Congress and Communism

This month The Listening Post draws particular attention to two outstanding features—Congress and the Anti-Red Month.

Congress will meet shortly after this publication is in your hands. Last month we gave you a full list of League members who this year seek election or re-election to State offices, and this month we highlight the agenda with which Congress will have to deal. With the publication of these two features all members of the League in this State are enabled to keep abreast of activities.

Congress decides the policy of the League, and delegates are reminded that their responsibility is one not to be taken lightly. Last year it was noticeable that towards the end of Congress the number of delegates thinned out appreciably. It is hoped, particularly in view of the fact that many motions tabled towards the final hours are, in their way, quite as important as those coming up on the first day, that delegates will endeavour to attend all sessions and give heed to all that takes place.

In regard to the Anti-Red Month, it might be as well to point out to members in far-off places that the local branch of the League has, for a very lengthy period, been carrying out Anti-Red activities. Although a parade and a public meeting were recently held, this is actually only a culmination of other work which has been going on steadily in the past. The League is against Communism—of that there can be no doubt. For the League stands for Democracy in its fullest sense, and Democracy and Communism are as far apart as the Poles.

Make no mistake—the League is determined that no Communist shall become or remain a member of any sub-branch; it is determined that every possible move shall be made to counter Communist activities within Australia; and it is determined that every endeavour shall be used to offset any insidious influences the Communist party and its members may be exerting.

GOD SAVE THE KING!
Of many things

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of many things: Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—Of cabbages—and kings."

People who live in glass houses —! The big glass companies will soon be offering us glass that can be sawn and nailed like timber; glass that will float, glass that bounces; glass that can be bent like rubber, twisted into yarn, tied into knots and woven like silk. Already clothes woven from glass threads have been worn, and windows have been erected which, when hit with a stone, merely "give" under the impact. In addition, we have already polarised glass which prevents glare and which is likely to be used largely in the future for car headlights or wind screens, and glass which lets into our homes many of the healthful "ultra" rays which are kept out by the common glass of today.

Television is now being used in Britain to promote road safety. Street scenes are televised and a police official comments upon various incidents, pointing out to viewers what should, and what should not be done by both motorists and pedestrians.

Some people just love to keep records, and the compiling of statistics must keep many of them exceedingly busy. From an English journal we learn that a Manchester man removed from a quarter-acre garden 47,185 slugs during 1925; 35,952 in 1926; 61,304 in 1927; 49,185 in 1928. Another at Heysham caught 1,150 slugs in January, 1943; 1,838 in February; 1,901 in March, 2,091 in April; 2,759 in May, 5,270 in June, 5,606 in July, and 17,400 in August. Catching the darned things is enough trouble—to count them all—words fail us!

A few dried and shrivelled peas, found by Lord Carnarvon and Mr. Howard Carter when they opened King Tutankamen's tomb in 1922, have been planted in America. Much to everyone's surprise, although planted well after the recognised season, they grew well; but what is more extraordinary is the fact that they were given a wide berth by the pests which attacked other peas. Horticulturists state that this type of pea had become acclimatised to the hot and dry conditions of Egypt, and it is, therefore, reasonable to expect that they may do well in the hot and dry parts of the United States and Australia. All of the present crop is being saved, as the experimenters are anxious to accumulate as large a seed stock as possible.

Originality does not seem the uppermost thing in the United States, for there are no less than 29 Washington counties, 26 Jefferson counties, 24 Lincoln counties, 23 Franklin counties, 22 Jackson counties, and 12 Adams counties.

The way they have in the film industry: It would seem that the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer interests purchased the radio show "Date with Judy." They then went out and purchased a story called "Pigtails," which was to be the basis for the picture "Date with Judy." On top of this they bought the book "The Birds and the Bees" because they liked it better than "Date with Judy" as the title for "Pigtails."

If YOU think that is far-fetched, just call to mind the picture "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town." Then get hold of the book of this title. Except for the fact that Mr. Deeds wrote greeting-card verses and played the tuba, you positively couldn't recognise the book. For this was a murder mystery, and the murder mystery wasn't used at all in the film. No.
The producers used the title and the principal character, and then had a brand-new story written around them both.

And did you see "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer?" Then you should read that book, which was written by Yeats-Brown. It was mainly concerned with Yogi, being, in fact, the writer's biography. As for North-West frontiersmen and all the most interesting action which went with the film—it most certainly wasn't in the book. Which, maybe, accounts for some of the terrific costs which mount up when a modern feature film is being made.
This is Official
Items of Interest from the State Executive

A meeting of the State Executive was held on 27th July, highlights being:

ANTI-COMMUNIST MONTH
The State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt) submitted a report of a special sub-committee formed to deal with the affairs under this heading, and it was resolved that pressure should be exerted on both State and Federal Governments to apply a ban to Communism; that sub-branches should be urged to ensure that no openly avowed and known Communist be allowed to remain in a sub-branch upon submission of satisfactory evidence that such members are Communists; and that members of all sub-branches (a) exercise vigilance and bring to public notice the social and economic disabilities under which our native population lives and which render them receptive to seditious indoctrination; (b) take a lead in agitation for the prompt correction of these disabilities; and (c) take an active interest in detecting and countering Communist propaganda among natives.

IMMIGRATION
This report, presented by Mr. Lonnie, dealt with a number of interesting points, including the Kalgoorlie group migration scheme. It was resolved that Mr. Lonnie and one representative from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder sub-branches be nominated to visit England on behalf of the scheme and return with selected migrants.

FAVERSHAM HOUSE
Mr. Sten presented this report which dealt with a number of recommendations regarding the financing of this home. It was resolved that the proposals be submitted to the forthcoming State Congress.

REPATRIATION
This report, presented by Mr. Stahl, dealt with medical benefits for widows and orphans of the 1914-18 war [see our Newsreel pages], etc., and after the report had been dealt with it was resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. C. Taylor, the retiring Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation.

Other reports included R.S.L. Hostel (Mr. Watt), State War Memorial (Mr. Hunt), Anzac House and Anzac Club (Mr. Ferguson) and Trustees (Mr. Craig).

A further State Executive meeting was held on 10th August, highlights being:

HOUSING
The report presented by Mr. Davies pointed out that advice had been received from the State Housing Commission that the matter of a permanent camping and caravan area at Fremantle had been referred to the Town Planner. It was decided by the Housing Committee to request the manager of the brick works at Busselton to give details of the reason for suspension of production.

IMMIGRATION
Mr. Lonnie presented this report, which outlined the agenda of items submitted to the Minister for Immigration (Mr. Calwell). It also dealt with special medical requirements necessary in regard to migrants seeking employment in mines at Kalgoorlie. [This stressed that the most essential qualification is soundness in chest and lungs.]

"LISTENING POST"
The report presented by Mr. Lonnie dealt with a proposed change in the format of the League's official journal (to Digest form). In regard to the Verse Competition, it was reported that in all 466 entries had been received. These came from all parts of the Commonwealth.

MINING
Another report presented by Mr. Lonnie. This stated that 360 ex-service migrants from the United Kingdom were being sponsored by the League for employment in the larger gold mines of this State, and pointed out that representations were made to the Minister for Mines to have a number of tried and proven prospectors, preferably ex-servicemen, placed under the control of a supervisor and paid £5 a week for a period of 12 months as an inducement to seek for gold. The Minister, however, stated that he felt that under the present circumstances it was most necessary that the large producers should be maintained and available labour should be encouraged to join them. It was resolved to hold a Mining Conference as an adjunct to the Annual Congress.

FEDERAL EXECUTIVE
Mr. Stahl presented a detailed and comprehensive report of the recent Federal Executive meeting at which he was the Western Australian delegate. His report was received with acclamation. [Details of the implementation of motions at this meeting will appear in our pages as they take effect.]

Other reports included: Anzac Club and Anzac House (Mr. Ferguson), Faversham (Mr. Bateson), Finance (Mr. Herlihy), the North-West (Dr. Cook), Anti-Communist Month (Mr. Mitchell), R.S.L. Hostel (Mr. Herlihy) and Aged Sailors and Soldiers (Mr. Yeates).

THE HALIFGNONIAN DUKE
Demi-Canuck writes: The Canadian ship Haligonian Duke has been much in the news lately, but few people in Australia are aware that the Haligonian Duke of History was a member of the Royal Family. He was Ernest Augustus, Duke of Kent, and father of Queen Victoria.

He was Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces in North America early in the 19th century, with his headquarters in Halifax. A Haligonian, by the way, is a resident of Halifax.

The Duke was very unpopular in the Service, but he is remembered in Halifax by the number of public buildings he had erected. Among these was the Town Hall, with its clock. Those who visit the Town Hall tell the time by the clock. The story goes that the Duke made a virtue of punctuality, and provided the Town Hall with a clock so that nobody could have an excuse for being late.
From the Editor’s Note Book

Recently I received a letter from the president of the York sub-branch (Mr. T. P. Robinson) regarding my article in the June issue, “I visited Faversham,” and from this I am pleased to quote:

“The article...was discussed at the last general meeting of our sub-branch, which felt it could not let pass the statement...that ‘Faversham and the local sub-branch did not seem to be on good terms.’

“Why a good article was spoilt by that statement is hard to understand, especially as the writer admits he has only heard one side of the question and does not even state where that side came from.

“Much as we dislike taking credit for any of our actions, in fairness to ourselves we must state a few facts.

“York sub-branch is relatively small—with approximately 100 members. Even so, to every social activity a general invitation is extended to the residents of Faversham...and transport by taxi is available at the expense of the sub-branch. The late Albert McDougall...provided, amongst other things, firewood...a representative has attended meetings of the Faversham Advisory Committee and has backed up the manager in all his requests...It is interesting however, to note that, although advice on local matters is accepted by the Advisory Committee, it is mainly unheeded by the Management Committee.

