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Anzac Day

By the time these words are in print another Anzac Day will be almost upon us. Therefore it is fitting that this Editorial page shall be devoted to details of an Anzac Day report which was tabled at a recent meeting of the State Executive.

The report recommended that the control of arrangements for the Anzac Day Parade must be entirely in the hands of the State Executive through the Management Committee, and the Chief Marshal, whilst being responsible for the arrangements of the parade, must work through the Management Committee in all matters, and the State President will be regarded as having overall command of the parade and service.

It was further recommended that the traditional order of precedence established for the Services be adhered to, and that the State Executive reaffirm the practice which has been rigidly observed—namely, that the Anzac Day Service is a combined National Service under the control of the State Executive, and that the order of the march agreed to by the Anzac Day Committee be strictly adhered to: "If uniformed troops are on parade it is recommended that they adopt the former practice of marching in the rear of the ex-service units."

The Rev Ralph Thomas, of St. Peter's Church, Victoria Park, will conduct the service on the Esplanade this year, and he will be assisted by a second padre who will be selected by the State President.

It is hoped that all ex-servicemen who can march will do so, and all who have medals to wear are asked to wear them. In past years it has been noticed that quite a number of men wearing the League badge stand and watch the parade. It would be far better if these men took an active part in the proceedings, so again we say—all those who can march are asked to do so.
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Items of Interest from the State Executive

A meeting of the State Executive was held on March 8, highlights being:

Tribute to Sir Eric Millhouse

The State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt) spoke at some length on the death of the Federal President, Sir Eric Millhouse, and the following resolution was passed: "The State Executive, on behalf of ex-service men and women in Western Australia, pays tribute to the memory of our late leader, Sir Eric Millhouse, K.C. We are conscious of a great loss, not only to the League as a whole but also a personal loss to each of us individually. The League mourns the loss of a great leader, and ex-service men and women have lost a comrade and personal friend. Our Federal President has left behind him a great record of endearment and achievement on behalf of all ex-service men and women who have reason to hold his memory in grateful remembrance. The League has been enriched by his service and we can say truly that a great man has passed. Our sympathies are extended to Lady Millhouse in her bereavement."

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Land

It was reported that the Land Committee had given consideration to the communication from the Minister for Lands asking that a panel of three names be submitted for consideration relative to the appointment of a League representative to an appeal board. It has been decided that this matter be deferred until such time as a meeting take place between representatives of the League and the Farmers' Union concerning their recent visit to the south-western portion of the State. Representations are being made to the Minister for Lands that in every future case where it is decided to evict an ex-service man from his property, circumstances of the case should be communicated to the League in order that every aspect can be investigated prior to action being taken.

Housing

It was reported that the War Service Homes Act now makes provision whereby a wife can join in the purchase agreement or contract of sale for the house as joint tenants if she so desires. This protects the wife should the husband desert her at some future date.

Membership

The Membership Committee recommended that permission be granted for the formation of a new sub-branch at Graylands. It was reported that since January over 10,000 subscriptions had been paid. Membership at June 30, 1949, was 19,094, and at the present time it is approximately 20,500. It is anticipated that a big improvement in membership figures will be revealed this year.

Faversham

It was reported that the capacity of Faversham House is now 40, and present inmates total 35. Alterations are to be made to several cubicles in order that the accommodation can be increased to 43.

Mining

The Mining Committee recommended that Mr. C. W. Mitchell be appointed as a member of that committee in place of Mr. A. Douglas, who recently resigned.

Reports were tabled by Messrs. Herlihy (Finance), Davies (Land and Housing), Lonnie (Membership), Sten (The Listening Post and Faversham), Ferguson (Anzac House), Craig (Trustees), Watt (R.S.L. Hotel), Colonel Mansbridge (Mining), the State President (State War Memorial) and the State Secretary (Anzac Day).

A further meeting was held on March 22, highlights being:

Bush Fires and Distressed Ex-Servicemen

The State President read a circular letter which had been sent to 17 sub-branches in the affected areas, indicating the League's interest and sympathy.

It was agreed that the State President and Mr. Davies wait on Mr. Bosisto, of the Rural and Industries Bank, and later on the Minister for Lands to discuss problems arising from the fires and their effect on ex-servicemen generally.

The Late Federal President

Mr. Hunt drew attention to the fact that it is just twelve months ago that the late Sir Eric Millhouse carried out a heavy programme of visits to sub-branches in this State, and gave a brief resume of the itinerary indicating the valuable work carried out by our late Federal President.

Mr. C. W. Mitchell's appointment as House and Club manager was submitted, and when this was confirmed Mr. Mitchell formerly submitted his resignation from the State Executive. The resignation was accepted and a vote of thanks and appreciation to Mr. Mitchell for his services to the State Executive was carried. It was resolved that Mr. G. H. Yates be invited to fill the Executive vacancy.

Reports submitted included Land (Mr. Davies), Re-establishment (Mr. Stanbury), Housing (Mr. Davies), Pensions (Mr. Stahl), Migration (Mr. Lonnie), Faversham (Mr. Sten) and Trustees (Mr. Craig).

A British United Press correspondent quotes a message from the Havas agency stating that the authorities in Paris have begun an "Eat More Rats" campaign. A member of the Academy of Medicine in Paris declared: "Rats are edible, even better than pork or rabbit. If the public are informed of the quality of rat meat they will be able to increase their meat ration and simultaneously help in the destruction of this pest."

A Philadelphia baker has produced the "Dunker's Delight"—a doughnut with a handle.
From the Editor's Note Book

During the past 21 months I have been trying, in these pages, to interest readers in all parts of the State. For a time, in order that other members of the family, besides the ex-service-man himself, should be persuaded to read our publication, I included in its pages a variety of material, including short stories and articles of general interest. From the number of letters of praise received I feel that this policy has been a successful one.

Now, however, it is thought that increasing space should be given to matters of ex-service interest, and as an endeavour is being made to secure more revenue by the sale of additional advertising space (including our front cover), I trust that readers will understand the necessity for the changes made.

I might add a personal word of explanation. I am not an amateur writer dabbling with this journal as an experiment. I have been writing for over 25 years and during that period have sold my material to over 170 publications in all the Australian States, New Zealand, England, the United States, Canada, South Africa and Denmark. I am a journalist by profession and know that I have not the slightest hope of satisfying every man and woman who receives this publication.

If half a dozen different journalists were given the task to produce The Listening Post there would be half a dozen different journals, for each man would have different ideas as to what was best to offer his readers.

Therefore, I have but one aim in mind: to do my best to satisfy the majority of readers, bearing in view the fact that they are distributed widely throughout the largest of the Australian States. As I have mentioned before, to date this policy seems to have been reasonably successful. There have, of course, been complaints, but for every complaint I have received I have had at least half a dozen letters of approval.

I shall, while The Listening Post Committee and congress sees fit to employ me, do my best to give you a readable and interesting journal. If you have suggestions for its betterment I shall always be glad to give them attention.

POST-WAR RE-ESTABLISHMENT

I was keenly interested in the resume of a report submitted by Mr. Hugh A. Leslie, the present ex-service-men's representative on the Western Australian Region Committee, which was published in the March issue of The Listening Post.

I would like to point out that I was appointed as the original ex-service-men's representative on the local Regional Committee, and that I was faced with a particularly intricate problem, which I earnestly endeavoured to solve.

In the Eastern States, ex-service-men trainees received six months' preliminary training at a technical college, at the end of which period of training they were encouraged to accept a job, giving them further training with a private firm. As a result of this arrangement trainees in the building trades invariably attained proficiency in a period not exceeding two and a half years.

In Western Australia, however, the unions declined to agree to this arrangement. They submitted an alternative plan to the effect that, after the preliminary six months' training at a technical college, the trainees must accept an apprenticeship.

The result of this insistence on trainees becoming apprentices was that in Western Australia the period of training was approximately four and a half years, or two years longer than the training period for trainees in the Eastern States.

I recall that Mr. Hegney, the union representative on the Regional Committee, insisted that the W.A. plan for apprenticeships would avert the danger of turning out "half-baked tradesmen."

In November, 1945, I attended a conference in Melbourne which was convened to enable representatives from Regional Committees in all States to confer with the heads of the Commonwealth Re-establishment Department.

In my address to the conference I drew the attention of Dr. H. C. Coombs (who presided) to the fact that the W.A. unions had insisted on trainees becoming apprenticed. If, I asked, the plan operating in the Eastern States was proving satisfactory, why was it not being uniformly adopted throughout Australia? On the other hand, if the W.A. apprenticeship system had the greater merit, or, if as claimed by the unions, it would avoid the danger of turning out "half-baked" tradesmen, why was that system not made the common system for Australia.

In his reply, Dr. Coombs outlined the negotiations that led to W.A.'s singularity.

