary, or incongruous the thing (with which you associate the name, the longer you will remember it).

For example, the minute you hear “Mr. Pickeltwister” you say to yourself, “Pickletwister—a pickle twister in a pickle factory!”

Zingo! the name is stuck into your memory muscles!

Mr. Hogan is introduced. You think, “Ah, I’ve got to hooe again!” And every time you see Mr. Hogan you will mentally grab a hoe—and remember Hogan.

You see, the more ridiculous the picture, the more exaggerated the association, the easier it will return to your memory when you try to recall it.

You won’t have to stammer and splutter, hem and haw, to remember the name of somebody you met last night at the party.

Sigmund Freud says we forget on purpose. I forget my brief case because subconsciously I don’t want to go to work anyway, but have to.

I forget to have dinner on time because, subconsciously, I do not want to cook anyway, and this inner thinking slows me up physically.

But—get interested in something and you can remember it; therefore, get interested in the people you meet—interested in their wants—interested in your job as it applies to them—interested in how you can serve these interesting people.

Waiters and hotel employees have always known the magic of a name—the magical way in which names can increase tips. So, also, alert sales people out on the road, or in retail stores, in showrooms, or on front porches—everywhere—know that this magic of names can help shoot their sales percentages up.

A simple “trick” to fasten the name on the right person is to look for something about him—eyes that twinkle, twist, or blink; little ears, big ears, cauliflower ears.

Associate some facial characteristics—a Jimmy Durante nose, a moustache like Jerry Colonna’s, John L. Lewis eyebrows, etc.

Or connect the name with a popular slogan. Such as, “Mr. Joe Coffee—coffee—good to the last drop!”

—Food Store Digest.
PERMANENT APPOINTMENT
C.P.S.—A recent Federal resolution, "That the Commonwealth Government be requested to appoint to permanent positions all those returned servicemen who were eligible for appointment at the time of the deletion of Clause 84 (9) (c) of the Commonwealth Public Service Act," brought from the Prime Minister this reply: "When this section was repealed by the Re-establishment and Employment Act, 1945, many more employees had acquired eligibility under that section than could be absorbed into the permanent staff. Such eligibility did not, however, confer a right to appointment. There is not now any provision for the permanent appointment to the Commonwealth Service of returned soldiers by virtue only of employment in a temporary capacity."

CANTEENS TRUST FUND.—Applications are invited from parents and guardians of children aged 13 years and over (except in the case of children attending special schools for backward, deaf, dumb and blind children, when assistance may be given from the age of 10 years) who require financial assistance in the education of children coming within one of the following categories: (a) Orphans of eligible servicemen (whose deaths were due to war service or otherwise); (b) Children of incapacitated eligible servicemen (whether the incapacity is due to war service or otherwise) where the incapacity will cause the income to be insufficient to provide adequate education for the child; (c) Children of eligible servicemen not incapacitated who, by reason of exceptional circumstances, are particularly deserving of assistance. (Eligible Servicemen means a person who was at any time between September 3, 1939, and June 30, 1947, a member of the Forces.) Full details may be obtained from Mr. M. B. Paus, Swan Barracks, Francis Street, Perth.

FARM PROPERTIES.—The Minister for Postwar Reconstruction (Mr. Dedman) announced recently that he had approved of the acquisition of 5,812 acres for inclusion in the war service land settlement scheme in Western Australia. Four properties, he said, occupied that area. They were the A. J. Curtis farm of 229 acres near Manjimup and the Flynn and Clements aggregated property of 487 acres near Northcliffe, both of which would be used for dairying; the C. Massingham estate of 2,812 acres near Kellerberrin, which would be allotted to an ex-serviceman as a wheat and sheep farm; and the C. A. Ewen property of 2,084 acres near Corrigin. To this property had been added about 100 acres of Crown-land and 100 acres from the R. M. Barber estate. Mr. Dedman said that he had approved plans for the sub-division of the H. Davies estate of 1,166 acres, near Bridgetown, into three dairy-farms and the Crowd and Armstrong estate, near Balingup, into two dairy farms of 414 and 577 acres.

T.P.I. PURCHASE.—Negotiations were completed recently for the purchase of a property at the corner of Hay and Hill Streets, Perth, by the W.A. branch of the Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Association of Australia. The Lottery Commission will hand to association secretary C. E. Walker a cheque for £1,500 towards the purchase price which has not yet been disclosed. The association has £1,750 in its building fund which will go towards the purchase. The four-roomed property has a frontage of 66 feet to Hay Street and a depth of 120 feet. A further £500 will be needed to renovate and carry out necessary alterations. A driveway to the property, made it more accessible to members (many are in wheelchairs) than the present rooms on the fifth floor of Gledden Buildings, said Mr. Walker. Although the new premises would cater for immediate needs, the committee hoped to be able to launch a State-wide appeal to build a more suitable home.