“Apart from the paragraph referred to, the main features of the article have been long advocated by this sub-branch, as it is realised what a good purpose is being served by Faversham and how well looked after the residents are.

“It is known that Mr. Wells rang the sub-branch secretary but failed to make contact...People in the country make their arrangements ahead and it is not always possible to contact them at a moment’s notice.

“An open invitation is therefore extended Mr. Wells to renew his visit, contact the sub-branch and hear what has been done; but, more important, what could be done and what is needed to bring comfort to these aged Diggers who have found Faversham a good resting-place for their declining days.

“Might I ask visitors not to rush into print with a few half-baked impressions, but rather...hear both sides of the question.”

Well, it is nice to get a letter like that, despite the fact that I entirely disagree that my impressions were “half-baked.” I stated quite clearly that I had only heard one side of the question. Now I, and all my readers, know the other side. And it makes good reading, too.

As for the invitation, this I gladly accept, and within a month or so I shall again visit Faversham—and York—and its sub-branch.

In conclusion, may I say that it is nice to see, since the article in question was printed, that solid financial support is coming in for Faversham from all parts of the State.

Solemn Thought

How dreadful it must be for a masseur when he discovers he is rubbing his client the wrong way.

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In his book, "The War in Malaya," Lieut.-General A. E. Percival makes a reference to the A.I.F. which, if not altogether an indictment, certainly calls for comment. He says: "Among the senior officers who had, so to speak, been out of harness for some years, was the commander of the A.I.F., Major-General H. Gordon Bennett. It is not for me to criticise a system under which such appointments are made, but modern war gives little time for commanding officers to learn their trade, and I believe that if the Commonwealth is to get full value from the forces which it raises on mobilisation, greater provision should be made for training officers for the higher commands in time of peace."

To dismiss this statement would be to deny the value of experience, but, as B. H. Liddell Hart has pointed out, some of the most successful generals in history were men who had been "out of harness" between wars. There were two intervals of civilian employment in Wellington's career. One of Wellington's most competent Divisional Commanders in the Peninsula War, Sir Thomas Picton—he was afterwards a Corps Commander—had been "out of harness" for about ten years before he sailed with the ill-fated Welcheren Expedition and subsequently joined Wellington in Portugal. The two outstanding generals on the Northern side in the American Civil War, Grant and Sherman, were both regulars, who came back to the Army, after years of civilian life, when the Civil War started.

It may be argued that these commanders did not serve in modern wars, but the answer to that argument is that every war is a modern war by comparison with its predecessors. In all ages, commanders of armies have had to adapt their tactics to new types of armaments. In the Peninsula, the rifle was a new weapon, issued only to picked units, yet Wellington showed the use of rifle fire in his tactical employment of rifle and light infantry units.

His deployment of infantry into line enabled him, again and again to demonstrate how a greater volume of fire could be used to shatter shock tactics. Out of very crude material, Wellington improvised supply, transport and medical services, and evolved a highly efficient intelligence service. The weapons of the American Civil War—breech-loading rifles and breech-loading cannon, to mention a few—were represented as big an advance on those of earlier wars as the tanks, aircraft and guns of World War II on those of 1918.

Grant had the strategic foresight to realise that the Civil War could be won by establishing control of the Mississippi and so completing the blockade of the South. Sherman, one of the first modern generals to appreciate the economic aspects of war, cut another important supply line and broke the back of the Confederacy by his march through Georgia.

Modern Examples

If these examples are from a too remote past, let us consider the period of the Second World War. Many high-ranking officers of the A.I.F. other than those who served in Malaya, had been "out of harness" for years between the wars. Blamey, Wootten and Morishad may be cited as three examples.

Liddell Hart's contention is that years of routine regular service tend to produce senior officers with stereotyped minds, while those who come back to the service after a refreshing interval of civilian life have proved more successful. This gives point to the old idea that the Army always trains for the last war and not for the next one. It might also explain why so many wars—the Franco-German War, the South African War and the two World Wars—have been the grave of reputations earned in previous campaigns. There is much to support this contention, but if it were carried to a logical conclusion all serving officers should be retired on reaching field rank and brought back into harness on mobilisation.

In fairness to Lieut.-General Percival, it must be admitted that history can also provide many examples of successful commanders whose service was continuous. There were many such examples in both the British and Dominion forces, including the A.I.F., in both World Wars. One must conclude then, that neither Lieut.-General Percival nor Liddell Hart is entirely right, and that, even in this mechanised age, efficiency among army commanders is very largely an individual matter. Napoleon's maxim, "the moral is to the physical as three to one," is as true today as it was before Waterloo, and, even in the day of tanks and dive-bombers, the character of the commanding general is still one of the deciding factors in war.

A Change Needed?

Lieut.-General Percival is on much firmer ground in the latter part of his statement. If the Commonwealth is to get full value from the forces it raises on mobilisation, greater provision certainly should be made for training officers for the higher commands in time of peace. Before 1914, this provision was operating. There was an interchange of officers of the Regular forces between Britain and all the Dominions. Certain selected militia officers were sent to India for what used to be called the drill season. Three years of compulsory training, before 1914, provided the first A.I.F. with a reservoir of trained and partly trained soldiers of all ranks, as well as the machinery for rapid recruitment and the training of others. Senior officers had been trained for the command of formations as large as the brigade and its ancillary services. In 1939 these happy circumstances had almost disappeared. The Second A.I.F. had to be formed and officered from what material there was to hand. The material was good, but it was raw material despite a levelling of serving soldiers, and veterans who had been "out of harness for some years." The system of appointments of senior and junior officers was the only one that could be used under the conditions of the moment. It was applied to the Australian divisions which served in the Middle East, as well as to Major-General Bennett's division, and it has yet to be shown that, rank for rank, and man for man, the Eighth Division was in any way inferior, in leadership or in fighting spirit, to any of the other divisions of the Malayan campaign.

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A Work of Art

**By ANTON CHEKOV**

HOLDING under his arm an object wrapped in newspaper, Sasha Smirnov, the only son of his mother, walked nervously into the office of Doctor Koshelev.

"Well, my dear boy," exclaimed the doctor warmly, "how do you feel today? What's the good news?"

Sasha began to blink with his eyes, put his hand over his heart, and stammered nervously:

"My mother sends her regards and begs to thank you... I am my mother's only son, and you have saved my life... and we both hardly know how to thank you."

"Come, come, my young friend, let us not speak of it," interrupted the doctor, literally melting with pleasure. "I have only done what anybody else in my place would have done."

"I am the only son of my mother... We are poor people and consequently we are not in a position to pay you for your trouble... and it makes it very embarrassing for us, Doctor, although both of us, mother and I, who am the only son of my mother, beg of you to accept from us a token of our gratitude, this object which... is an object of rare worth; a wonderful masterpiece in antique bronze."

The doctor grimaced. "Why, my dear friend," he said, "it is entirely unnecessary. I don't need this in the least."

"Oh, no, no," stammered Sasha. "I beg you please accept it!"

He began to unwrap the bundle, continuing his treatises in the meantime: "If you do not accept this, you will offend both my mother and myself... This is a very rare work of art... an antique bronze. It is a relic left by my dead father. We have been reasoning that it was a very dear remembrance... My father used to buy up bronze antiques, selling them to lovers of old statuary... And now we continue in the same business, my mother and myself."

Sasha undid the package and enthusiastically placed its content on the table. It was a low candelabrum of antique bronze, a work of real art representing a group. On a pedestal stood two figures of women clad in the costume of Mother Eve and in poses that I have neither the audacity nor the temperament to describe. These figures were smiling coquettishly and in general gave one the impression that, were it not for the fact that they were obliged to support the candelstick, they would leap down from their pedestal and exhibit a performance which, my dear reader, I am even ashamed to think of!

When the doctor espied the present, he slowly scratched his head, cleared his throat and blew his nose.

"Yes, indeed, a very pretty piece of work," he mumbled. "But... how shall I say it—not quite I mean... rather unconventional... not a bit-Pietist, is it? You know... the devil knows... Why?"

"Belzebub himself could not have conceived anything more ugly. Should I place such a phantasmasagoria upon my table I would pollute my entire home!"

"Why, Doctor, what a strange conception you have of art!' cried Sasha in offended tones. "This is a real masterpiece. Just look at it! Such is its harmonious beauty that just to contemplate it fills the soul with ecstasy and makes the throat choke down a sob! When you see such loveliness you forget all earthly things. Just look at it! What life, what motion, what expression!"

"I quite understand all this, my dear boy," interrupted the doctor, "but I am a married man. Little children run in and out of this room and ladies come here continually."

"Of course," said Sasha, "if you look at it through the eyes of the rabble you see this noble masterpiece in an entirely different light. But you certainly are above all that, Doctor, and especially when your refusal to accept this gift will deeply offend both my mother and myself, who am the only son of my mother... You have saved my life... and in return we give you our dearest possession and... my only regret is that we are unable to give you the mate to this candelabrum."

"Thanks, friend, many thanks. Remember me to your mother and... but for God's sake! You can see for yourself, can't you? Little children run in and out of this room, and ladies come here continually... However, leave it here! There's no arguing with you."

"Don't say another word!" exclaimed Sasha joyously. "Put the candelabrum right here, next to the vase. By Jove, but it's a pity that I haven't got the mate to give you. But it can't be helped. Well, good-bye, Doctor!"

After the departure of Sasha the doctor looked for a long time at the candelabrum and scratched his head.

"This is beautiful, all right," he thought. "It would be a pity to throw it away. And yet I dare not keep it... Hm!... Who now in the world is there to whom I can donate or present it?"

After long deliberation he hit upon a friend of his, the lawyer, Ukhov, to whom he was indebted for legal services.

"Fine!" chuckled the doctor. "Being a close friend of his, I cannot very well offer him money, so I will give him this piece of indecency instead... And he's just the man for it... single, and somewhat a gay bird, too."