He insisted that trade and training conditions were vastly different in W.A., and that he had therefore recommended the acceptance of the apprenticeship plans of the W.A. unions. He then promised that after the apprenticeship system in this State had been given a twelve-months' trial, the results would be carefully reviewed.

Unfortunately, as a result of ill-health, I was compelled to resign from the position of ex-service-men's representative, and I was consequently unable to remind the department of Dr. Coombs' promise to review the matter after twelve months' trial.—Yours faithfully,

M. E. ZEFFERT.
DUNTRON OF THE AIR

By GEORGE ODGERS, Melbourne

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At the R.A.A.F. College for Air Cadets at Point Cook, which has completed its first year of existence, foundations have been laid for an institution of first-class importance to Australia.

No cadet will graduate from this youngest Australian service academy for another three years. In the meantime, the college will impart a knowledge, not only of warfare right up to the atomic age and beyond, but of the political, scientific, social and economic questions so important to an understanding of the modern world.

The R.A.A.F. College, counterpart of the Royal Military College, Duntrone, and the Royal Australian Naval College, at Flinders, was founded by direction of the Air Board in August, 1948. The first intake of 24 air cadets entered then for the four-years' course that will forge, carve and hammer them into one of the best-disciplined and highly trained groups of young men in the Air Force. Eventually the college will have 100 cadets within its walls.

The charter of the college is couched in terms of the highest idealism. It directs the staff to mould a cadet who will be able and efficient, eager to serve, devoted to duty, energetic, honourable, ready to lead, strong, courageous and loyal.

The college is a mere embryo compared with such academies as Woolwich (1742), Sandhurst and West Point (1802) and even Duntrone (1911).

But at Point Cook it is in surroundings rich in association with the pioneers of aviation in this country.

It was here that pilots of the famous "half-flight," formed in 1914, learned to fly in Bristol box-kites. Hundreds left Point Cook in the Australian Flying Corps to win honour for Australia in the 1914-18 war. In the last war, in addition to training 3,000 pilots, it turned out thousands of wireless operators and ground-staff trainees.

As far as possible, training at the cadet college will be kept fluid. That is the instruction of Air Commodore V. H. Hncock, the commandant, who, in a directive to his staff, declared:

and the history of war, Empire defence, psychology and economics. Towards the end of the course studies are to be almost exclusively service subjects, including airmanship, intelligence, armament, navigation, law and administration, flying and combat.

The young cadets, so keen to fly, will not get near the controls of an aircraft for nearly two years yet, because the first years of training are heavily weighed on the academic side. But they all talk eagerly now of the future— whether they will fly bombers or fighters, and the relative merits of jet and air-screw propulsion.

"I came here because I have always wanted to fly," said Air Cadet Donald Robertson, a typical trainee at Point Cook. A Victorian aged 19, he is a former student of University High School, where he gained honours in physics and economics at leaving standard. He left school and began technical work at a Maribyrnong factory. Then one day he saw an advertisement calling for air cadets, and applied immediately.

He passed the searching medical test, which demands first-class eyesight, co-ordination, and general physical fitness. He is single—the rules provide that cadets may not be married, nor get married while on course—so he was finally accepted by the Central Selection Committee.

"At first I didn't feel the discipline here, but it appears to be tightening up considerably now," he said. However, he accepts this philosophically, for, as he himself expressed it, "The place would go to rack and ruin without it."

Character is not on the curriculum at Point Cook, but it is abundantly clear that this intangible quality is given an extremely high rating, and a major part of the teaching staff's effort is directed to developing it. There is an elaborate system of scoring not only for character in general, but for each character trait.

For example, the cadet can score from nil to 20 points, according to the quality of his "integrity," as follows:

- Can always be relied on to do as conscience dictates
- Sticks to vital principles, but not meticulous in matters which he considers relatively unimportant
- A "buck-passer"—will usually find an alibi for his own shortcomings
- Will always let the service down for personal gain

It would scarcely be possible for this college to warrant the criticism often levelled against such institutions that they produce a "moronic" type of military intelligence, whose sluggish mentality can think of little else than the starting of wars," because these air cadets will not be brought up in isolation from the rest of the community. They will be encouraged to mix constantly with their contemporaries in civil life, and above all they will be taught a thorough understanding of human beings.

Nor is the system likely to produce a class of professional snobs. The cadets will be taught that they are not the cream of the R.A.A.F. They will make beds, polish floors, and do all other tasks asked of airmen recruits.

Mr. J. W. Lester, of the Subiaco sub-branch, is now convalescent after a long illness. A former sub-branch honorary secretary, he has been greatly missed from meetings. Mr. Lester enlisted in the Army from India and spent a considerable time in the mobile army of General Smuts.
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PENSIONS—Past and Present

By C. R. COLLINS

Most Australian ex-servicemen are hoping that the Federal Government's decision to review pension rates will result in a new development in the method of assessing those rates. Though the policy of allotting pensions has been made more liberal in recent years, the underlying principles have remained the same since the beginning of the nineteenth century. Today, however, it is felt that pensions should be reviewed periodically and reassessed in relation to cost of living figures.

Under the feudal system, pensions, when they were paid, were voluntary grants, made at the goodwill of the individual war leader. It was implied in the system that the man, who was obliged to serve his lord in a campaign, could look to that lord for compensation and relief when disabled by war service. A common form of grant was a gratuity paid to the fighting man on his discharge.

The ordinances of Edward IV mention an allowance of four marks (about £1/6/8) a year, to be paid to a private foot-soldier who lost a hand in one of the early battles of the Wars of the Roses, and an allowance of ten pounds a year to a soldier who distinguished himself in another battle. After the break-up of the Feudal System, the responsibility of providing for the disabled soldier was placed upon his immediate leader. Captains, who had served with the force sent to the Netherlands in Queen Elizabeth’s time, complained that they could not meet obligations. The Queen, also, complained that she was importuned by these unfortunate officers whenever she appeared in public. Elizabeth realised that the remedy was in her own hands. She made laws recognising the claims of soldiers or seamen who were maimed “in the service of Her Majesty.” The laws provided also for those who though not maimed had served twenty years. Thus, in these first pension laws we find the principles that have been embodied in pension grants ever since. These are compensation for injury and reward for service. The maximum amount of the pension then was ten pounds for a private and fifteen pounds for an officer. The locality in which the pensioner enlisted was charged with the duty of paying the pension. With the exception of a change made, by Cromwell, that system operated until 1806 (Cromwell made pensions a charge against national funds and the money was raised by confiscating and selling the estates of banished Royalists).

Such a haphazard system could not be expected to function adequately. Numbers of discharged soldiers and seamen begging in the streets formed part of the daily life of seventeenth century London. It is said that such public exhibitions of a country’s ingratitude so troubled Charles II’s favourite, Nell Gwynne, that she induced the King to do something for these men. So, in 1681, Charles founded the famous home for army pensioners at Chelsea. A similar institution for disabled seamen was founded by William III at Greenwich in 1695. The two hospitals were kept up by public subscriptions, to which the Royal founders made generous donations. At a later period deductions were made from the pay of serving soldiers for the upkeep of Chelsea. The funds, however, had to be supplemented, from time to time, by Parliamentary grants, until 1831, when the pay deductions were abolished, and the two hospitals became charges on the nation. By Royal Warrant, and an Act of 1806, Parliament had already taken over the obligation of finding the funds for paying pensions.

By this Act of 1806 two permanent characteristics were recognised. The pension became a definite reward for service, as well as a compensation for injury. For disabled, or partially disabled men, the pension rate was made proportionate to the extent of injury and the earning capacity of the pensioner. It was not until the end of the nineteenth century that the general public became conscious that the nation’s obligation to its defenders had not been fully met when those defenders were discharged from service. Much of the credit for this eventual awakening must go to Rudyard Kipling, who seized every opportunity to point out the ingratitude of casting time-expired soldiers on to the streets to subsist on meagre pensions. In a very real sense Kipling may be honoured as the father of our present-day repatriation systems.

It was not until after the South African War of 1899-1902 that pensions were provided out of public funds for war widows. Now it is the desire of ex-servicemen’s organisations and their well-wishers that pensions, if they are to retain their value, must be kept abreast of increases in the costs of living.

One of the strangest incidents during fierce bushfires in the vicinity of Dromana (Victoria) occurred in a small apple orchard. Flames from the blazing forest swept across the tops of the fruit trees, while the grass at the foot of the trees was ablaze. The trees and fruit were not burnt, but the combination of fierce heat above and below the fruit resulted in a fine crop of baked apples as could be found in any restaurant. When the fire had passed there were hundreds of perfectly baked apples still hanging on the trees.

*= Mr. W. James, of the State Executive, who has been on the sick list for some weeks, is, we are pleased to learn, once again active on behalf of the League and ex-servicemen in general.