THANKS FROM NEW ZEALANDERS.—The general secretary of the New Zealand Returned Services' Association has forwarded to the Federal Executive a letter of appreciation for "the outstanding hospitality extended to our party of 50 men during the course of their recent stay in Australia. . . . There is no doubt whatever that the happy experiences of the members of the party will be long the subject of most favourable reference, not only in R.S.A. circles but also in the wider field of the general community. . . . In conveying this message to the State branches you might kindly assure them that New Zealand looks forward, with eagerness and the keenest anticipation, to an early opportunity of returning in some measure the outstanding hospitality for which you good people are renowned."

AUSSIES FOR N.Z.?—Also from the N.Z.R.S.A. comes a very cordial invitation to send to New Zealand for the Anzac Day commemorative services in 1950 a party of 50 Australian ex-servicemen. . . . As in the case of the 1948 visit, it is desired that the party be divided into four sections with approximately equal representation in the Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin areas.

W.S. HOMES INSURANCE BATE.—From the Federal Executive comes a copy of a letter received from the Minister for Works and Housing, which says: "Agendum item No. 143 of the 33rd Annual Congress of your League referred to the insurance fund which has been established in respect of war service homes. As a result of discussion at the congress, the resolution was deferred, and since that date I have investigated the position of the fund and the action which would be most equitable in giving ex-servicemen the
benefit of any accumulation in the fund. As a result of this, I have decided that a rebate of 33\% per cent. should be granted in respect of any insurance premiums charged to war service homes applicants during the financial year 1949/50. The position will be reviewed after the result of operations under the War Service Homes Insurance Scheme is known in subsequent years, to determine if a similar rebate can be maintained. You will appreciate that this rebate will result in a particularly small premium as compared with that charged by the tariff companies, and at the same time I have found it possible to extend the insurance cover to include depredations by borer and white ants during the first two years of the ownership of the home under the Act, and damage by impact in certain circumstances. I feel that by these extensions to the cover and by the rebate of the premium, the most equitable use is being made of the profit resulting from the insurance provisions under the Act.

[Resolution 143 was: "That this congress views with concern that portion of the Commonwealth Auditor-General’s report reveals an amount of £423,442 held at present in secret and trust funds, as an item of War Service Homes—(Insurance) and a suggestion that this amount be transferred to Consolidated Revenue. We urge that this profit from the insurance scheme be used to establish a Trust Fund to assist occupiers of war service homes who, through illness or hardship, are unable to meet the normal commitments in the repayment of loans.”]

STATE BATTERY CHARGES.
—In regard to items 51 and 236 at the last Mining Conference, the Under-Secretary for Mines states: "The matter of treatment charges has been reviewed, but it is regretted that they cannot be reduced. Even since your conference costs have risen enormously and while all private batteries have increased their charges, the State Government has decided that, while it cannot reduce charges, it will not at this stage increase them, in order to help the industry as much as possible.”

WAR GRATUITY REGULATIONS.—Resolution No. 214 at the 33rd Federal Congress: "That the War Gratuity Regulations be amended to permit the payment of war gratuities in part or whole before the maturity for purposes of distress, covering medical, hospital, dental and funeral expenses, the purchase of land for home building, and the purchase of furniture and household necessities, and that such finance shall be conducted through an approved bank, and that such amendment shall be deemed to operate as from prior to 31st May, 1946," has brought a reply from the Prime Minister: “This is an omnibus resolution covering a variety of subjects. Provision already exists in War Gratuity Regulation 19 (5) for early payment to alleviate severe distress or hardship caused by the sickness of the gratuitant or any of his dependants. Action under this regulation could cover the medical, hospital, dental and funeral expenses referred to. There is no provision whereby a war gratuity may be used now for the purchase of land only, irrespective of whether or not it is the intention subsequently to erect a home thereon. A gratuity has been made available for the purchase of land when the ex-serviceman has an agreement or contract with an approved authority whereby the author-

SOLDIER SETTLERS’ BLOCK FREEHOLD.—Federal Congress resolution 192: "That soldier settlers be granted the opportunity to obtain the freehold of their blocks after a period of ten years’ occupancy” has brought the following reply from the Minister for Postwar Reconstruction: "The War Service Land Settlement Scheme is the subject of agreements between the Commonwealth and the States. These agreements were formulated following conferences and detailed discussions between members of the Governments concerned. In the cases of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, it was agreed that holdings would be allotted by the State on perpetual leasehold tenure. With regard to New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland, it was agreed that the form and conditions of tenure on which a holding was to be held by a settler would be determined by the State. The State of Victoria is making land available on a freehold basis, and it is open to the States of New South Wales and Queensland to also make land available on this basis. Any amendment of the War Service Land Settlement Scheme could only be made by agreement between the various Governments concerned, but, in view of the full consideration which has already been given to the question of tenure, I am not prepared to suggest any variation to the States.”