No sooner thought than done. Dressing himself, the doctor took the candelabrum and went to the home of Ukhov.

"Good evening, old chap!" he said. "I have come here to thank you for your trouble... You will not take money, and I will therefore repay you with this exquisite masterpiece... Now say for yourself, isn't it a dream?"

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Fond of Shooting Cats

By ERIC BERGER

"Comma trouble" is an ancient complaint—a plague that sometimes has serious, sometimes humorous, consequences. Most of us can take our commas or leave them, says the author of the accompanying article, but when to leave them out is the irritating question. When in doubt, most of us put the comma in; the better rule is to omit it, says Mr. Berger, who here gives prize examples of unfortunate "comma trouble."

Readers of a large city newspaper were horrified some while ago to discover that one of the hobbies which relax the tension under which Miss Clare Booth, brilliant American playwright, incubates her work for the stage, is "shooting cats." The morning after this private vice had become public the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals demanded an explanation. The explanation was simple and the lowly comma made front-page news. The newspaper had forgotten to print a comma after the word "shooting," Miss Booth is a good shot; but she does not use cats as her target; she is too fond of them. The organization which should have taken umbrage is the Society for the prevention of Cruelty to English.

Most of us can take our commas or leave them, but when to leave them out is an irritating question. When in doubt, most of us put the comma in; the better rule is to omit it. However, the necessity of never being in doubt is illustrated by the story of the toastmaster who raised his glass high and said: "Woman, without her, man is a brute." When the toastmaster opened his newspaper the next morning he found that a sleepy reporter had made him say, "Woman without her man is a brute." The story does not tell us how he passed that one off on his wife.

Again, no commas at all may sometimes be far worse than too many. A school superintendent was showing his efficiency-minded mayor through one of the town's schools. In one of the classes the teacher was drilling his pupils on the use of the comma. Turning to the superintendent, the mayor questioned: "Isn't it a waste of time to instruct pupils in such useless trifles as the comma?" The superintendent reddened; but only for a moment. He called one of the snickering youngsters to the blackboard and gave him a piece of chalk. "Write," he said to the boy, "this sentence on the blackboard: The mayor says the superintendent is a fool." When the lad had done that, the superintendent said: "Now, put a little comma after 'mayor' and another comma after 'superintendent.'" When the commas had been inserted the superintendent turned to the mayor and asked him to read the sentence. The mayor stalked out of the room and left education where it belonged.

About fifty years ago, the zeallessness of a Washington clerk cost the Treasury Department about two million dollars. A new tariff Bill passed through Congress provided that certain articles were to be admitted to the country free of duty. Among these articles was foreign fruit plants. The clerk who copied the Bill did not know that "fruit," which is ordinarily a noun, was in this case an adjective modifying the noun "plants." He inserted a comma between the words "fruit" and "plants," making it seem that "All foreign fruit plants, etc.," were to be admitted free of duty. In the year which passed before Congress could rectify the blunder, two million dollars worth of oranges, apples, pears, lemons, bananas, grapes and other fruits came into the United States duty free.

In 1879 the Michigan State Legislature put a statute on the books which provided that all railroads "shall provide a uniform, hat, or cap and a distinguishing badge" for employees of the road. The railroads contended that the law made it obligatory for them to provide only a hat or cap and badge for employees, giving the roads a choice between the uniform, hat or cap. The Attorney-General's office, when recently appealed to by the State Public Utilities Commission for an interpretation of the statute, ruled that the railroads were also required to purchase uniforms for their employees. Words, declared the Attorney-General's office, control the punctuation marks; the punctuation marks do not control the words themselves.

Nevertheless, most of us are prone to forget this rule, and the misplaced comma always gets a hearty laugh. A recent newspaper article dealing with a reporter's trip through a large dairy had the following prize: "The man having finished milking, a cow offered to take me into an adjoining room, where the milk is cooled." This brings only a chuckle, but consider the outraged feelings of the Nonconformist minister who was made to say that "I want to wear no clothes, to distinguish me from my fellow Christians." The minister had some explaining to do, even to his Nonconformist flock.

Sometimes the puny comma shoulders the blame which properly should be laid to a poorly constructed sentence. Last year, Mrs. Mae Van Fleet, of Roselle Park, New Jersey, petitioned the Orphans Court to construe the will of her husband. He left his widow "all personal effects, excepting my collection of old paper money and coins, my books and cash and securities of every kind and nature." Mrs. Van Fleet claimed that it was her husband's intention to leave her his personal estate with the exception of the old paper money and coins. However, she wished the court's construction because other legatees might contend that the second comma, after word "coins," deprived her of "my books and cash and securities of every kind and nature." Clearer wording would have better expressed the testator's intention. He could have said: "all personal effects, including my books and cash and securities of every kind and nature, excepting my collection of old paper money and coins." This would have done it.

Testators are not the only ones who go wrong with the poorly constructed sentence. If we chance to look at the high places we find that at Seattle, Washington, ordinance makes it unlawful "for any person to use water
The Balaclava Charge

George Shegog, in Launceston, claims that his grandfather sounded the "charge" which sent the Light Brigade into action at Balaclava on October 25, 1854. Grandpa may have blown a bugle that day, but Trumpeter Kenneth Landfrey blew that fatal charge. This news may be of interest to quiz experts and interesting to Listening Post readers.

That famous bugle call still lives and can be heard today, blown on the same bugle and by the same trumpeter who blew it at Balaclava. It is on phonographic records preserved in the British Museum and in the National Vocarium of Famous Voices in New York. The phonograph was not invented until nearly 30 years after Balaclava, but on August 2, 1890, Walter Miller, an associate of Thomas Edison, who had invented the phonograph, was in London recording famous voices for posterity, among them being Queen Victoria and Gladstone. The War Office sent Trumpeter Kenneth Landfrey, who survived the famous charge and the 36 years following, with the historic bugle, to reproduce the famous "Charge," as he blew it on that frosty morning at Balaclava. (The same bugle was used at Waterloo in 1815 by Landfrey's grandfather.)

The famous charge was a dreadful blunder. It never had any hope of achieving success or military value, and only destroyed valuable cavalry men and horses. Senior officers responsible should have been court-martialed.

The 17th Lancers, for instance, started off 145 in strength and the roll call after the charge was 32, with Lord Tredgair, a captain, in charge. He was one of the few survivors 50 years later and his charger lived for 20 years back in England.

The glory of those splendid men rested on the epic poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade." In 1902, on a famous London stage, 37 survivors were gathered, the last of the glorious Six Hundred.

We old South African wonder if our faithful Australian steeds lived in luxury back in South Africa after the war, and the 10th Light Horse and other units of the 1914-18 war-to-end-war were, years ago, mildly suggesting purchasing the remainder of their old war horses from the hands of the gentle Gippo.

—HARRY DAY.

16th BATTALION (A.I.F.) REUNION

Our annual reunion will be held in the upper room at Anzac House on Friday, October 7, at 8 p.m.

This year we have decided on a mixed gathering, and it is desired that members be accompanied by their wives or lady friend.

Fees: 3/- double ticket; extra visitors, 3/- each.

All members intending to be present please inform the secretary, 39 Hutt Street, Mr. Lawley, stating number attending. This is necessary for catering. The ladies' auxiliary is desirous of obtaining addresses of all widows of our 16th Bn. members. Will the ladies please contact the secretary, Mrs. Abrahams, 31 Olive Street, Subiaco, for invitations.

Our annual business and elections will take place before the reunion. Re our King's Colours: The position is still obscure.

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CONGRESS AGENDA

The 33rd Annual State Congress will be held at Anzac House, Perth, commencing on Monday, September 26, with a special Land Conference which opens at 11 a.m. At 12 noon the Minister for Lands (Hon. L. Thorn) will give a talk.

On Tuesday, September 27, at 9.30 a.m., there will be a Mining Conference, when talks will be given by the Minister for Mines (Hon. H. S. Parker) and the Under-Secretary for Mines (Mr. A. H. Telfer).

At 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Congress will be officially opened by His Excellency the Governor (Sir James Mitchell), accompanied by the Premier of Western Australia (Hon. Ross McLarty) and the Service Chiefs. Supper will be served to guests and delegates at 9.30 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 28, League officials and Congress delegates will lay a wreath on the State War Memorial. At 10 a.m. the first session of Congress will commence.

The agenda this year shows 274 items, 73 of which will be dealt with at the Land Conference and five of which will come before the Mining Conference.

At the General Congress one of the main items will be that dealing with Communism. There are 13 resolutions from 11 sub-branches, all of which show that the League is solidly against Communist doctrines and aims. The ban on Communists as members of the League is soundly upheld, and some resolutions call for all League members to sign a declaration that they are not Communists or in favour of Communist ideas.

The matter of the celebration of Anzac Day, which last year resulted in the maintenance of the status quo by only three votes, this year brings forth 24 resolutions from sub-branches. Some seek a continuation of the present method of celebration; some ask that sport and entertainment be held in the afternoon; some want a State-wide referendum to be held upon the question.

There are nine sub-branch resolutions on the matter of Eligibility. The majority of these ask that all men who volunteered for overseas service be admitted to League membership.

The matter of Pensions and Repatriation has brought forward 19 resolutions. These are very varied, but in many cases increased pensions and benefits are sought.

Defence brings forward 11 resolutions. Several ask for the introduction of compulsory training; others that all pay earned while engaged in voluntary training should be tax free.

Nine resolutions call for amendments in the Constitution, and of these five are concerned with membership of the State Executive.

At the last Congress no less than 14 resolutions were on the agenda regarding the matter of Subscriptions. This year the number has been reduced to five.

RESOLUTIONS

I will neither yield to the song of the siren nor the voice of the hyena, the tears of the crocodile nor the howling of the wolf.

—George Chapman.

There is no such thing in man's nature as a settled and full resolve either for good or evil, except at the very moment of execution.