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Then came the South African War of 1899-1901 and Canon Collick left on active service in 1901 as Chaplain of the 5th West Australian Contingent. In war, as in peace, he soon won the respect and affection of all whose privilege it was to associate with him. He was given an uproarious send-off from Boulder by a large crowd of citizens, among whom were the mayor, the resident magistrate, the other clergymen of the city and the city councillors. He was presented with a farewell gift of £250. It was characteristic of the man that he spent the money on a Christmas treat for the aborigines and in paying the cost of an operation on a white woman who could not afford it. This, however, was not known until long afterwards. A Padre of this type, who could practise as well as preach, who combined simplicity of manner with physical and moral courage, and whose distinguished looks and physical proportions made him outstanding, even among big men, was just the man to appeal to the troops. Evidence of the appeal he made is to be found in the reverence accorded him by soldiers of all wars.

After the South African War Canon Collick came back to the Goldfields. He resumed his ministry without thought of self and overlaid personal ambition with the ideals of service. His next war service was in the Unfinished War of 1914-18, during which he renewed friendships of the old South African days and made a host of new ones. And, of course, although he was too old to go overseas in the more recent war, he still ministered to the servicemen on the Home Front.

Thirty years on the Goldfields and nearly 26 years as Rector of St. John's, Fremantle, constitute a long period of service to God and Man, during the growing period of the State. Though he did not seek recognition, it would have been very paltry on the part of the public if certain farewells were not arranged. There was even a presentation of £300. One subscriber, knowing the Canon's habits of giving everything away to less fortunate mortals, made his donation condition on the money being used solely by the Canon himself. Even this safeguard did not prevent him from throwing a party for his old South African comrades.

Appropriately enough his farewell service in the leading Anglican church of Fremantle was a naval occasion. It was a memorial service for those who made the supreme sacrifice when

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The following broadcast, prepared by the State Secretary and spoken from Stations 6AM-PM recently under the title Matters of Interest to Ex-Servicemen Generally by Miss Mary Meares, contains many points of interest and is reprinted for the benefit of League members who may have missed the broadcast itself.

It is a good plan for ex-servicemen to get acquainted with their local Member of Parliament. If the local member does a good job, tell him so. He welcomes the views of those who elect him to office.

Now that the hurly-burly of the Federal elections is over, ex-servicemen should take the opportunity of making the acquaintance of newly elected Members of Parliament, or renewing the acquaintance of those who held their seats. In other words, whenever the honourable member is in his home district, mending political fences and observing straws in the wind, give him an earful about ex-servicemen and particularly the programme of the R.S.L. for increased pensions.

Prior to the elections, the League asked all loyal candidates, irrespective of party, to publicly pledge themselves to support and initiate legislation to increase 100 per cent. disabled ex-servicemen’s pensions to £3/10/- per week, in addition to other recommendations contained in the League’s “Pension Plan,” which was forwarded to each candidate.

Now is the time to remind successful candidates of their election promises. Ask them when they intend to implement the R.S.L.’s pension plan—see to it that they don’t forget their obligations. At the same time, keep in mind that Members of Parliament are ordinary human beings (their detractors notwithstanding) and subject to the same human frailties and ambitions which affect all normal persons. They are victims of drive from many quarters and are inclined to overlook their responsibilities to those who do not keep reminding them; in our case it is the ex-servicemen’s repatriation and rehabilitation—so keep reminding them of it.

Now that the composition of the new Parliament has been announced it is well to remember that each member becomes the representative of all the people in his particular electorate, irrespective of political affiliations. A Member of Parliament may be a Liberal, Country Party or Labour man, or a Federal member of a divided party, but his oath of office obligates him to represent all of the people, irrespective of their politics. It is well to further remember that, irrespective of all affiliations, the successful candidate is the one who will help make the vital decisions through his voice in Parliament until the term for which he is elected expires.

Too often R.S.L. members neglect to run -cultivate the goodwill and cooperation of their Members of Parliament. In some cases it is assumed that, because the successful candidate was not of their choice, or belongs to an opposition political party, that it is useless to maintain liaison and cultivate co-operation. On the contrary, it quite often happens that the successful candidate welcomes the opportunity to please the Opposition.

The successful implementation of the pensions plan submitted by the R.S.L. depends largely upon the attitude of Parliament, so it is up to every individual member of the League to see that each Member of Parliament is kept fully conversant with League requirements.

During the electioneering programme, the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) gave several assurances which vitally affect all ex-servicemen and the League. These were: A prompt and sympathetic review in the light of all the circumstances, including the fall in the value of money, of all ex-servicemen’s pensions by a Cabinet Ex-Servicemen’s Committee, which will confer with R.S.L. officials. Even though the League is not completely satisfied with the proposed committee, having had experience with the inadequacy of such Cabinet committees in the past, Mr. Menzies reiterated during his campaign that that was the manner in which repatriation problems would be tackled. The League, therefore, looks to the Prime Minister to ensure that the R.S.L. has representatives on that committee to act in an advisory capacity as to the requirements of all ex-service men and women and their dependants.

Mr. Chifley and his party followers can, without doubt, be depended on to give every support to the implementation of the above plan. When Prime Minister he declared in his policy speech that his Government would give continuing consideration to the repatriation needs of ex-servicemen and women, adding: “In particular it will review the assessment of the pensions to totally and permanently incapacitated members who depend on their pensions as their only source of income.”

The League feels that both the present Government and the Opposition are now convinced of the absolute necessity to increase war pensions, and that this all-important matter will receive urgent and sympathetic consideration.

Claims by Prisoners of War

An impartial tribunal will conduct a full enquiry not on a coldly mathematical but on broad, human basis, bearing in mind the inhuman sufferings to which prisoners of war have been subjected and the fact that the Commonwealth Government had been at no expense for their maintenance during the period of captivity.

The League has for some time been campaigning for the payment of what has become known as the “3/-a-day” claim and looks to the early implementation of the Government’s policy.

Proficiency Pay for ex-P’sO.W.

A.M.F. District Finance Office advises: “A prisoner of war who has
completed a period of six months' service with good conduct and who escapes from captivity, or who is repatriated, and who has not previously been classified as proficient, will be entitled to proficiency pay on and from July 1, 1943, or the date proclaimed in Routine Orders, part II, as that upon which he first reported for duty to an officer of the Australian, British or Allied Forces, following his escape or repatriation, whichever is the later.

"Periods spent in captivity as a prisoner of war will in all cases be deemed to be periods of good conduct. This means in effect that an ex-P.O.W. with the rank of private becomes entitled to proficiency pay on the date on which he was repatriated."

The Australian Service Medal, 1939–45

The recent announcement of the creation of the above medal has brought a flood of enquiries re the eligibility provisions. Here are the full particulars: The medal is for services rendered during the war of 1939–45 by all civil members of the R.A.A.F. Reserve as aircrew in Australian-registered civil aircraft in operational areas. It is circular in form and of nickel silver. It bears the crowned effigy of the Sovereign, and on the reverse side the coat of arms of the Commonwealth of Australia, surrounded by the words "The Australian Service Medal, 1939–45." Representatives of philanthropic bodies, official Press correspondents, official photographers and other civil personnel attached to the Armed Forces in an official capacity for full-time duty in uniform are also eligible. Eligibility shall not be affected by the grant of any other general award for service in the 1939–45 war. Only those who have received an honourable discharge are eligible.

The period of qualifying service for full-time duty is 18 months, at home or overseas. Any period of continuous training shall count as full-time duty. In the case of civil aircrew personnel eligible for the medal, they shall have at least separate flights over, or three or more landings in military operational land areas; this rule being waived only in favour of those whose full-time service of less than 18 months was brought to an end by death due to service or by disability.

due to service. In the case of Australian Mercantile Marine, the 18 months shall have been served as sea.

The period of qualifying service for part-time duty shall be three years, provided that where full-time service of less than 18 months has been rendered, the period of full-time service shall count double towards the part-time service qualification and provided also that defence duty must have been performed on at least 60 days during the service.

Full-time service for a lesser period than 18 months, or part-time service for a lesser period than three years, if brought to an end by death due to service, or by disability due to service, shall qualify for an award.

The medal ribbon is of khaki edged dark blue and light blue respectively and with two intervening red stripes.

The ribbon shall be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder. The medal shall be worn after the war medal issued for service during World War II.

Funeral Benefits to Deceased Ex-Servicemen and Dependents

Under the Soldiers' Repatriation Act, a grant not exceeding £20 is provided for defraying expenses of:

(a) An ex-soldier whose death is due to war service.

(b) An ex-soldier who dies in indigent circumstances.

(c) An ex-soldier, who dies in an institution, under control of the Commission, or whilst proceeding to or from an institution, under control of the Commission, to which he has been authorised to proceed.

A similar grant may also be made towards the funeral of any of the following persons, who die in indigent circumstances and whose death is accepted as due to war service:

(a) A widow of a deceased soldier.

(b) A child of a deceased soldier.