AVIATION BALL.—Executives of the Department of Civil Aviation, all airline operating companies and the Royal Aero Club of W.A. have decided to hold a ball in aid of the Flying Doctor Service. This will be an annual event, and will this year be held on July 13 at the Embassy Ballroom.
**The Idle Hour**

**AUSTRALIAN SON**

"When a nation has bestowed upon a man the highest tribute in its power to give, in the phrase, 'Game as Ned Kelly,' what remains to be said?" says Clive Turnbull.

In Australian Son [Georgian House] Max Bruen tells the story of Ned Kelly from early boyhood to his execution in the old Melbourne Gaol, and gives us some interesting glimpses of a life of which few of us, in the past, have had but a very bare idea. He also gives us many of the reasons why today, in what is known as "the Kelly country," Ned's name is honoured rather than reviled.

For we can have little doubt, after reading this book, that the Kelly's and their friends, neighbours and relations had far from the hands of the Victorian authorities. Caught up in the battle between the powerful land settlers and the owners of small properties they, like many other people of that day, had many an illegal action forced upon them.

That the Kelly gang shot and killed policemen is not denied, but if the author's version of the episodes is true—and his story bears all the earmarks of truth—the part which the police played in events is by no means a pretty one.

To get ahead of ourselves for a moment, the Royal Commission which sat to inquire into the Kelly gang's "outbreaks" and "the efficiency of the police force," found a deal to criticise, and dealing with police officials it recommended: The retirement of Superintendent Nicholson; the retirement of Superintendent Hare; the placing of Superintendent Sadler at the bottom of the list of superintendents; the reduction one grade of Detective Ward; and the dismissal of four constables. In addition, several police officers were censured. Truly the police came out of the chase of the Kelly's with anything but flying colours.

Take the night when Aaron Sherritt, who had been working as a police spy, was shot by Joe Byrne.

Four police constables were in Sherritt's hut when he was called out and shot. Did they put up a fight? "The constables were not to be budged. . . . If they hoped to live, all they could do was to wait and pray the outlaws would not set fire to the hut. . . . the outlaws fired shots into the bedroom. The constables threw themselves quaking on the floor."

At last Byrne told Mary Sherritt to go into the hut and tell the police to come out. She went in, and the police clapped a hand over her mouth and pulled her under the bed with them. Mrs. Barry, Sherritt's mother-in-law, was then sent in, and she too was pulled on to the floor, and Constable Durling said, "If you don't keep quiet we'll have to shoot you."

But at Glenrowan some of the police made an even worse showing. Their shooting caused the deaths of two innocent victims—young Johnny Jones and a settler, Martin Cherry. Pinned up in the hotel with the outlaws a number of women and children tried to run for freedom.

"Mrs. Reardon went out with her little girl and screamed to the police to have mercy. "I am only a woman," she cried, "Allow me to escape with my children. The outlaws will not interfere with us—do not you."

"It was bright moonlight. She could see men behind the trees. A voice said, 'Put up your hands and come this way or I'll shoot you like bloody dogs.' It was Sergeant Steele. "She put the baby under her arm, held up her free hand and ran forward. Her nineteen-years-old son followed, leading his younger brother, and finally came the father leading the two young ones. 'Let my husband and boy come with me,' she cried. They ran straight towards the constable."

"Then Steele opened fire, and immediately flashes followed from in front of the hotel. . . . 'Don't shoot,' cried Constable Arthur, 'can't you see it's a woman with a child in her arms?"

"Steele fired again. Mrs. Reardon felt the concussion on her arm. 'Oh, you have shot my baby,' she screamed. "Arthur, cried angrily, 'If you fire again I'll bloody-well shoot you."

"Steele fired and fired again. Young Reardon threw up his arms and screamed. . . ."

Superintendent Hare, who had been wounded in the wrist, made off for Benalla. A cannon was ordered up from Melbourne, Inspector O'Connor leaned against a tree, well away from the scene of the action, and read The Argus. A soldier would have wept unashamedly at the lack of discipline. Undoubtedly the name of the Kelly's has scared the police more than it had the civilian population.

But Ned was captured. Dan Kelly and Joe Byrne were dead, and Ned was soon to follow them—as was the learned Judge who tried Australia's greatest outlaw.

Here we have a book which, although it shows here and there traces of somewhat careless writing, is one well worth reading. If it should run into further editions (and there seems no reason why it should not) one might hope that it could be indexed. For it is a volume one would like to refer to—more than once.

[Our copy from the Literary Institute.]