—Hawthorne.

Your ev'ry voter exercises a public trust. Grover Cleveland.

Never ascribe to an opponent motives meaner than your own.

—J. M. Barrie.

A good archer is not known by his arrows, but his aim. —Thomas Fuller.

Housing is covered by 16 resolutions (in addition to six on the Land Conference agenda); Favesham House has 15 (one of which calls for its closing if, during the period October to March, the number of resident war veterans does not average 75 per cent. of its capacity; Anzac Club has 7; The Listening Post three; the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund and War Veterans' Home Fund 5 (plus several which come under the Favesham heading); War Medals four; War Gratitude four; War Service Homes four; Migration five; Widows' and Dependents five; and Life Membership three. There are 11 resolutions regarding the Constitution of Congress and a number of miscellaneous items for discussion.

On the Land Conference agenda there are 22 items dealing with Land Settlement. A number of these deal with the War Service Land Settlement Scheme and the Land Settlement Board. Eight resolutions will deal with materials and equipment (including tractors, machinery, implements, piping, wire and netting); five will deal with housing (some calling for greater consideration, in country towns, of erection of Commonwealth rental homes); and there will be at least 17 miscellaneous resolutions.

The 53 items at this year's Land Conference compares very favourably with last year's total—39.

On the other hand, whereas last year saw 16 items on the agenda of the Mining Conference, this year there are but five, although it is in the bounds of possibility that more may come to hand after these notes are published.

Total items on last year's agenda were 249. This year's printed agenda shows 274.

LIGHT HORSE SECRETARY HONOURED

One of the most representative gatherings of Light Horsemen of all ranks of the 1914-18 War gathered at lunch on July 26 at the Y.M.C.A., Murray Street. The occasion was a tribute to the honorary secretary of the 10th Light Horse Association (Roy Perry) for the excellent work he has done on behalf of the Association over the last 27 years.

The occasion was about, plans for a long service leave and intentions visiting the Eastern States, and at the luncheon opportunity was taken to present a travelling rug each to Roy and his wife.

After the loyal toast, followed by silence in memory of fallen comrades, President Harry Macnee proposed the health of the guest and Colonel Sweetapple supported his remarks. Attention was drawn to the fact that the Light Horseman had taken his own time voluntarily given by honorary secretaries to their associations, etc., and it was pointed out that Roy had not been hindered in any way in his duties, and it was pointed out that Roy had not been hindered in any way in his duties.

If good wishes can secure for Mr. and Mrs. Perry a jolly holiday, then they will both thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Many apologies were received from country and outer-suburban members, and everyone present could not fail to notice the good will and pleasure which Light Horsemen always seem to engender on such occasions.

Man is that peculiar animal who gets a hearty laugh out of an old family album and then looks in the mirror without so much as a grin.
One of society's glittering matrons was giving a dinner party, and haughtily phoned the local Navy headquarters and asked them to send along a few staff members.

Two men of the rank-and-file arrived, and were indignantly requested to eat with the servants in the kitchen.

Furious at such an occurrence, the hostess rang the Naval Commander next day, and demanded to know the reason for sending such low-ranking men to her party. The Commander explained that one was an earl and the other a viscount.

"Goodness!" gasped the matron. "Will you please apologise to them for me, and ask them to call again?"

They did. They went to the back door and took her two maids to the pictures.

He came late to a tennis match and sat down on a bench.

Addressing no one in particular, he asked: "Whose game?"

Sitting next to him was a shy young lady. She looked up, and then murmured, hopefully if blushingly, "I am."

The agitated customer entered the chemist's shop.

A few days ago you sold me a plaster to help me to get rid of my lumbago," he said.

"That's right, sir," replied the chemist. "And what can I have the pleasure of doing for you now?"

"I want you to give me something to get rid of the plaster."

Girls once rejected a man because of his weak chin. Now it's his weak gin.

The old tightwad was suffering on the operating table, both from the pain and fear at the sum the doctor would extract from him. Finally he could not restrain himself any longer and blurted out from semi-consciousness: "Doctor, how much will the operation cost me?"

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"You ought to know, sir. You were in the barrow."

Husband in court: "I always have the last word, inasmuch as I say 'Yes' to every question my wife puts to me. But you've got to listen to the questions. I tried this plan once and didn't listen. And one day my wife said: 'Do you think I'm a fool?'"

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**PERSONALITIES**

- Mr. W. J. Hunt, State President of the League, left by air for Canada on August 28 to attend the conference of the British Empire Service League. On August 17, Mr. Hunt was farewelled at a special social gathering at Anzac House by members of the State Executive and a large number of sub-branch officials and members.

- Mr. O. G. Campbell-Egan, of the Press sub-branch, has, we regret to learn, been an inmate of the St. John of God Hospital, Subiaco. His many friends will no doubt join with The Listening Post in wishing him a speedy recovery to health.

- Dr. F. K. Wallace, C.O. of the 7/13 Field Ambulance, C.M.F., is calling for recruits under 35 years of age. He states that the training is both useful and interesting. Headquarters are at Karrakatta (phone F 1971).

- Bert Clarke, of the Ardath-Babakin sub-branch, is at present in hospital. As a stalwart of the League he is greatly missed by his fellow sub-branch members.

- Charlie Owens, of the Kensington sub-branch, recently joined the ranks of the beneficiaries, and his fellow members wish to take the opportunity of extending their hearty congratulations.

- Mr. L. James, of the South Perth sub-branch, is another to whom fellow members wish to extend all good wishes. Mr. James has left for Victoria for an indefinite period.

- Rear-Admiral J. A. S. Eccles, C.B.E., of the Royal Navy, has been appointed Flag Officer Commanding His Majesty's Australian Fleet for a period of two years from about October 1, 1949. Rear-Admiral H. B. Farncombe, C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., is being relieved in the normal course of rotation of senior appointments in the Navy, and he will assume the appointment of Head of the Australian Joint Service Staff in the United States and Australian Naval Representative and Naval Attache, Washington.
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* Just how healthy is a "healthy appetite?" It would surprise many people to know that obesity resulting from overeating is one of the serious nutrition problems today. The average person is frequently unwilling to be convinced that such a pleasurable pastime as eating can be, when overdone, a very definite hazard to health and life. In fact, the fat man is still secure in the twentieth century as a symbol of good humour and, illogically, smiling health, and it is almost considered a social error to refer to his condition as abnormal.

However, your appetite definitely isn't "healthy" if you aren't satisfied until you consume more food than your body can safely use. In such a case, food intake exceeds energy expenditure, and surplus is stored as fat until eventually more is accumulated beyond that normally required as a reserve supply. Finally, an overweight condition is reached.

In addition to being a menace to health by placing a definite strain on the heart and other vital organs, parasitic fat contributes to fatigue and bodily discomfort. It has been often stated that "excessive waistslines tend to go along with shorter lives."

Let's look at statistics. Although modern science and medicine has increased man's probable life span 30 per cent. over the last three decades, the Acturial Society of America has found that if you are 55, and 20 per cent. overweight, your chances of postponing degenerative diseases such as heart trouble, and living as long as your normal weight friends, are 20 per cent. lower. Again, life insurance companies, which maintain complete mortality and disability statistics, tell us that the fat of the land neither feel as well nor live as long as slender people. In fact, the overweight are considered in such a perilous position by these longevity experts that they are reluctant to place life insurance on even the moderately overweight, and may refuse insurance altogether in some cases.

"If I could die eating, I'd die happy," might say the middle-aged gourmet who has not yet begun to pay one of the many penalties of obesity in anything more than higher food and tailoring bills and less aesthetic physical appearance. He might lose his appetite for second helpings, however, if he realized that in thirty pounds of excess fat, for example, there are approximately 25 miles of blood vessels through which the overworked heart must, in addition to its regular duties, pump blood every fifth-sixths of a second or less.

Heart and circulatory disorders such as high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries, have long claimed more lives in North America than any other disease. It has been shown that persons carrying an excess burden of fat greatly outnumber the normal weight victims of these disorders.

Apart from the sheer pleasure of taste and the feeling of gratification from fullness, why do we overeat? A prominent American nutritionist has arrived at these interesting conclusions.

Mothers, over-anxious to see that their children eat enough, unknowingly see that instead they get into the hard-to-break habits of eating too much.

On the other hand, children, anxious to please, imitate parents who may have adopted habits of overeating.

Many people become accustomed to finding temporary refuge from their emotional difficulties and worries by over-eating during and nibbling between meals.

Invalids or cripples, whose need for food becomes less, may not lose their appetites proportionately.

Eating habits, formed during younger years when the body is growing and food need is great; may not change with age.

Unlike most ailments, however, obesity is easily preventable. Reducing food before it turns into fat is comparatively easy and healthy, but unfortunately too much quackery and faddism has become associated with weight reduction today.

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PENSIONS FOR MENTAL CASES.—The Minister for Repatriation states that "temporarily totally incapacitated" pensions for ex-service mental hospital patients took effect as from May 26. "Formal application is not necessary," says the Minister, "because patients in mental hospitals, on the authority of the Repatriation Department, will be eligible after three continuous months as inpatients, or earlier if it is impossible to determine eligibility. The increased rate will then apply from the day of admission."

REPATRIATION ACT.—The Queensland branch of the League is seeking to have a clause inserted in the Repatriation Act to provide that, where the cause of death of a British ex-serviceman has been certified as due to war service, medical and educational benefits be extended to his widow and children irrespective of whether his death occurred before or after his widow's embarkation for Australia; also, that the Government be asked to make a reciprocal arrangement on this matter with the British Government.

PENSION INCREASE.—The Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Bill which was passed through the House of Representatives on July 1 increases the rate of service pension for the first child of a service pensioner from 10/- to 18/- a fortnight where the member is granted a service pension on the grounds of being permanently unemployable or suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.