(c) A widowed mother of a deceased soldier; or

(d) A widowed step-mother of a deceased unmarried soldier.

In the case of an ex-soldier or widow with dependents, within the meaning of the Act (i.e., in cases where death is due to war service) the Repatriation Department has ruled that where the assets do not exceed the liabilities by £100, the ex-soldier or widow may be deemed to have died in indigent circumstances.

Funeral expenses, not exceeding a maximum of £20, will be considered a liability.

On Tap: When a brewery vat at Joliet, Illinois, overflowed into the water system, citizens drew beer from their taps.

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VOTE DAVIES [1]

Authorised by E. M. Davies, 37 Montreal Street, Fremantle
The Digger was more than pleased with a basket of bush-drove. He galloped up, saying, "breathlessly, You gave me the wrong key."

She: "I'm so glad you like it, dear. Mother says chicken salad and strawberry tarts are the only things I make correctly."

He: "Which is this, dear?"

Have you heard of the Englishman who made it a point of honour to drink his first pint in one long swallow? One evening, when his first was put on the bar, one crony diverted his attention while another dropped a small dead mouse in the beer.

The pint went down as usual—but with a slight gulp.

"What's up?" he was asked. "I heard thee swallow. That's getting ould."

"Nay, I'm not," was the answer.

"Ah thowt Ah tasted an 'op."

He: "The doctor book says that bathing alone will not keep you healthy."

She: "Well, no matter what it says, I'll continue to bathe alone."

Corporal: "That new recruit used to be a clerk."

Sergeant: "How do you know?"

Corporal: "Every time he gets stand-easy, he tries to put his rifle behind his ear."

She (at concert): "She has quite a large repertoire, hasn't she?"

He: "Yeah, and that gown she's wearing makes it look all the worse."

A tourist entered the best restaurant in a small Victorian town. "Whatcha got?" he growled.

"Sage hen," answered the waiter.

"What's sage hen?"

"It's a bird that lives around here," explained the waiter.

"Has it got wings?" the tourist enquired.

"Of course it's got wings."

"Then I don't want any!" snorted the tourist. "I don't want nothin' that has wings and still stays in Victoria!"

The Digger was more than a little fed-up with New Guinea. He thought it all out and decided he was much too ill for further service in the islands. So he reported on sick parade.

"What's the trouble?" asked the M.O.

"I'm crook," he said. "I've got fibrositis, rheumatism, tonsilitis, and a touch of T.B."

"Ah! You're mad," said the M.O.

"Yeah. And you can shove that down, too," said the Digger.

"All right back there?" shouted the bus driver.

"No. Wait 'til I get my clothes on!" replied a feminine voice.

So the driver led the stampede to the rear, and watched a girl get on with a basket of laundry.

If a two-wheeled vehicle is called a bicycle, and a three-wheeler is called a tricycle, a one-wheeler should be called an icycle. But it isn't—it's a wheelbarrow.

The troops had been getting rabbit in so many different ways from the camp cook that they were literally fed up with it. After Dinkey had had it stewed, baked, and braised at every meal for a week, he reported to the M.O.

"It's this flamin' rabbit, Doc. It upsets me stomach."

"Well, we'll soon fix that up for you. A good dose of castor oil is all you need."

"Cripes! Castor oil's no good, Doc. What I need is a flamin' ferret!"

"I wish the boys wouldn't call me Big Bill."

"Well, why not?"

"These college names stick, and I'm studying to be a doctor."

A young married woman wanted her new maid to be pleased with her position. "You will have a very easy time of it here," she explained sweetly, "because we have no children to annoy you."

"Oh," said the girl generously, "I'm very fond of children, so don't go restrictin' yourself on my account."

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PERSONALITIES

☆ Messrs. Ball, Pritchard and Durack, of the Harvey sub-branch debating team, were recently successful in defeating the team from North Perth.
☆ Wally Gibson, of the Midland Junction sub-branch, has been on the sick list for a long time and will, unfortunately, continue to be for the next twelve months or so. A visit from his fellow sub-branch members will always be appreciated. Wally’s Listening Post joins with their many friends in extending to them the very best of all good wishes.
☆ Mr. J. A. K. Tonkin, retiring president of the Press sub-branch, was recently presented with a Certificate of Service at the hands of State Vice-President Eric Davies. In a warm speech Mr. Davies pointed out that, in addition to serving as president of the sub-branch for 2½ years, Mr. Tonkin had been a member of the debating committee for three years (one year as chairman), had been chairman of the Song Competition Committee, served on the committee of the War Memorial Appeal and as an advisory member of The Listening Post committee.
☆ Mr. Arnold Potts, of the Kojonup sub-branch, and Mr. Harry Lewis, of the Norseman sub-branch, were recent visitors to Perth. Both attended a meeting of the State Executive, where they received a warm welcome.
☆ Barney Keeley, of the State Executive, recently spent a holiday at Mandurah and he speaks in the highest terms of sub-branch president Brian Manwaring and secretary Frank Digney. Both of these gentlemen, he says, are taking considerable interest in local affairs. He also reports that the president of the sub-branch would be pleased to hear from any other sub-branches who intend visiting Mandurah at any time for picnics, etc.
☆ Mr. A. Yeates, O.B.E., past State President and a member of the State Executive for many years, who retired from that body last year, has been honoured by being appointed a Justice of the Peace for the whole of the State.
☆ Mr. J. Roycroft, of the Boyup Brook sub-branch, sends us an interesting photograph of an Eire guard of honour which shows members of that country’s army with rifles on the left shoulder and not on the right, as recently stated in a paragraph in these columns. There is no doubt about it—our readers have eagle eyes.

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☆ Jack Fleming, of the Press sub-branch, is a busy man these days, being secretary of the Ex-Imperial Services Association and treasurer of the T.B. Association. A stout worker, Jack is certainly the right man for these jobs.
☆ Mr. and Mrs. J. Fewson, of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch and women’s auxiliary respectively, recently celebrated their diamond wedding.
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LISTENING POST NEWSREEL

DOLLARS FOR TRACTORS.—Resolution 186, moved by the Western Australian Branch at the 34th Annual Federal Congress, read: "That the Commonwealth Government be asked to make sufficient provision from the available dollar resources to ensure that the necessary numbers of tractors, spare parts and accessories are imported for use on farms held by ex-servicemen." This has brought the following reply from the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture: "From time to time the dollar allocation for the purchase of tractors is reviewed. I assure the League that I will at all times bear fully in mind the requirements of ex-servicemen in this regard."

SURVEY OF DRIED FRUITS INDUSTRY.—Resolution 178 at the 34th Annual Federal Congress was: "This congress requests the Commonwealth Government to conduct a survey of ex-servicemen settled in the dried fruits industry to ascertain the amount of further plantings required to settle those men whose requirements have not been met." To this the Minister for the Interior has replied: "As you are no doubt aware, the High Court recently declared the War Service Land Settlement Agreements Act, 1945 (Commonwealth) and the agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of New South Wales invalid. For the reasons which prompted this decision all the War Service Land Settlement Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States are regarded as invalid, and the matter of adjusting the position which has arisen is now being reviewed. Under present agreements it is a function of the States to classify applications for settlement and the Commonwealth has no knowledge of the number of claims classified by the various States as suitable for the growing of fruit for drying. It is suggested that this information be sought from the various State authorities... allocations of horticultural and viticultural plantings between the various States, having regard to the economic prospects for the products, have been made by the Australian Agricultural Council, and it has been Commonwealth policy to accept settlement proposals for such plantings under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme only to the extent of these allocations."

GALVANISED IRON, SOLDIER SETTLEMENT HOMES.—Resolution 199 at the 34th Annual Federal Congress read: "That this congress urges the Commonwealth and State Governments to make available galvanised iron for the building of soldier-settlement homes, and to prohibit the use of iron in areas where water reticulation is available and other roofing materials can be used." To this the Minister for the Interior replies: "As you are no doubt aware, the Commonwealth relinquished controls over fencing and building materials last August and the question of distribution of galvanised iron is one for the consideration of the controlling authorities in each State and the manufacturers. In the circumstances, I am afraid there is nothing I can do to assist in having increased supplies made available for soldier settlement homes."

WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT.—Resolutions 153, 157, 158, 161, 162, 164, 168, 177, 188 and 195 at the 34th Annual Federal Congress dealt with various aspects of War Service Land Settlement, and it is of more than passing interest to note that the Minister for the Interior says, in regard to these: "The legal position in relation to War Service Land Settlement is at present being reviewed following the recent decision of the High Court that the Commonwealth War Service Land Settlement Agreements Act, 1945, is invalid. I shall write you again concerning the terms of these resolutions when the position has been clarified."