**Aiding Faversham**

The women's auxiliaries have done a wonderful job of late in aiding Faversham. House and its aged inmates, and the following is a list of donations recently received:

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Beware the Backdoor Swindler
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Having kept watch through interstate newspapers on wedding reports and noting that "the honeymoon is to be spent in Sydney," the swindler sends a wire in the name of the bride or groom (sometimes he swindles the relatives of both): "Accident not serious. Wire me ten pounds care of post office." A trick this which is likely to be successful, but which is also likely to cause a deal of worry and concern to relatives.

Then there is the unscrupulous bookseller who buys up cheaply a stock of nicely-bound "remainders." Posting one to you, he states that, believing you to be a keen bibliophile, he offers you the enclosed cloth-bound volume at 25/-. If you prefer a more expensive binding you can return this one and have the limp-calf edition for £2/15/-. As the one he has sent "by mistake" is limp-calf, you are likely to hang on to it, thinking how clever you have been. And that was exactly his idea, for he never had a cloth-bound volume on his shelves, and the one you purchased for 25/- cost him perhaps a quarter of that sum.

The art dealer who offers you an engraving, which he feels sure must have been done by a relative or ancestor of yours, as it has your name, "George Sucker," printed underneath, is also on the make, for he hopes to get one or two guineas from you for an ancient engraving which cost him only one or two shillings. The fact that it is simple to print anyone's name on the mounting seems to escape most people.

And we must not forget the hawker of suit lengths who slyly offers "English" material "smuggled off a ship" to those who have been vainly seeking a suit for many a long month. Suit lengths, in most cases, cost about £2/10/-, but will be sold by a clever salesman for as much as £14/14/-. But the swindle does not always stop there, for sometimes a "representative of a tailoring firm" follows the first man in, and on a promise to have the suit made up without delay, "takes the suit length away, so that the same old piece of cloth can be used over and over again.

The hawker of shares is another man who should be treated with grave suspicion unless he represents a reputable firm of brokers. The unscrupulous share-pusher battens on lone females, and cares not how he lies or misrepresents his wares as long as he parts the victim from her money. And he will not be content with a few shillings or even a few guineas—often he will do his best to deprive his victim of the whole of her savings. Offers of high dividends should always be viewed with grave suspicion, for where dividend or interest is unusually high the risk of losing capital is likely to be correspondingly great. If it is mining shares that are offered—remember that some of these today are worth—it may sound almost unbelievable—no more than a penny each.

Stick to advertised goods purchased from reputable firms, and you cannot go far wrong.

Of course it's foolish to change horses in midstream. You should go by boat.

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serviceman is charged with an offence, the commission of which may have been contributed to through his suffering from a war disability.

MIGRATION

The report submitted by Mr. Lonnie showed that there are now 14,529 displaced persons in employment throughout Australia—1,090 being in this State. Twenty per cent. are engaged in the production of building materials; 20 per cent. on water sewage and similar services; 20 per cent. in rail and road works; 10 per cent. in brown coal and hydro-electric projects; 18 per cent. in primary industry; and the remainder as workers in hospitals and institutions. In regard to the League Migration Scheme in W.A., the tally of nominated ex-servicemen is now approximately 400.

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SIR VICTOR FORTUNE

A recent letter from England reports the death of Major-General Sir Victor Fortune, K.C.B., who commanded the 51st Highland Division in France in 1940. The gallant 51st remained in France to assist in keeping open the gap to the coast and thus ensure the success of the epic evacuation. Practically the whole division, including its commander, fell into the hands of the enemy.

As a senior British prisoner of war in Germany, Major-General Fortune, by his courageous and uncompromising attitude towards his captors, and his fortitude; optimism and cheerfulness in all adversity, was a constant source of inspiration to his fellow prisoners from the British Isles, the Dominions and allied countries.

Selected for particular attention by the Nazi security officers, he bore all insults with characteristic dignity. In the early days he had a special sentry posted continually over him and he was followed even to the showers and latrines. When he attended concerts in the camp his sentry was always close by in the audience. This, the German said, was in retaliation for the posting of sentries over the German generals who attended the signing of the Armistice in 1918 in the railway coach in Compiègne Forest. Most of the sentries were ill-clothed, ill-equipped, being too young, too ill or too old for the front line. Nevertheless, the General always insisted that his personal sentry be correctly turned out. His frequent complaints to the German commander about the untidiness and unsoldierly bearing of the guards provided caused the job to be regarded by the Nazi troops as a most undesirable one. Eventually finding that the General's spirit could not be broken, the experiment was given up.

General Fortune, too, was one of the many officers included in the reprisals at Oflag IX A/H. In this camp the officers were deprived of all amenities, spare clothing and underclothing, shaving gear, toilet requisites, writing materials, books and games, and their inward mail was withheld—all because of some mythical injustice said to have been imposed on German prisoners in Canada.