ATTENTION ALL FIELD SIGNALLERS.—Mr. J. C. Coad, 236 Crawford Road, Inglewood, would like all Field Signallers who passed through the Northam Signals School from its inception until the final period (June, 1942) to forward their names and addresses so that a register can be compiled with the aim of social activities.

P.O.W. COMPENSATION.—It is interesting to note that the United States Government is considering paying one dollar (6/1) a day compensation to former prisoners of war. The Australian Government has been asked repeatedly to pay prisoners of war 3/- a day for the time they were in enemy hands, as it is considered that they are morally entitled to that sum as for the whole of their imprisonment they were on a starvation diet at no cost to the Government. This new move in America may assist the League in obtaining some satisfaction of this claim.

HOUSING RIGHTS.—The Chief Secretary (Mr. Parker) states that legislation will soon be introduced to restore the rights affecting housing lost by ex-servicemen when the War Service Moratorium Regulations were declared invalid by the High Court (an exception permits an ex-serviceman to secure an empty house by Court Order). Proposed legislation will protect ex-servicemen from eviction and warrants under certain circumstances, and will operate for a period of 12 months.

TRUST FUND FIGURES.—The Trustees of the Services Canteens Trust Fund—estimate that the fund will finally approximate £4,800,000. Up to June 30, 1948, the sum of £4,036,522 had been received, and £2,500,000 of this has been set aside for the education of children of eligible ex-servicemen. The remainder has been placed in the Welfare Fund. During the 12 months a matter of £411,000 has been expended upon welfare relief.

BILLIARD TABLE FOR SALE.—The hon. secretary of the Midland Junction sub-branch informs us that they have a billiard table for disposal.

Details can be obtained from Mr. H. W. J. Kynaston, 68 Ferguson Street, Midland Junction.

UNIQUE MUSEUM.—A museum collection much out of the ordinary is being assembled at the Imperial War Museum, London. It is made up of newspapers, magazines and wall-news sheets produced by soldiers all over the world in both world wars. It is said to be the only collection of its kind. Many thousands of exhibits have already been got together, including hand-written sheets issued daily in German prison camps, newspapers published by troops serving overseas and secret journals distributed by members of resistance movements at the risk of their lives. They give vivid impressions of the drama, humour, boredom and indominable courage of soldiers in all phases and conditions of warfare. Some of the journals ran for only two or three editions, while others came out regularly for years. Most prison camps had their own news sheet. One soldier, it is stated, although moved from camp to camp, contrived to write a news sheet with unfailing regularity for five years —no matter where he went.

DONATIONS FOR FAVER.——The Secretary for Railways announces that "in view of the worthy nature and objects of the Home, the Commissioner has approved of it being included in the list of institutions entitled to free carriage of donations. Details of the concessions are: Free carriage of consignments of fruit, reading matter and old clothing that have been donated for use by the occupants of the Home. Up to 2 cwt. is carried by goods trains and up to 56 lb. by passenger trains. The packages must be plainly addressed to the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. Aged Veterans' Home, York, and endorsed 'Free Donation,' showing the name of the donor."

W. S. L. S. S. PRODUCTION LEVELS.—The Acting-Minister for Post-War Reconstruction reports upon standards set by the Commonwealth in relation to various types of land settlement under the W.S.L.S.S. in detail in a circular (100/49) which has been forwarded to Anzac House.
This says: "The scheme provides that settlement shall be undertaken only where economic prospects for the production concerned are reasonably sound . . . and that the proceeds of the holdings are sufficient to provide a reasonable living for the settlers after meeting such financial commitments as would be incurred by the settler possessing no capital. Production levels are: Fat lambs: 900-1,000 crossbred ewes producing lambs of export quality where there is high seasonal reliability. Crossbred lambs: 1,100-1,300 ewes producing first-cross lambs for fattening in flush seasons where there is a moderate seasonal reliability. Woolgrowing and breeding replacements: 1,500 mixed flock woolgrowers breeding replacements where there is moderate seasonal reliability. Dry-wool sheep: 2,000 dry sheep woolgrowers under moderate seasonal reliability. Mixed wheat and sheep: Ranging from 450 acres annually cropped where the yield is 12 bushels per acre under appropriate rotation with a complementary carrying capacity of 350 merino ewes to 200 acres cropped annually where the yield is 20 bushels per acre and a complementary carrying capacity of 300 merino ewes with adjustment for the intermediate yields. Dairying: Minimum of 12,000 lb. butter or 20,000 gallons milk in milk zone which it is estimated should be obtainable from 40 to 50 milch cows, plus necessary replacement stock, respectively, where provision for full breeding is possible." This circular is a lengthy one, but extremely interesting to the man on the farm. It can be seen at Anzac House.

AFFORESTATION.—Resolution 46 at the May meeting of the Federal Executive, "That the Commonwealth Government be asked to discuss with the States the question of afforestation and re-afforestation," has brought a reply from the Prime Minister: "The Director-General, Forestry and Timber Bureau, has advised that the questions of afforestation and re-afforestation are continually under discussion between the Bureau and State Forest Services. Until reasonably accurate information is available with regard to the extent and potentialities of Australia's present forest resources, it is not possible to decide the extent of afforestation and re-afforestation required. However, it is realised that there are many areas of cutover native forest which need rehabilitation, and that much larger areas can safely be planted with softwoods than are being planted at the present time, and the work in these directions is increasing and improving annually. It will, no doubt, be appreciated, however, that with the present shortage of timber for essential purposes, it is temporarily necessary for the States to apply the bulk of their staff, labour and financial provision to measures directly connected with forest production."

DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO.—In reply to complaints lodged regarding tobacco supplies in this State, the Secretary of the Tobacco Manufacturers' Committee writes: "Most of the matters raised were the subject of questions in the W.A. Legislative Assembly by Mr. Leslie and Mr. Hawke on June 29 and July 5, to which the Premier apparently gave satisfactory replies. We suggest that your W.A. branch might be interested to obtain a copy of the Parliamentary Debates regarding these questions and answers. There is no secrecy concerning the constitution or activities of the Tobacco Trade Distribution Committee, which took over the functions of the Government committee when that authority relinquished control of tobacco distribution in March, 1946. The committee comprises the same representation without the Government nominee, the principles of distribution also being the same. The Trade Committee is representative of manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing interests and its sole concern is the orderly distribution of tobacco goods until such time as supplies are sufficient to meet demand. The members of the committee act in a voluntary capacity and give much time and thought to distribution problems. . . . The question of importing sufficient tobacco to meet the needs of the influx of migrants is entirely a matter for the Commonwealth Government, which controls the issue of licenses for the importation of tobacco leaf."

WAR WIDOWS' RELIEF.—The Minister for Repatriation has granted the League's request that widows of World War I be placed on the same footing as widows of World War II regarding repatriation benefits. This means that 1914-18 war widows will have unrestricted access to Repatriation Commission doctors, a choice of chemists who will use an unrestricted formulary and, if practicable, admittance to Repatriation Commission hospitals. New arrangements will also apply to dependents of 1914-18 war widows.

VICTORIA PARK MEMORIAL.—The Perth City Council has authorized expenditure of up to £400 to meet half the cost of replacing the present war memorial at Victoria Park with an obelisk, provided that local bodies and residents raise the other half. The design and type of the memorial and the materials to be used must be approved by the council.

EX-SERVICE HOLDINGS.—The Minister for Post-War Reconstruction announces that in the year ended June 30, ex-servicemen were allotted 1,275 land settlement holdings totalling 1,677,000 acres. Since the inception of the scheme, 2,682 holdings totalling 4,995,000 acres have been allotted.
THE WOODEN HORSE

Here is the story of one of the most daring and unusual prison escapes of this last, or any other, war.

It would be hardly fair to give details of the modus operandi of the escape engineered by the two heroes of this story, but we can assure readers who enjoy thrillers that they will find it difficult to put this book down, despite the fact that the story is a true one.

Eric Williams, the author, was a prisoner of the Germans in Stalag-Luft III, a place he describes in the following words:

"The camp was set in a clearing of the pine forest; a few single-storey wooden barracks raised on piles three feet above the ground, huddled together inside, the wire; the wire itself, the main feature of the camp, strong and heavily interlaced, a twelve-foot double fence of bristling spikes. There were arc lamps hanging above the wire and at intervals along each fence stood "goon-boxes," small sentry-boxes on stilts higher than the wire. These goon-boxes were armed with machine-guns and carried searchlights which swept the camp continually during the hours of darkness. There were two guards in each box, connected by telephone to the main guardroom at the prison gates. 'Posten' carrying tommyguns patrolled the wire between the sentry-boxes.

"Fifteen feet inside the main fence was a single strand of barbed wire twelve inches above the ground. This was the trip-wire and anyone stepping over it was shot at by the guards. A narrow pathway trodden by the feet of the prisoners ran round the camp just inside the trip-wire. This was their exercise ground, known as the circuit. It had become a convention in the camp to walk only in an anti-clockwise direction round the circuit."

Many readers will recognise such a place.

Tunnelling in this camp presented a number of difficulties, the major one of which was the matter of hiding the sand removed from a tunnel of some three hundred feet in length.

"The only way to get out is to make the tunnel as short as possible —to start somewhere near the trip-wire."

And that is how the job was done. The tunnel was started right out in the open, under the eyes of the guards—and the way in which it was done makes really first-class reading.

But that does not end the story.

The two men who made the break decided that, rather than walk to freedom in the way so many had tried, they would bluff things out, travel by rail and stay, not in barns and hedges, but in hotels.

They got to Stettin after a number of adventures and then hunted for a ship which would carry them into neutral territory. This job had never seemed easy—it was harder than could have been expected.

Once they were shot at by sentries.

On another occasion they were nearly trapped in a dockside cafe. They met members of the Resistance Movement. At long last, when funds and patience were almost exhausted, they found a vessel which would take them out of Germany. But even then they would be in occupied territory—for Denmark was their destination.