PREFERENCE, BRITISH MIGRANTS IN HOUSING.—Resolution 86 at the 34th Annual Federal Congress was: "That the Commonwealth Government be asked to give preference in all cases of migrant operations, especially housing matters, to migrants of British birth." The Secretary, Department of Immigration, has replied: "As far as the Commonwealth Government’s immigration policy is concerned... it is based on a firm preference for British new settlers... and every detail of the policy has been shaped with this factor in mind. Quite apart from any migration scheme there are no restrictions placed on the entry into Australia of British subjects of European background."
The committee making this investigation comprised the following gentlemen: Messrs. R. J. Dumas (chairman), G. Gooch (representing the Pastoralists' Association, and assisted by a sub-committee from that body), W. V. Fyfe (Director of Land Settlement), J. J. Farrell (general manager, Wyndham Meatworks), J. W. Young (Commissioner of Main Roads), G. Drake-Brockman (Engineer for North-West), J. S. Foxall (State Mining Engineer), G. B. Barnett (Tropical Agricultural Advisor), T. E. Owen (manager, State Shipping Service), W. A. McCulough (Assistant Chief Civil Engineer, Railway Department) and Dr. L. J. H. Teakle (Research Officer and Advisor in Plant Nutrition).

As a first consideration, the committee reviewed the question whether it would be in the best interests of the North-West that the area, or portion of the area, should be transferred to the Commonwealth Government, to become a territory under Commonwealth control in the same manner as the Northern Territory.

The State Government has already developed and equipped harbours, freezing works, schools, police stations, medical services and shipping services, and has a definite road and mine policy; practically the whole of the area has been taken up by pastoralists; in addition, State department and officers have a specialised and practical knowledge of the North-West and its problems.

The committee recognises that the rehabilitation and further major development of the North-West must be largely a national problem, but is unanimously of the opinion that this can best be effected by the State with financial assistance from the Commonwealth and with the collaboration of Commonwealth advisory bodies such as the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

It is therefore recommended that no consideration be given to the transfer of any portion of the North-West to the Commonwealth.

The committee gave consideration to the area which, for the purpose of its enquiries, should be regarded as the North-West. It was decided to adopt as the southern boundary the 28°S. parallel of latitude but to exclude the towns of Wiluna and Meekatharra, as both these towns are railwayheads on the main State railway system and have not the same disabilities as North-West towns.

The committee recognised that many pastoral properties south of this line have suffered severe losses in recent years through drought and other causes, but the terms of reference given to the committee limit its investigation to the North-West.

The area of the North-West north of 28°S. latitude is approximately 655,000 square miles, representing 66 per cent. of the total area of the State. It may be roughly sub-divided into the Kimberley Division (the area

"The weather will be mild and bitter."

north of 20°S. latitude), and the lower North-West Division (between the 20°S. and 28°S. parallels of latitude).

These two divisions have very different climatic conditions.

In the Kimberleys the rainfall, by comparison with other parts of Australia, is regular and ranges from 20 inches to 45 inches per annum. In the area south of latitude 20°S., the rainfall is most uncertain and very much lower than in the Kimberleys, the average on the coast being 12 inches per annum, fading to 8 inches per annum 200 miles inland. In the

Kimberleys the rivers run full several times a year; in the lower North-West they run, on an average, only once every two or three years.

It is in the lower North-West, as defined above, that pastoralists have suffered most severely owing to drought during the last ten years, and the committee is of the opinion that some immediate financial assistance must be given to some residents of this area.

Its investigations have convinced the committee that the North-West problem is one which cannot be solved by applying the ordinary measures which fit in with the economies of the southern or eastern portions of Australia. The Commonwealth and State Governments must be prepared to grant special concessions and assistance.

It is the opinion of the committee that, other than by mining, the lower North-West area is only capable of settlement by pastoralists on 200,000 to 1,000,000-acre holdings according to the particular district. It is unlikely that any of the rivers will be dammed, or large irrigation projects initiated in this area for many years to come. There is, therefore, little prospect of the land itself in the lower North-West carrying any materially larger pastoral population than existed in the pre-war period.

In this area of 486,000 square miles, white settlers, including employees and children, numbered approximately 4,000.

On the coastline, at the western sea frontage to the lower North-West pastoral areas, are the port towns of Carnarvon, Onslow, Roebourne and Port Hedland. The white population of these towns in pre-war years totalled approximately 1,000, and, whilst Carnarvon is partially supported by the banana industry, a collapse in the pastoral industry would
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mean the removal of the great portion
of this coastal population.

Whereas in the lower North-West
Division the pastoral industry is
mainly confined to sheep, the Kimber-
ley Division in its southern section
carries both sheep and cattle, and in
the eastern and northern sections is
utilised almost entirely for cattle
breeding.

It is in the Kimberley Division,
with its fine river system, that the
greatest promise of development and
increase in settlement must be looked
for.

It is the opinion of the committee
that rehabilitation of the existing
settlers and construction work for
the purpose of developing the North-
West and increasing settlement
should go on simultaneously.

Payne-Fletcher Report

The committee has examined in de-
tail the Payne-Fletcher Report on the
Northern Territory submitted to the
Commonwealth in 1937.

Other than taxation and customs
duties relief, this report contains only
two major recommendations, viz.,
that the Barkly Tableland and the
Victoria Downs areas be converted
from cattle to sheep and, if this con-
version were effected and only on this
basis, that railways be constructed to
these areas.

Based on our own experience in
the North-West as to the increased
population which would follow this
conversion, the report would appear
unduly optimistic. It has also to be
recognised that there is insufficient
knowledge as to the adaptability of
sheep to these areas to warrant such
a great expenditure as would be in-
volved—the railways alone in 1937
were estimated to cost £3,500,000,
and the estimates were obviously on
the low side then. In addition, the
statistical position of wool, as com-
pared with beef, is not so favourable
today as to encourage such a pro-
posal.

Assuming that these two major
recommendations are not carried out,
there is no recommendation in the
Payne-Fletcher report which would
increase to any marked degree the
population or production of the Nor-
thern Territory.

The Northern Territory has been
occupied for 82 years (48 years by
South Australia and 34 years by the
Commonwealth).

Prior to the war, South Australia
had expended £6,000,000 and the
Commonwealth a further £15,000,000
on the Territory. The total produc-
tion in 1936 was £499,110 and the
deficit for the year, not including in-
terest, totalled £611,439.

The male white population fell
from 3,609 in 1901 to 3,378 in 1933.
The national cost of establishing each
European in the Territory exceeded
£5,000.

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Assuming that these two major
recommendations are not carried out,
there is no recommendation in the
Payne-Fletcher report which would
increase to any marked degree the
population or production of the Nor-
thern Territory.

The Northern Territory has been
occupied for 82 years (48 years by
South Australia and 34 years by the
Commonwealth).

Prior to the war, South Australia
had expended £6,000,000 and the
Commonwealth a further £15,000,000
on the Territory. The total produc-
tion in 1936 was £499,110 and the
deficit for the year, not including in-
terest, totalled £611,439.

The male white population fell
from 3,609 in 1901 to 3,378 in 1933.
The national cost of establishing each
European in the Territory exceeded
£5,000.

Payne-Fletcher Report

The committee has examined in de-
tail the Payne-Fletcher Report on the
Northern Territory submitted to the
Commonwealth in 1937.

Other than taxation and customs
duties relief, this report contains only
two major recommendations, viz.,
that the Barkly Tableland and the
Victoria Downs areas be converted
from cattle to sheep and, if this con-
version were effected and only on this
basis, that railways be constructed to
these areas.

Based on our own experience in
the North-West as to the increased
population which would follow this
conversion, the report would appear
unduly optimistic. It has also to be
recognised that there is insufficient
knowledge as to the adaptability of
sheep to these areas to warrant such
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R.S.L. CRICKET
MATCH RESULTS

January 29, "B" Grade
City of Perth (1 for 151) defeated Gloucester Park (51 and 46) by an innings and 54 runs. City of Perth: P. Rollo, 104 not out; M. Hepworth, 7 for 23.

February 5, "A" Grade
Maylands (5 for 130) defeated Mt. Lawley-Ingledwood (30 and 51) by an innings and 49 runs. Maylands: Mick Farrell, 50 (retired); Bruce Atkinson, 6 for 4. Since Bruce returned to his old sub-branch team he is proving himself an outstanding player, with both bat and ball.
Mt. Hawthorn (7 for 107) defeated West Leederville (87). At one stage, with Mt. Hawthorn 5 down for 20, it looked as if West Leederville would win, but Ern Cooley, who is known for his ability to fight back when the team is up against it, and E. Heasman made the game safe for their team. Mt. Hawthorn: E. Cooley, 41 not out and 6 for 14; E. Heasman, 32. West Leederville: R. Glenisten, 33.

February 12, "B" Grade
North Perth (4 for 107) defeated West Perth (50 and 7 for 60) by 57 runs on the first innings.
City of Perth (8 for 127) defeated Bedford Park (109) by 2 wickets and 18 runs. City of Perth: H. Smith, 34; and M. Hepworth, 6 for 15. Bedford Park: W. Moyle, 25 and 5 for 54; C. Letherbridge, 22.