Throughout the dark years, all

P.O.W. camps received from the General, by round-about means, occasional messages of hope and good cheer. Consequently, all prisoners, wherever located in Germany—and many knew him only by reputation—looked to him as their leader and eagerly awaited the arrival of some item of news of the General's activities.

Early in 1945, General Fortune suffered an illness as a result of his five years' imprisonment and was sent to a P.O.W. hospital in Western Germany. This was captured by the Americans on March 29, 1945, and the General was speedily sent home. Shortly afterwards, His Majesty the King conferred upon him the honour of Knight Commander of the Bath for his inspiring leadership during captivity.

—B. S. HEAGNEY.

A Warning

In response to the request of the Military authorities, over 1,000 individual items of ammunition souvenirs have been handed to them or to the police throughout the Commonwealth during the months of March and April last.

The necessity for the return of these souvenirs is exemplified by the considerable proportion of those received being in a highly dangerous condition. Although the returned ammunition caused no accidents during the period, several persons may consider themselves fortunate, as certain of the souvenirs, if tampered with or accidentally caused to function, could have caused fatalities or serious injuries.

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WHY DIDN'T SHE WARN HIM?

Fresh from North Queensland, most of the boys in our unit were finding the first few weeks of New Guinea life a bit hard to take—particularly those of us who punished the bottle a bit in the sergeants' mess. Benny, our C.S.M., was one of these, and what would he have given for a "taste" on many occasions! But there was nary a drop to be had, and we hadn't as yet hit on the art of making "jungle juice." Of course, there were cakes to burn, at least a couple of sacks of them came up each mail. But Benny didn't care much for cake. He traded the one his wife sent up to a member of a nearby American outfit for a carton of Yank cigarettes. But you should have seen Benny's face a week later when his wife wrote up to ask how he liked the cake she baked for him, and did get a pleasant surprise when he found the little flask of whisky she so thoughtfully and cunningly planted in its centre.

L.T.S.

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NO PROTECTION—NO PREFERENCE

The two-up school became an accepted feature of Changi P.O.W. Camp, as it seems to become in all Australian communities. Of course, it wasn't lawful. Routine order 999/000 stated clearly that two-up schools were strictly forbidden, and that disciplinary action would be taken against those disregarding the order. But two-up schools have a way of getting round routine orders and disregarding disciplinary action.

In a secluded spot the game was in full swing, but not to the complete satisfaction of the leaders; there was too much money being laid on the outside. "Come on you blokes, put something into the centre. Come on! you blokes get protection here."

After a little more urging with Australian emphasis, sufficient money was in the centre to satisfy the leaders. Up went the coins, followed by the upward turn of all eyes and, unseen, up came the camp M.P.'s.

Rapid efforts were made by most of the crowd to be elsewhere. Not so on the part of the ringleader. Pocketing kip and coins, he stood his ground and commenced to address those who remained on the wonders of repatriation benefits. "When you Diggers get back to Australia, you'll get preference, there will be loans for rehabilitation.

The M.P.'s listened with admiration for a moment or two, then they closed in. "Hard luck, sport," the sergeant in charge said soothingly. "I'm sorry—but there'll be no protection and no preference for you as yet."

IAN STEWART.

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SPEEDING INFANTRY

In World War I newspaper correspondents' names were as well known to the troops as were those of the generals. Ashmead Bartlett, who made the Landing famous, remarking that it was the first time an Anglo-Saxon bayonet had penetrated a Turkish skin since the Crusades; Phillip Gibbs, who has since given us so many good books; Hamilton Fyfe and others had their dispatches read and ridiculed by the tin-hatted critics of all ranks, who saw the battles from a different angle to that of the reporters.

After Hamel, my battalion went in to take the backwash. The Continental Edition of The Daily Mail came up, and Tom Burnie was reading Phillip Gibbs' account of the show to his cobbers. "The attack," read Tom, in his high-pitched Cockney accent, "was carried out by what is perhaps the finest infantry in the world."

"Cripes," interrupted Jack Gore. "If he had seen the mob galloping back after the raid last week there would have been no 'perhaps' about it."

V. MORTON.

TOUGH M.O.

The morning after the party I awoke with clicking jaw. That punch in last night's stoush must have lifted it off its hook, though no swelling showed. Being in camp near the city I dodged our M.O. and called to see the old Doc. in civvy street.

"Can't touch you," he said; "jaw's out; but get an Army joker to put it back. "Bye!"

At the R.A.P., next day the doctor had a look and a listen and shouted to the orderly: "Give this jerk peroxide in both ears." Then he deigned to explain: "Lump of hard wax making it click."