Even this journey was full of thrills, for:

"The Jerrys are waiting to arrest us when we get to Copenhagen.... The ship docks early tomorrow morning. During the night we shall meet the boat and she will take us off. If we miss her, we are all finished."

"They spent the rest of the day and night waiting anxiously for the boat."

Then they reached the Resistance headquarters, hid out in Copenhagen for a short period, became engaged in a life-and-death struggle with a German sentry—and at last reached Sweden.

The book is written in the third person and, although certain characters have been redrawn and their names changed, the facts are true.

The whole adventure is fantastic, yet full of interest. The book, indeed, is one which it is difficult to put down. It can be warmly recommended to all who like a volume out of the ordinary.

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during a fire. As this sentence stands, the prohibition also extends to the firemen engaged in smothering the blaze. A revision of the ordinance would remove firemen from the category of lawbreakers.
One of New Hampshire's statutes provides that when two automobiles meet at a street intersection each driver must wait for the other to pass. A literal interpretation of that law would make it necessary for the drivers to wait until one of them died. The legislators might have said that one must wait for the other to pass.
There have been times when the little comma provided the material for a brilliant riposte. Once when Lessing, the great German dramatist, was late for one of Frederick the Second's gay supper parties, Frederick annoyingly wrote on the wall over his good-friend Lessing's place: "Lessing is an ass." Underneath this line he put his signature, "Frederick the Second." A roar of laughter greeted Lessing on his arrival. He glanced at the writing on the wall above his place and, taking a pencil, inserted a comma after the word "ass." The epigraph read: "Lessing is an ass, Frederick the Second [second ass]."
So you see, the little comma, perched like a flea between a couple of words, may sometimes have an importance out of all proportion to its size. Were I to write, referring to the anecdote above, that "this article ended happily," you might agree with me if you liked the story. Should the tale be an old chestnut to you, though, you might rightly jib a comma between the words "ended" and "happily," to make the phrase read: "This article ended, happily." The little mark does make a difference!

10th LIGHT HORSE ASSN.
(A.I.F.)
Annual Reunion, 1949
The annual reunion of the Tenth Light Horse Regiment will be held at the sup- per room, Anzac House, St. George's Terrace, Perth, on Tuesday, 4th October, 1949. This is the Tuesday of Show Week.
All members of the Regiment, Camel Corps and other mounted units that served on Gallipoli and Palestine are cordially invited. Country members are particu- larly asked to organise parties of old comrades from their districts.
Make this a date for 1949.

Malayan Post-Mortem
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The blame for Australia's military impotence in 1939 must be shouldered by successive Australian Governments and the people who elected them. Disarmament forced on the country by the need for retribution during the depression period, and the pacifism which persisted all understanding which insisted on a policy of disarmament while aggressor nations were arming to the teeth, created a situation which was not corrected until after at least two years of blood and tears.
It needed the tragic lessons of the first phases of the Second World War to make the public aware that adequate defence forces are the only reliable insurance against aggression. To be adequate, defence measures must include provision for the training of officers for the higher command, as Lieut.-General Percival suggests. An adequate defence force has long been an article of constitutional faith in the R.S.L. Fortunately the Commonwealth Government is approaching the problems of post-war defence with a realistic outlook.

Prefabs
Lots of talk throughout this country about the prefabricated home and, unfortunately, lots of opposition. But in Canada they are producing a prefabricated unit for the home which is meeting with a great deal of success. This is known as the "mechanical core" of the home, and consists of a kitchen and bathroom built in one unit, ready for placing in the house. Bathroom has bath, basin, shower, water closet and the usual fittings and fixtures, while the kitchen has two laundry tubs, an electric washer, an air-conditioning plant, a motor-driven wringer, a heating plant, fluorescent lighting, an electric refrigerator, an electric clock and all the necessities and gadgets a housewife could possibly require. Some 50 of these units are being turned out daily, but the price is about £360, which, taking into consideration the average price here of imported lines, would probably cost the Australian houseowner well over £600. But surely there is no reason why similar units could not be manufactured here?
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As soon as the lawyer caught sight of it, he was exhilarated with its beauty. "What a wonderful work of art!" he laughed uproariously. "Ye gods, what conceptions artists will get into their heads! What alluring charm! Where did you get the little dandy?"

But now his exhilaration had oozed away and he became frightened. Looking steadily toward the doctor, he said: "But I can't accept it, old chap. You must take it right back."

"Why?" asked the doctor, in alarm. "Because... because... my mother often visits me, my clients come here... and besides, I would be disgraced even in the eyes of my servants."

"Don't say another word," cried the doctor, gesticulating wildly. "You simply have got to accept it! It would be rank ingratitude for you to refuse it! Such a masterpiece! What motion, what expression... You will greatly offend me if you don't take it."

"If only this were daubed over or covered with fig leaves..."

But the doctor refused to listen to him. Gesticulating even more wildly, he ran out of Ukhov's house in the thought that he was rid of the present.

When the doctor was gone the lawyer carefully examined the candelabrum, and then, just as the doctor had done, he began to wonder what in the world he could do with it. "A very beautiful object," he thought... "It is a pity to throw it away, and yet it is disgraceful to keep it. I had best present it to someone..."

No sooner thought than done. That afternoon the well-packed candelabrum was brought to the comedian Shoshkin. The rascal loves such things, and, besides, this is his benefit night...

The horse voice of Shoshkin was immediately heard to reply: "Oh, no, no, my darling, you mustn't. I am not dressed!"

After the performance the comedian shrugged his shoulders, gesticulating with his hands and said: "Now what in the world am I to do with this? I live in a private apartment! I am often visited by actresses! And this isn't a photograph that one could conceal in a drawer!"

"Well, why don't you sell it?" suggested the wig-maker. "There is a certain old woman who buys up antique bronzes... Her name is Smirnova." "You had better take a run over there; they'll show you the place all right, everybody knows her."

The comedian followed his advice.

Two days later Koshelkov, his head supported on his hand, was sitting in his surgery. Suddenly the door was opened and into the office rushed Sasha. He was smiling radiantly and his breast heaved with joy. In his hands he held something wrapped in newspaper.

"Doctor!" he cried breathlessly. "Imagine my joy. As luck would have it, I've just succeeded in getting the mate to your candelabrum! Mother is so happy! I am the only son of my mother... You have saved my life."

And Sasha, quivering with thankfulness and rapture, placed a candelabrum before the doctor. The doctor opened his mouth as if to say something, but uttered not a word. His power of speech was gone.

"Which am de most usefull, Ebon, de sun or de moon?"

"Why, de moon, ob course." "How come de moon?"

"Kase de moon, he shine in de night when we need de light, but de sun, he shine in de day when light am ob no consequence."

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A "LOUSY" TRICK

Early in 1942 at a P.O.W. working camp at Lockhausen, Bavaria, our camp commandant (known as the Bull-Frog) insisted on one man being detailed from the sick parade to clean his quarters. One of our men, Sam, a WX, who had been on the sick list for some time, was detailed for the job. We still suffered the discomforts of vermin, originally acquired in Salonika where we had been quartered for some weeks in old Turkish barracks, and a nightly ritual among the men was the removal of all vermin within sight from their underclothing. Each Sunday morning the "Bull-Frog," who spoke a few words of English, would make an inspection of our barracks. Invariably, his question would be, "Have you any lice?" Equally as invariably our reply would be, "No." Then would come, "Now do not be ashamed, because I have them too." Of course he had them, for each night Sam called for a tar-paulin mustert into a tobacco tin and each morning sprinkled them through the "Bull-Frog's" blankets.

—WX1647, 2/11th Bn.
★ This story earns 10/6 for J. G. Ryan, Victoria Park.

★ MISFITS-ALL

Very rare and most unfortunate were the units which were without their misfits or, to use a popular term, "no-hopers." I say "unfortunate" because, though their deeds may have been the cause of much heart-tearing at the time, they were also the cause of much laughter later on.

It is truly amazing the number of "rookies" who went off in search of a tin of striped paint, or a left-handed hammer. Each of the three Services had its own particular "traps for young players," and only seldom were they known to fail.

When the right victim had been chosen, he invariably went blissfully on his way on an errand which, from the start, was doomed to failure. Little imagination is required to picture a recruit, who is anxious to create a good impression, dashing off in search of a bucket of air-screw pitch, or going to the canteen to get some cigarettes for the boy out in harbour.

Many a young matelot was convinced that the wide cuffs on his trousers were to allow for shrinkage when he fell overboard. Sky hooks, left-handed tools of all kinds, nuts for rifle-bolts were searched for frantically. "Sprogs" often visited the transport section in order to borrow a pump to blow up the wind sock. Frequently a very irate sergeant-major had to show a raw recruit the futility of striving to locate spare bung-holes for worn out petrol drums.

Sometimes, however, the biter gets bit, and then the boot is on the other foot. A suspected "dillbrain" was asked to procure some invisible ink for a rather egotistical sergeant. Off he went on his mission, leaving the sergeant smirking and wondering how there could be anyone so dumb.

But later in the day, when the sergeant decided it was time to fill in his reports, he looked for his ink—but it was nowhere to be found. He noticed, however, that there was a very large empty bottle standing on his desk. Then the "dill" informed him that the store could only supply large bottles of invisible ink, and seeing that the sarg. now had such a lot of this bottle of "ink, blue-black, offices for the use of" had been thrown away.—REX. CLARKE.

★ SECOND SIGHT

When constant reports of mysterious landings from a Japanese submarine came to H.Q. in 1944, Intelligence was asked to make full investigations. Quietly and efficiently they went to work and found that the reports all came from the same source—a dear old lady who lived near the coast. She seemed to have no ulterior motive for sending in such reports, but realising that they must be without true foundation they sought an explanation. The old lady steadily persisted that she herself saw the submarine surface, saw men disembark into a dinghy and then saw them row out of her sight towards the beach. The "I" men questioned her more sternly. After a few moments she rose from her seat, marched angrily across the room, opened a cupboard, took something out in her hand, and turned "again to her interrogators. "I have told you the truth," she said. "I saw everything exactly as I said—here in this crystal ball."