February 19, "A" Grade
Mt. Lawley-Ingledwood (84) defeated Nedlands (26 and 7 for 134). Mt. Lawley: A. Smith, 39. Nedlands: Fred Winbridge, 50 not out; J. Newman, 36 not out; Harold Jenkins, 6 for 48. The evergreen Fred Winbridge is one of the old members who still turns out for his game of cricket and can always be relied upon to put up a good show.
Maylands (6 for 142) defeated West Leederville (138). Maylands: Bruce Atkinson, 58 not out and 5 for 53; J. Lord, 35. This match was full of interest to the end, and I believe the last wicket fell with only a few minutes left for play.

February 26, "B" Grade
Bedford Park (134) defeated Gloucester Park (12 and 1 for 62). Bedford Park: N. Catt, 61; W. Moyle, 21. Gloucester Park: C. Stone, 43 not out. Stone is another old member who cannot give up his cricket. He is a capable bowler as well as a solid type of batsman. In this match he took 6 for 53.
At this stage in the "B" grade, Bedford Park was assured of playing in the grade final and all interest centered on the next round in which City of Perth and North Perth would battle to decide who would play off against Bedford Park.

March 5, "A" Grade
Maylands (4 for 194) defeated Bellevue (score not available) on first innings. Maylands: Bruce Atkinson, 56; Les Shand, 53; D. Hamilton, 40; Coupland, 29 not out, Barrass (another of the old team back again), 6 for 36. Bellevue: C. Meadon, 29; A. O'Mara, 22; T. Woods, 21; R. Lamont, 20.
West Leederville (128) defeated Mt. Lawley (4 for 117) by 11 runs on first innings. West Leederville: D. Thompson, 31; G. Bolger, 26; J. White, 2 for 29. Mt. Lawley: R. Blitz, 40 not out; C. Hicks, 37 not out; Williams, 3 for 20; Hathaway, 2 for 16; Hicks, 2 for 17. R. Blitz and C. Hicks gave West Leederville a surprise and nearly won the game for Mt. Lawley.
Mt. Hawthorn (242) defeated Nedlands (91). Mt. Hawthorn: E. Lindsay, 94 (including 5 sixes and 9 fours); R. Croxton, 50; E. Cooley, 29; R. Axford, 23; J. Watting, 2 for 1. Nedlands: J. Newman, 46 (including 2 sixes and 5 fours). Big hitting was a feature of this match and Mt. Hawthorn's 242 was the largest score for the season.

March 12, "B" Grade
City of Perth (145) defeated North Perth (102) by 43 runs on first innings. City of Perth: P. Rollo, 75 and 5 for 23; M. Hepworth, 2 for 15. Rollo also took a brilliant catch off Mayne and by a quick and accurate throw-in had E. Coyle run out. North Perth: Mayne, 31; Goudge, 23.
West Perth v. Gloucester Park: Results not available at time of writing.
The "A" grade final will be played between Mt. Hawthorn and West Leederville, and the "B" grade will be between Bedford Park and City of Perth.
Both finals will be played at Wellington Square on Sunday, March 26. The winners of each grade will then meet in the Association grand final on Sunday, April 2.

A. B. CLARK, Association Publicity Officer.

SPORTS COUNCIL
A meeting of the Sports Council was held at Anzac House on Monday, March 13. The attendance was not as good as at previous meetings. Sub-branches are reminded that it is important that they should be represented at these meetings.
The following were among the many matters discussed:
A.R.M.S. Games
A report was received on the recent A.R.M.S. meeting, at which strong opposition was voiced to the playing of the games during the summer. The general opinion of council delegates was that the feelings of sub-branches who participated in the games should have prior consideration in regard to when these should be played, and it was therefore agreed to pass on to the State Executive a recommendation from the A.R.M.S. meeting that next congress be asked to rescind its previous motion.
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particularly of making it a centre of social contact between sub-branches, were discussed at length. It was generally agreed that every effort should be made to establish a strong and virile amenities committee as a step in the right direction. As a try-out of the idea of inviting sub-branches to the club for special games and social evenings, it was decided to endeavour to arrange for a visit by Cottesloe and Melville sub-branches, both of whose delegates expressed confidence that their members would support the idea.

Debating
Mr. Chaney spoke enthusiastically of the wonderful local interest which the Harvey sub-branch had aroused in the debating competition. This contrasted strongly with the position in the metropolitan area, where it seemed almost impossible to get an audience. He thought it would be fitting, in the event of Harvey winning their semi-final, if the final was held in Harvey. Council agreed and decided to suggest it to the Debating Competition Committee.

R.S.L. Picnic
A suggestion was made that the Sports Council should sponsor the holding of a huge annual R.S.L. picnic and sports meeting. No action was taken on this suggestion, but it is hoped sub-branches will think over the idea and let us know whether it appeals to them or not.

A.R.M.S. GAMES
New Controlling Committee Elected
A meeting of sub-branch secretaries and sports directors was held at Anzac House on March 1, to make arrangements for this year's A.R.M.S. games.

Attendance was greater than in recent years and everyone present displayed keen interest and a desire to improve the games by avoiding previous mistakes.

Mr. Maitland, chairman of last year's controlling committee, opened the meeting and reported on the results of last year's competition. He pointed out the purpose of the meeting and outlined the steps which would have to be taken by the new committee. He said he would be unable to accept the position of chairman this year.

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H.M.A.S. Perth was sunk on February 28, 1942, and was attended by naval men, ex-naval men, and a crowd of the general public, among whom were many prominent persons. One cannot help believing that Canon Collick, on that Sunday thought of another important anniversary: the surrender of Cronje at Paardeberg on February 27, 1900. That was just 50 years ago, but 50 years do not seem long ago to a man who has been too busy living to have time to grow old.

Throughout his career Canon Collick has been a man of selfless devotion to his fellows. He has been noted for the unaffected humility that is the hallmark of the truly great. With his robust mentality and the unassuming nature that has always refused promotion in the Church, Canon Collick, more than any other man I have known, reminds me of Chaucer's Poor Parson in the Canterbury Tales. His generous sympathy and broad understanding of human nature have enabled him to preserve the attitude of not being "to sinful man disspiteous," well knowing that "if gold shall rust, then what will iron do?" The secret of his success, both in the active duties of his ministry in peace and war and in the winning of hearts, may indeed be summed up in the lines of Chaucer: "But Christes Lawe, and His Apostles twelve, He taught, but first he folloied it himselfe."

Long may he be with us and may he truly find in his retirement the leisure to write his reminiscences of more strenuous times, for he must have many memories that are too valuable to be lost.

16th BATTALION

The 16th Battalion, A.I.F., held its monthly meeting on March 8, with a full attendance for Anzac Day arrangements. Last year we had the highest unit number on parade (231), and for 23 years after the Armistice, we send out a special appeal to the old boys to roll up for the march this year. We honour those who are not now with us, else the old battalion, when we march in the Anzac parade, Australia will be a living memory of the lad's auxiliary in entertaining members and their wives to refreshments in a gathering to spend an hour or so renewing old friendships and meeting mates whom we seldom see nowadays. Please let the secretary know before April 12 if you will be present. He has cups and cakes, etc., to arrange for. F. Davidson was present and he gave us a fine half-hour yarn of his visits to the old French battlefields. He stirred up old memories of rain, mud and whisabouts, etc.

Sub-Branch Directory

The Listening Post Committee, having decided that more space in this journal shall be devoted to advertising (owing to general increased costs of production), has also decided that the Sub-Branch Directory shall now be published at six-monthly intervals instead of once every three months as previously. In the meantime, however, we shall publish details of changes forwarded to us.

To hand this month are the following:

BELLEVUE.—Secretary now L. J. Warman, 2 Elger Street, Bellevue.

BIG BELL.—President now M. B. Stone; Secretary, R. H. Neale, Big Bell.

BROOMEHILL.—Secretary now A. T. Hillman, Broomehill.

BRUCE ROOK.—President now G. C. Phillips; Secretary, J. Garswood.

CALINDI.—Meets 1st Saturday each month.

CARDIFF.—President now R. Binnington, 34 Princep Street, Collie; Secretary, C. F. Brown, Preston Road, Collie.

DENMARK.—Secretary now J. A. Driscoll, Mitchell Street, Denmark.

DONNYBROOK.—President now N. McDaniel, c/o. Newsagency, Donnybrook; Secretary, A. W. Taylor, Emerald Street, Donnybrook.

Duellung—President now F. Willis, Holbrooke; Secretary, C. H. Joynton, Holvoe.

FORRESTFIELD.—Meeting next night 3rd Tuesday in the month.

GERALDT.—President now G. L. Thosse; Secretary, G. H. S. Henn, Birdwood House, Geraldton.