Later in the day, the mate made a few painful experiments and click! back she went!

That M.O. was a toughie all right! He was who arranged for sick parade to be called at the same time as breakfast. It certainly took some deciding which it was to be: sick or full!

L. G. HOEY.

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ALL USED UP

The manoeuvre was in tough mountainous country and a swift, icy river was in the line of march. First and second platoons arrived in together and the first sergeant made his report. Where's your Bren-carrier?" asked the "Loot," and the sergeant's explanation that it was impossible to get it over the terrain was met with withering scorn.

The second sergeant stepped up smartly, gave a concise report, and ended with "Bren-carriers completely worn out on the first day, sir."

The "Loot" had nothing to say.

BOB CHAMBERS, Perth.

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A Helping Hand

Several months ago the Morawa sub-branch promised one of its members, James Hendry, who was very ill, that they would put his crop in if he would go to hospital and rest. Unfortunately, Mr. Hendry passed away in the Hollywood Repatriation Hospital, but on Saturday, June 11, the sub-branch honoured its promise. The main trouble the organisers had was not to offend people whose plant they had to refuse, there being such a wonderful response to the appeal for assistance. On Friday afternoon and night several worked scarifiers so that by first light Saturday 80 acres had been prepared. At 6.30 the first combine started work, and by 2.15 p.m. 300 acres had been scarified and seeded. At one stage there were '14 tractors working in the one paddock, making a very impressive sight.

The scene of operations was about 14 miles north of Morawa. Tractors, combines, scarifiers, trucks and willing workers came from all directions, and it was estimated that some £27,000 worth of equipment took part. Although organised by the R.S.L. sub-branch, more than half of those who took part and loaned equipment and labour were not servicemen, thus showing that the public-spiritedness of our pioneers has not died out. It should also be realised that these farmers devoted not only time and labour, but the most important part of the year, but also donated the total-cost of operating their plant.

The Morawa sub-branch wishes to tender its sincere thanks to all who assisted.

The day was not without its humour, and several instances were noted. For instance, who was the Merkanooka sheik whose extra-long legs knocked off the switch and who then wondered why the president's tractor would not go? Jack A., whose tractor was the envy of many, was declared to disappear into a large cloud of dust, only to reappear going the other way. Some say that navigators should be carried on these craft! Terry was pretty good on producing "char," but his own hangover was so heavy that he drank a goodly portion of his own brew.
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### Sub-Branch Activities

#### BELLEVUE

Saturday, May 21, was a gala night for the sub-branch in the Bellevue Hall. Quite a representative gathering attended, including His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Colin M. Davies (State Vice-President) and Dr. Greenham (State Executive, Victorian), Mr. Lamb (President of Midland sub-branch), C.P. Stephens, and many others. Our women's auxiliary again prepared a wonderful dinner for us. We must congratulate them on the effort. We certainly couldn't do without some source of income. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb congratulated the sub-branch, as did the ladies invited in to partake of a hot "cuppa" and sandwich. The whole occasion was very enjoyable and thanks once again to the ladies. In fact, we shall never refuse your invitation to supper.

#### GLOUCESTER PARK

The general meeting held on June 25, showed a good attendance. There was no doubt the screening of pictures by the Shell Oil Oil, which helped encourage the attendance. Our thanks to Shell Oil; also, Mr. Hickey who conducted the show on behalf of the company. Whosoever the move, the meeting was held in the Aztec House. It is with much regret that we have to inform you that a hearing for our war service is still room for more members.

#### KATANNING

Diggers! Most of our members are letting down their presidents and secretary. As a member, you are requested to give two or three hours once a month to the sub-branch's business, generally to assist members who, perhaps, are not quite so fortunate as ourselves. Remember the relationship you made during the hard days of war is forgotten. I can't think it can be; it means a lot to us. The Katanning sub-branch has been a model to the industry. The discussions which took place were most satisfactory to all present and it was expected that immediate action will be taken to expedite the transport of men to W.A., thus alleviating the present labour shortage in the industry in this State.

#### MANIMUP

In the absence of the president, vice-president and C.P. Stephens, the monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on June 24, 1949. There was a gratifying attendance, which, when there was a gratifying attendance, was a gratifying attendance. The membership had increased by some 20, short of last year's total. The decision to erect the hall was in process. A committee had been appointed to advise on the public works budget. The next 12 months was a good one. A.H. was not yet done so, are urged at this time, to come forward.