F. MADIGAN, West Perth.

★ EASY MONEY

Bluiey of the A.I.F. was spending his leave in London and was caught in the blackout. He had a terrible time but eventually landed in a Mayfair mansion, thinking it was an hotel. He was asked in and found a game of cards in progress in the cellar, by a very dim light. Cutting in, he had a full hand first off, bet, and was seen; a big Johnnie opposite threw in his hand, saying "four queens"—and scooped the pool.

"Ere, old ar'd," said Blue, "give us a look at 'em."

Another chap, sizing up the situation, said: "It's all right, old chap; we take each other's words here, y'know."

Later, at the camp, Bluiey said: "Blimey, blackouts will do me: I never won so much money in my life!"

"SALT."

Elections in Communist-ruled countries are noteworthy for the monotonous regularity with which the party candidates poll practically 100 per cent. of the votes. This is not surprising having regard to the intimidation openly practised and the very dubious secrecy of the ballot. The authoress of a book on the Soviet constitution recalls that in the Russian "elections" of December 21, 1947, Stalin was returned for a Moscow constituency by 131 per cent. of the total votes, the explanation of this very odd result being, according to Pravda, "that the extra ballot papers were dropped into the urns by voters from neighbouring constituencies anxious to seize the opportunity to express their ardent thanks to their guide and leader."

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CULLEN, J., Gloucester Park sub-branch; late 32nd Bn.
GAMBLE, G., Fremantle City sub-branch.
HOFT, C. L., North Perth sub-branch; late 44th Bn.
LAMBERT, H., Calinging sub-branch.
NICOL, H., Carlisle sub-branch; late 28th Bn.
PEARCE, A. W., Press sub-branch; late 32nd Bty.
ROSBY, D., Bassendean sub-branch; late 16th Bn.
SEYMOUR, G., Melville sub-branch; late 1st Remount Unit, A.I.P.
SCOTT, R. W., Boulder sub-branch; late 11th Bn.
STEEL, E. F., Mt. Lawley-Inglewood sub-branch.
STEVENS, H. J., Mt. Lawley-Inglewood sub-branch; late 9th Pioneers.
SUNDERCOMBE, —, Maylands sub-branch.
THOMPSON, T., South Perth sub-branch; late R.A.A.F. and 28th Bn.
WHEELER, W. A., Midland Junction sub-branch.

The deaths are also reported of:
BOAS, L. T., holder of League Certificate of Merit; hon. member Subiaco sub-branch.
LEWIS, Mrs. D., Nedlands women's auxiliary.
PHILP, Mrs. L., Nedlands women's auxiliary.
ROBERTSON, F. A., son of Mr. A. Robertson, Mosman Park sub-branch.

THESE DEEDS WILL LIVE FOREVER

4: THE STORMING OF ZEERUGGE

The Germans occupied the Belgian coastal and harbour town of Zeebrugge on October 15, 1914, and here they constructed a submarine and destroyer base of a most formidable character. To guard against the constant air and sea bombardments immense concrete shelters were built for the U-boats, so eventually it was decided to attack the fortifications and block the harbour mouth.

This operation was under command of Vice-Admiral Roger Keyes (who was knighted after the attack), and after a number of delays it was carried out on St. George's Day (April 23), 1918.

Three old cruisers filled with cement were to be sunk at the harbour entrance, and to divert the attention of the Germans while these were being manoeuvred into position a landing was to be made on the Zeebrugge mole, which was one and a half miles long, and for this landing the old cruiser Vindictive and the ferry-boats Iris and Daffodil were used, while a submarine crammed with explosives was to be rammed under the viaduct connecting the mole with the coast and exploded.

A choppy sea made the grappling of the mole extremely difficult, but, as was expected, the attention of the enemy was focussed upon the landing party and not upon the blocking ships. Casualties, considering the value of the operation, were light—188 killed or mortally wounded, 384 wounded and 16 missing. For that price Zeebrugge was sealed up for the remainder of the war.

Loss of British ships was one destroyer, two coastal motor boats and two launches.

St. George had truly twisted the dragon's tail.

NAVAL ITEMS

N.Z. SQUADRON TO VISIT US

The cruiser H.M.N.Z.S. Bellona and five frigates of the New Zealand Squadron will visit Australia at the beginning of October.

Captain D. Hammersley Jonston, R.N., will be in command of the visiting units, one of whose most important engagements will be their participation in day and night exercises with the Australian Fleet off Jervis Bay (N.S.W.).

Australian ships which will take part in the combined exercises will be the aircraft carrier H.M.A.S. Sydney, wearing the flag of Rear-Admiral H. B. Farncomb, Flag-Officer Commanding the Australian Fleet; the cruiser H.M.A.S. Australia, the destroyers Warramunga and Bataan and the frigate Shoalhaven. The exercises will include flying operations by the 20th Carrier Air Group of H.M.A.S. Sydney.

On conclusion of the first series, all the vessels except Bataan, which will return to Sydney for refit, will leave for Melbourne. On their way they will call at Westernport and will carry out night exercises on the way round the coast.

At the end of their stay in Melbourne they will return to the Jervis Bay area for the second series of day and night exercises. When those have ended, the Australian ships will leave Jervis Bay for Sydney, and the ships of the New Zealand Squadron will go to Hobart. They will leave for Auckland on November 19.

NAVAL RESERVE

The Government has given approval for the resumption of Naval Reserve Training on January 1, 1950.

Instruction will be carried out in training establishments in each of the capital cities. Reserves will require a somewhat greater period of training than pre-war in view of the complexities of modern equipment, and training establishments will be fitted with modern instructional equipment before the end of the year.

As much use as possible will be made of H.M.A. Fleet to provide the necessary seagoing experience. The services of experienced reserve officers and senior reserve ratings with war service will be used to the maximum for the instruction of the new force.
ALBANY

The Victory Ball conducted by the sub-branch was a veritable success, the attendance exceeding 600. With the floor in good condition, dancing to the music of the band was one of the main attractions. The stage was decorated with flowers, and so many attractive and well-dressed girls pre-empted the attention of the gentlemen. The final choice fell on Miss Rodell, an English girl who has not long resided in Albany. With dusky curtains hung to a throne, attended by two pages in medi- eval costume, and crowned by His Worship the Mayor, Hon. W. Wittenoom, the scorer, she wafted her steps to the Victory Band and was awarded also to the other finalists, Misses Cotton, Barlow and Manley. The women's auxiliaries, which had charge of the supper arrangements, did a sterling job under most difficult conditions. They had an almost impossible task in trying to surmount the attendance with limited facilities, but acquitted themselves nobly.

ARDATH-BAABAIN

Under the chairmanship of President J. B. Mants, and under the aegis of Hon. President W. A. Green, the monthly meeting of the sub-branch was held on the night of Wednesday, August 10. The sub-branch will be divested of its national character and solemnly addrusted to the office of disbursing secretary, a strong protest against any attempt to change the existing arrangements to permit of organisation and public holiday atmosphere during the afternoon. Several members spoke feelingly against the suggested change, expressing their endorsement. A football match between the Bruce Rock and Rockwell sub-branches was organised by the latter, and held on the Ardath ground on Sunday, August 7. The proceedings of the meeting were directed towards the Bruce Rock Districts War Memorial Committee. Incidentally, the match, which was played under medium conditions, bore a fine stamp of the usual happy smile kept this usual happy smile under medium conditions.

BUNNING

The sub-branch held its usual meeting on August 10, attendance being present (R. Blackburn, W. A. Green) and six other members. It was moved and seconded that the president be a delegate to the State Conference. Arrangements made by the chairman, members decided to approach the Armadale Keinond service. It was to the object of removing the cash to the Memorial Park. The reason being, that, with the growing traffic, it is uncertain when the money will be put to constructive use. The sub-branch has since been received by the road board to say that tenders are now being called for its removal. Arrangements are in hand for our annual meeting in early October and we are hoping to get a good roll-up as usual. The meeting closed at 9.30. Refreshments were served, after which a game of darts was enjoyed by all present.

CALGARING

The sub-branch recently lost one of its president, Mr. Harold Lambert. The late Mr. Lambert was the foundation president of the sub-branch on its incorporation in 1919. He was awarded the Returned Service League's Certificate of Service for long and meritorious service. He was presented to the financial member over a period of 27 years, right up to the time of his demise. He also bore a fine record of public service, having served as member and chairman of the Vic- tory Ball committee. His keen interest and expression of sympathy is extended to his family. The meetings have been kept active by the sub-branch, and members are urged to keep the interest up extended to the standard of our previous meetings. Members should note that a greater roll-up would be a help for the committee, who are always ready and give them some moral aid for the good job they are doing. The sub-branch suffered the loss of three members during the month, and it is to the Great Beyond. Our deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives who have been left behind to carry on the work. There were many who awaited our past men, secretly, who was preparing to give the sub-branch of Service for his seven years in that position. The sub-branch's darts shield competition was finalised on the 4th. The sub-branch's trophies was finally won by our past secretary. Our A.R.M.S. game with the City of Perth sub-branch was a noddy-nack go with G.P. on top at 4 to 1. It was very nice to see our old pal Charlie Mitchell and his band of players putting up such a good game. Our women's auxiliary provided an excellent supper, which was greatly enjoyed by the visitors.