GNOVANGERUP.—President now H. Childow.

GUILDFORD.—Secretary now H. A. Swinbourne, c/o. Stirling Arms Hotel, Guildford.

KATANNING.—President now W. Matthews; Secretary, B. E. Taylor.

KELMSCOTT.—President now G. H. Hicks, Armitage Road; Secretary, D. B. Duke, Clifton Street, Kelmscott.

KOJONUP.—President now G. C. Bigfell (Phone 56F, Kojup); Secretary, Rev. E. C. King, The Rectory, Kojonup (Phone 32, Kojonup).

MEREDIN.—Secretary now T. C. Spencer, Merredin.

MIDLAND JUNCTION.—President now W. Mountain, Stafford Street, Midland Junction; Secretary, H. W. J. Kynaston, 150 Morrison Road, Midland Junction. Meetings 2nd Tuesday each month.

MT. HELENA.—President now R. Mc-Allister, Mt. Helena; Secretary, W. A. Bull, Cook Street, Mt. Helena.

NARROGIN.—President now F. Johns (Phone 201), Narrogin.

NORTHAM.—President now A. Bancroft.

NORTHCLIFFE.—President now W. Willis.

NYABING.—Secretary now R. R. Moore, Nyabing. Meetings last Friday.

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descent providing they are of good character, in sound health, in possession of a valid British passport and in a position to maintain themselves here. At the same time we are receiving a limited number of new settlers from Europe, the majority of whom have friends or relatives in Australia who sponsor their admission and guarantee that suitable accommodation will be available on their arrival without detriment to any person already residing here. In addition there is an agreement between the Australian Government and the International Refugee Organisation, which is soon to cease operations, whereby a specified number of displaced persons from Europe are selected for resettlement in this country. These people on arrival here are engaged in the production of essential materials for housing and also in rural and remote areas where Australian labour is not readily available. The only categories of migrants other than British people and the displaced persons who are encouraged to settle in Australia are selected Allied servicemen, principally of the United States and the Netherlands, many of whom are married to Australian women. Housing in the Commonwealth is primarily a matter for the respective State Governments who have set up State housing authorities to administer their policies and allocate homes accordingly. Each State has its own particular residential qualifications and conditions of eligibility.
Mr. N. R. Walsmsley was unanimously elected president of the sub-branch at the annual general meeting recently.

This is Mr. Walsmsley's second term of office, he previously having held office for several years almost immediately following his demobilisation from the Army. Always a keen and willing worker in R.S.L. affairs, he commenced his year as sub-branch leader with every good wish from all members, every one of whom will have absolute faith in his ability to steer his charge through yet another successful year.

The secretary-treasurer, Mr. E. Ricketts, was re-elected unopposed. Other office-bearers are as follows: First vice-president, Mr. A. Bartle; other vice-presidents, Messrs. L. J. Purecell and G. H. Jackson; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Bowen; auditor, Mr. C. C. Crayden.

Social, land and amelioration committees were also elected.

When addressing members, Mr. Walsmsley said that he felt proud that members had seen fit to elect him into the responsibility of the sub-branch presidency. The success of the coming year could be made possible only by the support of every member. Members should give the sub-branch every assistance and attend meetings regularly.

Mr. Alf Bartle, the retiring president, who did not seek re-election, is to be congratulated upon the success of the past year, a very large amount of the credit for which rests on his shoulders.

The following report was submitted by the retiring president:

It is with pleasure that I present my second annual summary of the sub-branch activities.

Firstly, I would point out that largely due to this sub-branch's endeavours, Waroona has now the greatest number of Commonwealth rental houses per capita, in the State, and six more are to be erected. Of these, ex-servicemen have gained more than 50 per cent. of tenancies. In addition, a group of four war service homes is to be erected in the very near future.

Of amelioration donations we have made the usual gifts to bodies concerned with ex-servicemen's welfare, plus over £16 to State Legacy.

Our social activities have been numerous and various. The debutantes' ball, honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Governor and the Premier, was an outstanding social success and should prove excellent ground work for similar functions.

A picnic to Mandurah was a great jollification and even if it smudged our financial standing it was a grand day. In addition, the Anzac ball and New Year's Eve ball were both excellent evenings and quite financial, due largely to the fine efforts of the women's auxiliary.

Anzac Day: I am pleased to state that the last service saw a great improvement in attendance over previous years, and the march of veterans returning to vogue met with a good response.

Militia Unit: It now seems fairly certain that a company of infantry of the 11/44 Battalion, if not an armoured car detachment, will be formed in the district of Pinjarra-Harvey inclusive, and we are hoping that Waroona will be favoured by being the company headquarters. This should prove an excellent medium of training and recreation for local youth, as well as providing a nucleus for future defence.

Congress: Once again Mr. Ricketts attended congress as our delegate and his backing to other motions has resulted in the finalisation of financial matters in relation to Commonwealth rental homes and a promise by the Federal Government of early attention to the matter of P.O.W. subsistence.

Reunion: Our annual reunion was once again a quite convivial evening. Unfortunately it clashed with several other social activities, resulting in a somewhat disappointing attendance.

Women's Auxiliary: I am proud indeed, on behalf of this sub-branch, to have the opportunity of thanking the auxiliary for their sterling work throughout the year and for donations in cash made to our general building fund.

Appreciation: In conclusion, gentlemen, I thank all for their help and co-operation throughout the year, especially do I mention the painstaking enthusiasm and endeavours of the honorary secretary, Mr. Ricketts.

To the incoming president and office-bearers I extend a sincere wish that their tenure of office will be fruitful of endeavour and cheerful in nature.

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At 8.30 a.m. on March 21, the Mosquito planes, piloted by Flying-Officers Palmer and Dawson, with a number of other planes, took off from an advanced base to make the Copenhagen attack, and nothing further was ever heard of either Flying-Officers Palmer or Dawson or the two R.A.F. aircrew who were with them. Four other R.A.F. aircrew also lost their lives in this operation.

The attack was highly successful and most, if not all, of the Gestapo records were destroyed.

At the conclusion of the war, the Danish people wished to signify the ir appreciation of the work of the late R.A.F. and the R.A.A.F. for its work during the war on behalf of Denmark, and they contributed a sum of money in special memory of the eight members who lost their lives in the difficult and dangerous attacks made on the Gestapo headquarters at Copenhagen, Aarhus and Odense.

A proportion of this money has been placed with the trustees of the Services Canteen Trust, who have established an education bursary to commemorate the memory of the late Flying-Officers Palmer and Dawson.

The first bursary was presented this year and has been granted to Peter Heath, 42 Balmore Street, Balnagood, New South Wales.

Peter is the son of the late Squadron Leader P. R. Heath, who was killed in action on November 19, 1940, at Mersa Matruh, North Africa.

I think of death as some delightful journey
That I shall take when all my tasks are done.

BURGEES, D. J., York sub-branch; late R.A.A.F.
CLEGG, B., Mosman Park sub-branch.
COX, J., Victoria Park sub-branch; late 16th Bn.
DEXTER, W. A., West Leederville sub-branch; late A.A.S.C.
DUCKWORTH, H., Victoria Park sub-branch; late 7th Lanc. Fus.
FRY, J., Wagon sub-branch.
HOGG, C. H., City of Perth sub-branch.
LOB, C. M. J., Beverley sub-branch; late 8th Field Ambulance.
MARSHALL, W., Maylands sub-branch; late 3rd D.A.C.
ROBINSON, Miss I. C., Cottesloe sub-branch; late 223 A.S.D.
UNKOVIC, N., Southern Cross sub-branch; late 102 A.A.

War Nurses' Memorial Hostel

In September, 1941, at a public meeting held in Perth, a proposal was submitted to provide a hostel for Service Nurses who were passing through from time to time and also for those who required a period of rest and convalescence.

An energetic committee was formed and the result was that a fund was established which accumulated to over £7,000.

One of the early ideas of the committee was that it might have been possible to obtain a donation of suitable premises, but as this was not forthcoming a house was rented at 28 Ord Street, Perth, and used for the purpose of the Fund. During the period of occupation of this house nurses from all parts of the world, including those evacuated from Malaya, were accommodated, and the benefit of the hostel was then apparent.

At the conclusion of hostilities permission was obtained from the State authority for the fund to be used to carry on the work of what is now known as "The War Nurses' Memorial Hostel for Rest and Convalescence," at the original premises in Ord Street.

However, it was found that the accommodation at Ord Street was being over-taxed, and it was decided to make an effort to purchase a larger property.

After about a twelve-month period of inspecting various properties, it was finally decided to bid at an auction sale for two-storey premises at 32 Queen’s Crescent, Mt. Lawley. The bid was successful and the occupation of the house was effected on February 1, 1949, and since the occupation the house has practically been continuously full. The purchase of this property has exhausted all the accumulated funds.