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MAYLANDS

May 26 should have been a cinema and social night, but due to the reciprocation, of what have you misbehaving itself, we were deprived of an evening at the "Dug-Out." The women's auxiliary was there in force, and the meetings were a great entertainer with his piano-accompanied. A prize was donated by Roy Groch (our local newsagent) who was in residence. By the way, it is becoming quite evident the way that these Lawrence's have been cleaning up prizes. Eastwood was in charge of the games and the evening went according to plan. The gloom dispersed. Unfortunately, the P.O. was working. June 9 saw an innovation which, at first, was going to be very successful, and should bring members along earlier especially when they know that Steward Keelock is always ready for service. We anticipate holding our postponed Shell picture show on July 28. Special mention was made on this evening to the great work being done by our sick visitor, Mrs. W. Bristow. A.R.M.S. games were held on Friday, June 10; the attendance was very poor and discouraging to the organisers.

MELVILLE

The June meeting was opened at 8 p.m. by the President, Mr. A. C. Orchard. The usual theme was not yet apathetic. Instead of

MORAWA

The usual monthly meeting of the sub-branch was held on Wednesday, June 8, when there was a full attendance. A welcome visitor was Mrs. F. A. Nock (Secretary of the Mullewa sub-branch), and we hope to see more of him now that he has finished his duties. Morawa sub-branch forwarded a resolution to the State Executive requesting that the State's tariff be approached with a view to an Act being passed to restore women's and general special social functions. The meeting closed at 9.45, and the usual pensive evening concluded pleasantly.

MT. HAWTHORN

This month we report good attendances at committee meetings, as well as general meetings. Figures continue to rise, but we have not yet reached last year's figure for the same period. Members joining recently were: F. A. Nock, F. D. G. Hume, J. M. Sinekland, L. J. Batte, A. G. Shugur. A Ladies' night was held in the hall on Thursday, June 9, and function proved an outstanding success. Much of the credit is due to Mrs. Orchard, who, in her capacity as hostess, ensured that every guest was entertained or, that most of them, but would welcome a few more players as re-inforcements. Our June event, on the 2nd, will be a formal outing. In the past, many of these functions were running on, and the usual, many of course are waiting for the annual general meeting in August, which is due on the 2nd, to be followed by our annual auction, which will be held on July 28. The Junior committee has called to be present during election of officers are a renewal of confidence in present officebearers. Following on these events, Webcor has been called to be present during election of officers. The long-outstanding problem may yet be solved. This is the last clip for the attention please.

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WIEKEDERVILLE-WEENLET-FLOREAT

Meetings continue to be well attended and a new interest is being taken in the affairs of the sub-branch. Our cricket team was heartily congratulated on becoming premiers and thereby winning the R.S.L. Shield. The team did a remarkable job and finished the season brilliantly. We are looking forward to their successful defending the title next season. Our first A.R.M.S. game was against Claremont and resulted in a win for West Leederville after an interesting tussle. Our boys are certainly on the up and up, and it was especially pleasing to notice that our rifle team showed an improvement in form, probably being the outcome of the greater training. Our second shield win was from Cottesloe, on May 26. Members of all teams are showing good form and this augurs well for a successful games season. So far we have won three matches out of three, so all old members and intending members are urged to present themselves and pull their weight. West Leederville is on the up and up and we want to keep it that way.

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French Naval Recovery

In an 18th century building in the Place de la Concorde, in the heart of Paris, the French Navy recently opened an exhibition which showed the great effort France has made to repair the grievous naval losses of the war. A BBC correspondent, Guy Hadley, visited the exhibition and described in the BBC's "Radio Newsreel" the striking reconstruction achieved in the last three years.

"After the liberation the French Navy, formerly the second largest in Europe, had to start again almost from scratch," he said. "Today it totals nearly 400,000 tons and muster 400 ships. More than 3,000 wrecks have been cleared from the harbours. The great French naval ports of Brest, Toulon and Lorient which the Germans demolished have recovered a great deal of their pre-war activity. A fleet of over 100 minesweepers has been at sea doing the unspectacular but vital and dangerous job of lifting the mines which blocked the French coasts. Work has gone ahead on the completion of the battleship Jean Bart, the sister ship of the Richelieu. The Jean Bart was being fitted out in Brest when the French armistice was signed in 1940 but managed to get away a few hours before the Germans arrived.

"There's plenty of evidence at this exhibition of British cooperation in French naval recovery. The British Admiralty has lent France an aircraft carrier. British seafire fighters are in service with the French naval air force. Parts of the famous Mulberry floating harbours have been turned over to the French and are being used in French ports at home and abroad. In short, the exhibition gives encouraging evidence not only of the French naval revival but also of close cooperation between the French and British Admiralty."

Renewed Searches for 47 Wanted Men

Hiding throughout Australia are 47 Germans and Italians who escaped from various prisoner-of-war and internment camps after the end of the war. A reward of £25 has been offered by the Immigration Department for information leading to the capture of any of these men.