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A well-attended meeting held on the first Thursday of July welcomed Mr. Fred Charney, of Headquarters. It was his first visit to our sub-branch, and it was arranged to have more such visits, as we feel the personal contact between sub-branches and Headquarters is vital to any successful organisation. We are pleased to report that new members are joining our ranks. There is a general feeling in the sub-branch that once the sub-branch is taken a keen interest in League affairs. We have asked Head Office to take up the matter of suspending the recall of the hostels opening the building. We have also asked for the approval of our annual meeting for any extra attendances means are intended to hold an annual dinner and to invite the womenfolk to be present. Two bilingui duties have been appointed to work with the sub-branch, and we are encouraged to approach the Minister for Housing and point out the particular hardships here.

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GOOMALLING

The sub-branch has a financial membership of 33 and a corresponding number of meetings of 20, which is quite good. Social activities have included a successful evening at the Regal Picture Theatre, and the reception of a swimming pool. It was also resolved to support any move made towards securing Anzac Day as a public holiday after I.P.M. The sub-branch is perturbed over the recent trend to keep the sub-branch's property for work. Only four houses have been erected for workers under the housing schemes since the war, and these are in a fair condition. The sub-branch has resolved to approach the Minister for Housing and point out the particular hardships here.

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GREENBUSHES

The completion of additions to the Memorial Hall has been a matter needing attention for some time and it was decided to accept a tender for the job, which will cost about £60. The sub-branch has decided to raise a substantial sum of money to assist the building fund and it is hoped that the building fund will be able to meet the expenses of the hall when built. We are in the process of arranging for the opening of the hall in the near future. Attendances at meetings have been improving and we hope to have more in the future.

KENSINGTON

The month of July was very interesting in one sub-branch activities. Meetings were particularly well attended and dealt with interesting subjects. The Kensington Kibabaj made its debut in the public eye. It should prove very helpful and should be useful for the sub-branch's propaganda. The ball conducted by the sub-branch was a great success, and we hope to have more in the future.

THE LISTENING POST

September, 1949

SUB- BRANCH ACTIVITIES
City of Perth we gained a decisive victory, but suffered against Victoria Park. Captain "Ned" Kelly led the club to a sub-committee appointment to the State Congress. The following executives were elected and confirmed with the sub-branch: C. J. P. Colmena, J. C. R. Colmena, R. Marrell, S. Freeman, J. Robertson, M. McPherson, W. C. McPherson, W. M. Westburry, N. W. Good, W. B. Wickens, W. Graham. The total number of financial members, as at June 30, was 453. Members joining during the month were: A. C. Barlow, J. L. Spear, W. W. G. Moncrieff, A. A. Tye and S. H. Harrat. The next ladies night will be held on Thursday, September 6. At that meeting, Mrs. P. J. Spencer will be introduced. Charlie March has all the arrangements well in hand. Barcours tournaments are held in our hall every Tuesday evening and good attendances have been registered. Good prizes are offered and a piece of entertainment is assured. Sub-branch meetings are held on Wednesday and when a special invitation is issued to all ex-servicemen in the district to join up.

MAYLANDS

Thursday, July 21, we had the pleasure of witnessing our first picture show, which was greatly appreciated by the members and their guests. There was a very big crowd sitting in the operator and also the Shell Cove. The usual questions that are asked did not materialize and the atmosphere was maintained. A fair amount of fun was enjoyed by all. It was a very enjoyable way to spend a Saturday night. The president remarked, the usual enthusiasm was enjoyed by all. Thank you for your kind words of appreciation from Varicope-Mr. Lee. He is an old resident and member of this district. By the way, our auxiliary is on the committee. The block of land he owned is in a good spot, as is the bush. Why, Cyril? On August 18 we had another successful meeting. When our delegation to Congress was elected, Mr. S. H. Jenkins, Mr. S. H. Jenkins, and Mr. J. J. Carter, for the first time, with power to add proxies. I regret to have to tell you that our auxiliary is in a good place and all are present and making excellent progress. The report is that the members of our district are doing well. We have the great Arthur Hulley, Jack Lockyer, W. W. G. Moncrieff, and various others, who are doing a good job. The Auxiliary is up to full strength and has been meeting throughout the year. It is a very successful month. The Auxiliary has received many requests for assistance from various sources. The Auxiliary is in a very good position. The Auxiliary has been very successful and has been doing a great deal of good work.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

Apart from making several cash payments to ex-servicemen's widows and dependants during the year under review, we issued 22 cases of food last December, this being Christmas cheer to those in need. We have, during the past three months, raised £545 for the purpose of providing a home for the widow and children of our late member, L. G. Pepper, who was accidentally killed in a motor accident. The block of land he owned in Elviac Street, Palmyra, has been cleared and the house is now in course of construction (all this by voluntary labour) and the home will eventually be handed over to the widow and children free of debt or encumbrances. Donations have been made to Australian Red Cross, Woorooloo Appeal and Faversham. We visit the Fremantle Hospital twice weekly and have organized relief for relatives distributed to ex-servicemen inmates. Lemnos, Sunset, Edward Miller, Home of Peace and T.F.I. have been visited. Two bus loads of children and dependants were taken to Mandurah in February last and this outing was greatly appreciated by all members.

QUAIRADING

The annual general meeting of the above sub-branch was conducted in the Quairading Hall on July 5. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Royce Bookman; vice-presidents, N. A. (Sandy) Fraser and Ashley Williams; secretary, V. K. (Kev) Liddon. Last year's general and social secretary, was "Buck" Shenton and "Sport" Carter added to the social committee, in which they will be a great acquisition. It is understood that there will be an attendance, and the president appealed to all members to make a special endeavour to attend as many monthly meetings as possible. The meeting decided to give some very practical support to the Faversham House Appeal.

MELVILLE

President Bill Brown opened the August meeting with the customary silence and lines of remembrance. Following this, the financial and financial report were read, and adopted and the members were suspended, to receive a delegation from the District Committee in the persons of Messrs. Waite and Graham. We received a delegation that the District Committee had been largely instrumental in getting increased travelling allowances for ex-servicemen living outside the prescribed areas, replacing of price fixing on fish, enquiries into house black marketing and arranging for the State Garden's Board, to restore and maintain the Honour Avenue of Palmyra. These delegations were received for their information and standing orders were resumed. Reports from the social and building managers were received. It has been arranged for early October, a woman's auxiliary to be formed and several social functions are to be held. A motion by W. Outred was passed, requesting assistance in arriving at any outstanding accounts and dependants in the district. A motion by D. McAlpine that a social committee be appointed to extend the social committee's functions to include the social affairs of ex-servicemen and the members are to be included. The social committee is open to all members and the social committee is grateful for its support. We have been notified that the Auxiliary of the late Mrs. Graham has been granted the estate of land he owned.

MOUNT HAWTHORN

Sub-branch meetings continue to be well attended. The Auxiliary has been very successful. We remain undeterred in the R.A.M.S. games and members are very optimistic concerning the outcome. However, while a number of meetings have been held for inclusion in the annual report for the 1949 State Congress and we anticipate that delegates will be successful in every respect, especially if the major items are included. The Auxiliary has been well and truly prepared. We have a large number of ex-servicemen delegates who may be in the city during Congress week to attend our sub-branch meeting. The delegates are posted the sick list: F. O'Dea, W. Smith, K. Simpson, T. Richmond, W. G. Brown, R. Nicholls, J. H. Bannister, W. Williams, M. Bannister, E. Davies, W. Scates, S. George, C. Graham. The total number of financial members, as at June 30, was 453. Members joining during the month were: A. C. Barlow, J. L. Spear, W. W. G. Moncrieff, A. A. Tye and S. H. Harrat. The next ladies night will be held on Thursday, September 6. At that meeting, Mrs. P. J. Spencer will be introduced. Charlie March has all the arrangements well in hand. Barcours tournaments are held in our hall every Tuesday evening and good attendances have been registered. Good prizes are offered and a piece of entertainment is assured. Sub-branch meetings are held on Wednesday and when a special invitation is issued to all ex-servicemen in the district to join up.
League activities, in which he took a keen and enthusiastic interest. Tommy Thompsett was a true gentleman and his presence was always felt. He dedicated his life to the work for the welfare of South East Queensland. His memory will be forever remembered by all who knew him for his public spirit, his comradeship and his genial personality. To his loved ones and friends he will always be remembered. Its worth noting that the community of South East Queensland has lost a true friend and a leader.

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES**

**CARLISLE**

Our usual fortnightly meetings have drawn better attendance lately and all ladies are busy working for the bazaar which is to be opened at the monthly meeting. We have held a shirt club running and members and friends are engaged in building up a nice bank balance to be spent in the near future. The annual meeting of the subsidiary has started. For our children's fancy dress ball on September 2. We are sorry to report the death of Miss D. H. Maclain who was the women's auxiliary, and in the early days our great friend and teacher. Miss Maclain was a great supporter of the auxiliary and we are sad to hear of her passing away.

**EYING**

The annual general meeting of the women's auxiliary was held at the Centenary Hall, July 8 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Cowan. The meeting was well attended and was a great success. The Auxiliary is well established and popular in the community. Mrs. Cowan, the secretary, gave a report on the activities of the auxiliary for the past year. She said that the auxiliary has been busy with fund raising activities and has taken part in several community events. The auxiliary has been able to provide financial assistance to the local hospital and has also supported various community projects.

**MAYLANDS**

The election of officers took place at the annual meeting held in May. The new officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. B. Russell; Vice-President, Mrs. E. Dowling; Secretary, Mrs. C. Poole; Treasurer, Mr. W. E. Taylor. The auxiliary has been active in various community projects and has raised funds to support the local hospital.

**VICTORIA PARK**

Meetings held on 8th and 22nd July were well attended. Members were reminded that we are holding the annual dinner dance at the local club. The auxiliary will provide refreshments and entertainment for the evening. The auxiliary has been active in various community projects and has raised funds to support the local hospital.

A young engaged couple were killed in a motor accident the day before they were to have been married. On their arrival at the church they were met by St. Peter, who welcomed them, saying that he hoped they would have a happy time.

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"All right," said St. Peter, "I'll fix it up for you."

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