It is proposed that the official opening by His Excellency the Governor (Sir James Mitchell) will take place on Saturday, April 22, at 3 p.m., and at the same time an appeal for funds (in order to carry out repairs to the premises, complete the furnishing and provide enough working capital to carry on) will be launched.

It is desired to point out that this is not done with a view to profit, for provision is made for war nurses in difficult circumstances who require relief and accommodation.

The fund is run by a strong committee, the majority of whom are war nurses, and a large representation from the Hollywood Repatriation General Hospital is included.

(Prince of the committee is Miss Jessie Clifton, who has been actively engaged since the inception of the fund. The trustees are Mr. J. Potterdell, Sir Frank Gibson, Mr. Alex Paton and Miss J. Clifton. The honorary secretary is Colonel J. E. Mitchell and the honorary treasurer Mr. C. A. Hendry.

It is confidently expected that on the opening of the appeal all sub-branches and auxiliaries will do their utmost to raise the required amount, and, thus, ensure the continuance of what will be a utility monument to the war nurses who made the supreme sacrifice in the last two years.)
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A further mark to maintain the fraternal feelgood factor was the annual sub-branch meeting held at the village hall on May 7. Such a meeting is usually an enjoyable and informative event in which we can reflect upon the past year’s activities and look ahead to the future. The chief highlights of the meeting were the election of new officers, the presentation of appreciation to members who have contributed to the success of the sub-branch, and the announcement of the upcoming social activities for the coming year.

In addition, the sub-branch had the honor of hosting representatives from the national headquarters, who expressed their gratitude for the support and contributions of the sub-branch. The representatives also discussed the national agenda and objectives, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a strong bond between the sub-branch and the national organization.

At the end of the meeting, refreshments were served, including a delicious afternoon tea provided by the sub-branch. The enthusiasm and spirit of the members were evident, and everyone looked forward to the upcoming activities and events.

D WELLINGUP AND DISTRICTS

The monthly meeting was held in Dwellingup Hotel on March 10. President Frank Wilson, whose term of office ended after a year, congratulated all the members on the success of the sub-branch and expressed his appreciation for their support and contributions. The sub-branch membership amounted to 120, and the average attendance was 40.

The meeting was well attended, with 40 members present. The atmosphere was friendly and warm, and everyone was eager to discuss the upcoming events and activities. The warm afternoon tea, served in the hotel, added to the enjoyment of the meeting.

EX-SERVICE WOMEN

During the year, the sub-branch has been active in organizing events and activities for ex-service women. The membership is 45, and 25 members have been present at regular intervals. The sub-branch has been able to provide support and assistance to ex-service women in the area, helping them navigate the challenges of life after service.

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FREMANTLE CITY

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MANNIMUP

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The highlight of this report concerns our picnic on February 26, which was well and truly enjoyed. There were a good number of lucky little, M. and F. M., and S. Moennig was the venue, place, and presence. The picnic resulted in a challenge match, but Joe wants him 14th chair first. Subsequent comment in the Dublin Yankee on the success and the events. Our cricketers have gone on their winnings, and 


SOUTH PERTH

On February 23, Mrs. Bill Lennie entertained 40 members with a moonlight picnic, at the usual spot on the Dord of the match. It was decided to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Watson for his part service in keeping the club afloat.


VICTORIA PArk

The river picnic on March 5 was enjoyed by old and young. A few suggestions for an even better show have been noted and enquires are already being made for 1951 (boats, etc.). More enthusiasm could have resulted had there been the usual number of Subs. However, the cricketers are well satisfied, and we can blame the heat for this. Quite a number of our younger families are anxious to return home early, and the first to arrive left before scheduled departure time. Subs are now due to the majority, and we have to wait for late parties. The Easter Mile on present indications will give a much-needed lift to the business of our Subs for some months at least in regard to bank. The competitions in Victoria are much appreciated by the organizing committee. Permits for the release of building land are now only a matter of getting the contractor to sign. We are having a good race, and we have longed and waited for this. Subs are arriving slowly, the year is slipping past, and more harm than good about it? Don't come complaining of non-member try to look after yourself. Remittances have been received from New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Sydney and several from country areas. These boys still insist their Subs branch association. The sports night on the first Friday of each month is a regular feature. Our的老 mysterious Subs director, is out to please all and he particu-


WEST LEEDERVILLE-WIMBLEDON

Under our new President, Mr. Newstead, the new year is now well under way, and has the advantage of financial risks that escaped us last year. We are now in the black and ready for a prosperous season. All sports are prepared for and strength in the A.R.M.S. competition, with the aid of a little internal rivalry. We must seed two small bears for our cricket team, which the numerous Vic-


OSBORNE PARK

A well-attended meeting was held on February 1, with Jim Hammond in the chair. It was decided to invite Mr. I. Purcell to become a member in appreciation of his good work for the Sub-branch in the past. On February 1st, 1950, at the Officers' Mess, a good ladies proceeded to Scarborough. Hero the remainder of the "Big Four" and their ladies proceeded to Scarborough. The object of this evening was to persuade the ladies to attend. There were 30-40 members present. The "Big Four" indulged in 'hats, quiz, and table tennis. The results were: clubs: Dunn and 


SIBUCRO

Two of our best meetings this year have been Ladies' nights. That is, our members were invited to bring along wives and other females and auxiliary members were also invited to be present. One of these evenings was a monthly general meeting. Most business was shelved and the Venue was a series of talks and questions about cricket and the players.


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VICTORIA PARK

Two fortuitous occasions have been held by the auxiliary since our last report, both presented over by Mrs. Ames. Future activities will, I believe, include the annual conference and the exhibition, not forgetting arrangements for our Easter Gift. A special application was made to the local authorities for permission to hold an exhibition on arrangements for sports fixtures. Karters were arranged for fortuitously visits to the Football Club also at the Hollywood Hospital. Members are reminded that the 1950 crown for budge is no longer available and can be obtained from our secretary.

F.U.S.W.

The usual monthly social was held at Anu- and, hobbies of the women and the conditions under which they live was greatly appreciated. The committee, in particular, are grateful to the Misses E. Jones thanked Mrs. Crofts for the wonderful job women such as she have done and are doing for the women of India. Mrs. R. Blows arranged the programme. Artists were Mr. James, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Witten, Mrs. Birmingham and Miss Dyce (companion). The content of the programme included an auxiliary appeal.

A NEW SUB-BRANCH

Effort

Bicton-on-Swan Aquatic Carnival

This carnival was rightly referred to in advertising as “The Coastal City’s Event of the Year,” and from a public point of view was a great success.

Fifteen thousand people saw a wonderful display of aquatic activity on the Sunday and in all some 26,000 people attended on the two days and two nights.

Financially, the carnival was not quite up to expectations, mainly on account of staff shortage, but considering that the Bicton-Palmyra sub-branch has only been in existence since May of last year, the efforts of a few gave many a very pleasing weekend.

All aquatic sporting bodies concurred were delighted with arrangements and are looking forward to a greater effort on their part at the next carnival.

The organisers express gratitude to the many donors of trophies, etc., that meant so much in launching this, the first of many annual Bicton-on-Swan carnivals.

A movie film of the carnival will be screened locally in the near future.

In conclusion, this sub-branch is proud of its women’s auxiliary who contributed so much towards the success of the show.
McKINLAY SHIELD COMPETITIONS

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51st BATTALION, A.I.F.

Diggers of World War I who served with the 51st Bn. will be pleased to hear that this year the parade on Anzac Day will be led for the first time by their old C.O., Lieut.-Col. R. Christie, D.S.O.

For many years Bob has been a member of the permanent staff of the R.A.A.F. and during the recent war held an important administrative position in the Eastern States. He recently retired with the rank of Air Commodore and, acting upon medical advice, has undertaken a sea trip and has also taken the opportunity of redeeming a promise of long ago to come West and talk over the old days.

The committee of the 51st Bn. Association are arranging a monster reunion subsequent to Anzac Day, due notice of which will be promulgated on the Anzac Day parade.

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They are our war dead, and in our hearts and minds memory of them must never dim.

To this end, on several memorials in King's Park there will be found engraved many names, and therein lies the deep significance of a war memorial.

On the State War Memorial the marble tablets bearing the names of the 6,807 dead of the 1914-18 war have recently been reconditioned, and to these names will soon be added those of the 1939-45 war dead.

It will be of interest to many people to read below the titles of famous units of the first A.I.F., and it will no doubt be a shock to many to read how costly it is to make a laud.

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32nd Btn. ............ 176
44th Btn. ............ 476
48th Btn. ............ 362
51st Btn. ............ 831
10th Light Horse Regt. ....... 262

With Anzac Day reviving the memory of mates of long ago, the suggestion is here put forward that unit associations might like to assist the State War Memorial Committee by helping to defray the cost of reconditioning the name tablets, and to this end donations can be sent to the writer c/o. Anzac House.

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