Most of the prisoners escaped just before they were due to be repatriated to their home countries in 1946 and 1947. They preferred to remain in Australia rather than go home.

Of the 47 men who have disappeared, there were two German and 40 Italian prisoners of war and five civilian internees. Nine men escaped from camps in this State. They are:

- BRUZZESE, Saverio (30): Escaped from Northam June 30, 1946. Height, 5ft. 4in.; medium build, brown hair and brown eyes.
- CASELLA, Rosario (31): Escaped from Tambeau, February 2, 1946. Height, 5ft. 10in.; medium build, black hair and brown eyes.
- CATULLO, Vito (34): Escaped from Detention Barracks, No. 11 Camp, W.A., in November, 1946. Height, 5ft. 3in.; medium build, dark eyes, with a scar on his forehead.
- FRISINA, Antonio (30): Escaped from Northam July 17, 1946. Height, 5ft. 5in.; medium build, brown hair and light-brown eyes.
- FRISINO, Antonio (35): Escaped from Northam March 25, 1946. Height, 5ft. 4in.; medium build, black hair and brown eyes.
- LO STOCCHI, Alfredo (28): Escaped from Northam March 5, 1946. Height, 5ft. 4in.; medium build, black hair and brown eyes.
- MENCONI, Bugliemo (38): Escaped from Northam July 19, 1946. Height, 5ft. 9in.; medium build, black hair, hazel eyes and a scar on his right side.

PAIER, Osvaldo (31): Escaped from Northam October 23, 1946. Height, 5ft. 1in.; medium build, light-brown hair and brown eyes.

TAGLIAFERRI, Giacomo (42): Escaped from Northam July 12, 1946. Height, 5ft. 6in.; medium build, dark brown hair and eyes, and a scar on the bridge of his nose.

A Visit to Sunset

The Old Sixteenth Ladies' Auxiliary recently gave a high tea to old comrades in Sunset. Quite a jolly party sat down to a feast and we had a great afternoon, the roll-call being 16. These included Jack Phillips (chairman). Jack is a fine speaker; Harry Andrews (one of the originals); Chris Erikson; T. Haapanen (15th Btn); Jack Lewis (Yank); Joe Thomson (80); Frank McParlane; Harry Hall (original); Gerry O'Connor; Jim (Digger) Saul: he saw it all, from start to finish; Jack McKenna; there were four men in hospital; Jack Bonney; Goldwyer (Goldie); Jack Warren and Frank Colbourne.

Do old pals remember any of them? If so, will they send them a cheerio through our secretary, Bill Newick.

First of all, the old boys gave us a cup of tea. "Brusier" O'Mara (10th L.H.), their obliging secretary, Joe Bennet, Bill Keelock and Ted Clark, all of the 11 Bn. acted as waiters and were added to the party.

Chairman Phillips thanked the ladies and said he did not expect any grows from them for a week.

Mesdames Ketterer and Abrams replied, and said the pleasure was theirs in meeting the old boys. Mrs. Newick gave each a present and reading matter.

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Royal Perth Hospital
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Hollywood Hospital
This is visited twice weekly by members of auxiliaries with gifts to help cheer up the sick men.

Home of Peace, Glendale and other hospitals are all visited by members. A special visit was made to Viroooleo by bus.

Members of the executive and representatives from many metropolitan auxiliaries made this trip.
Field-Marshal

The Chief of the General Staff, Sir William Slim, who has just been made Field-Marshal, is the seventh of the battle leaders of World War II to attain that rank. The others, in order of appointment, were Earl Wavell, Lord Alanbrooke, Lord Alexander, Lord Montgomery, Lord Wilson and Sir Claude Auchinleck.

The senior Field-Marshal on the Army List is Lord Birdwood. Fourth in seniority is H.R.H. the Duke of Windsor, the only member of the Royal Family at present holding the rank. Foreign royalties who were formerly British Field-Marshal were Kaiser Wilhelm II, King Alfonso of Spain and the former Emperor of Japan. The first and only Dominion soldier to hold the rank is Ian Christison Smuts of South Africa.

The rank of Field-Marshal was introduced into the British Army by King George II, and the first Field-Marshal was General George Wade, who held a command in Scotland during the Jacobite rebellion known as "The Forty-five." Incidentally, Wade had a verse all to himself in the original version of "Grod Save the King." One of the many verses not sung in these more tolerant days strongly urged the Almighty to strengthen the arm of General Wade for the task of exterminating the rebellious Scots.

Wellington was a Marshal of both Spain and Portugal before he was made a Field-Marshal of the British Army. In his sweeping victory at Vittoria, Wellington captured the baton of Napoleon's Marshal Jourdain. He sent it as a souvenir to the Prince Regent, afterwards George IV. The Prince took the hint, and Wellington's promotion followed in due course.

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