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CONGRESS

Before many weeks have passed another congress will be upon us, and it behoves all sub-branches to think upon the many and varied motions which will be put to the vote—nor what congress decides, so far as the Western Australian branch of the League is concerned—is law.

What congress decides is also news, make no mistake about that. The decision of members will, in many cases, be front-page news, and the general public will be told, without delay, what congress thinks and decides upon all matters of vital interest.

This means that every motion should be given the utmost thought and consideration. Hasty decisions are seldom made, but even on the motions which seem, at a casual glance, to be of only minor importance, reflection is often necessary, for such motions may be of more than passing concern to the sub-branches introducing them.

Debate at congress is usually of a high order, but here and there one cannot fail to see time-wasters who, apparently fall in love with their own voices and feel compelled to speak upon almost every subject. Constructive criticism is always of value, as are sound ideas—but purely destructive criticism and time-wasting talk not only bore delegates who are forced to listen, they often do a deal of damage.

Congress delegates are often extremely busy men who ask mainly that the work of congress be expedited as much as possible. Every move to this end makes for a more, successful congress. Every move to this end is warmly welcomed by the great majority of delegates.

For the President, the officials of congress and the Anzac House staff, the days of congress are extremely hectic. The amount of work to be done is truly huge. Therefore, the easier their tasks are made the smoother will congress run.

[Since the above was written, the State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt) has announced that he will retire at the end of this term. During the period in which he has held office, he has done a sterling job—a job which at times has been difficult. Congress will have to choose his successor. This choice will need to be made with the greatest of thought and care.]
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Items of Interest from the State Executive

A meeting of the State Executive was held on April 3, highlighting:

1. **Migration**
   - The migration report dealt with the Bunbury meeting at which a regional committee was formed, and the committee feels that, in view of the successful launching of this regional committee, the time is now opportune for the setting up of similar regional committees in other parts of the State. To this end, preliminary steps have been taken in negotiations with the Albany and Norseman sub-branches.

2. **Land**
   - The Land Committee presented a consolidated report regarding the inspection of properties allocated to ex-service men under the W.S.L.S. scheme in the South-West portion of the State. This was prepared by Messrs. H. A. Leslie, B. C. Chambers and T. Stanley and was read in detail. It pointed out that, in regard to some properties in the Manjimup, Northcliffe and Pemberton districts, there is reason for grave concern at the circumstances attaching to many of the settlers and the farms visited.

3. **Pensions**
   - It was reported that of 65 cases before the War Pensions Entitlement Tribunal, 36 were advocated by the State Secretary. The total number of cases allowed was 12, nine of which were secured by the League’s advocate.

4. **Re-Establishment**
   - This report stated that the Building Industries Congress is concerned about the shortage of bricklayers and has requested the League to make representations for a greater intake of trainees into this trade. The committee is referring this matter to the union concerned. The committee is pleased to report that, as a result of representations made to the Public Service Commissioner, an ex-service man who was subject to forfeiture of a bond of £200 has had the amount reduced by 50 per cent.

5. **Housing**
   - The Housing Committee is making representations to the State Housing Commission that where it has acquired land upon which to erect homes and at some future date desires to resell, where such transactions are carried out between the State Housing Commission and the War Service Homes Commission and between ex-service personnel and the State Housing Commission, such land should be sold at cost only. The State Housing Commission has advised that, as a result of representations made, an ex-service Nursing Sister who was receiving a maximum pension has been allotted a war service home to enable her to live with her invalid mother.

6. **Mining**
   - Colonel Mansbridge has been elected chairman of the Mining Committee. The committee is concerned with the poor response obtained from sub-branches as a result of circulars forwarded. Of 37 sub-branches circularised, only two replied.

Reports were submitted as follows:
- Management (Mr. Hunt), Land and Housing (Mr. Davies), Immigration (Mr. Lonne), Pensions (Mr. Stahl), Rehabilitation (Mr. Stanbury), Anzac House and Anzac Club (Mr. Ferguson), Mining (Colonel Mansbridge), Finance (Mr. Herlihy), R.S.L. Hostel (Mr. Watt) and Favershaw (Mr. Sten).

Another meeting was held on April 19, highlighting:

**Bushfire Assistance**

A report was read by the State Secretary regarding assistance given by the League and various sub-branches to the sufferers. This included: Nyabing sub-branch collected a truck of oats and sent it to Northcliffe. The latter sub-branch expressed thanks for prompt help, saying: “Any man should be proud and thankful to be able to say that he is a member of the League. [Eight members of this sub-branch were burnt out; all are helping one another, but further aid will, no doubt, be welcomed.] Brunswick sub-branch collected baled hay and raised four trucks to Northcliffe, where hay was badly needed. Donnybrook sub-branch made a cash donation of £10 plus a further £3/3/- from member J. K. Kilpatrick. Dumbleyung sub-branch forwarded 250 bags of oats to Denmark. Gifts of fodder are being received at Walpole. Wubin sub-branch railed 115 bags of oats to Northcliffe. [Much damage has been done to ex-service men’s properties at Pemberton.]

**Land**

Advice has been received from the Federal office that applications to participate under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme must be lodged by eligible persons before August 15 of this year or within five years after the date when such person ceased to be engaged on war service, whichever is the later date. The Land Committee recommends that the Minister for Lands be written to and requested to make a survey of areas in W.A. outside those set apart for war service land settlement schemes, with the object of locating suitable country upon which to settle United Kingdom ex-service personnel in a scheme financed by the Commonwealth and Imperial Governments. Mr. P. Lyons has been appointed a member of the Land Purchase Board.

Reports submitted included: Management (Mr. Hunt), Land (Mr. Davies), Re-establishment (Mr. Stanbury), Anzac Club (Mr. Ferguson), The Listening Post (Mr. Sten), Trustees (Mr. Craig) and R.S.L. Hostel (Mr. Watt).

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Have you heard the story of stubborn Mr. Smith? He wouldn’t wear goulashes, he didn’t like carrying an umbrella, he didn’t wear enough warm clothing when the nights grew chilly. His obstinate refusal to see—and do—what was good for him annoyed his wife.

“You never take any good advice,” she said.

“Darn good thing for you I don’t,” he replied, “or you would still be an old maid.”
From the Editor's Note Book

Recently a society of which I am a member sent me a notification that its annual subscription had been increased by 50 per cent.

Why do I tell you this? Because although such increases in membership fees are common in all phases of industry, profession and society, the membership fee of the League stands at the same figure as it did a number of years ago.

Yes. The League's membership fee is a very inexpensive one. It works out, indeed, at less than 3d. per week. For which each and every member receives, not only the ready assistance of the League in matters of pensions, rehabilitation, housing, land settlement and the like, but innumerable indirect aids brought about by the constant and vigilant work of the State Executive and its many committees, and — if I may venture to mention it — a monthly magazine.

During the time in which the League membership fee has been stationary there has been a steady increase in all operating costs. Indeed, there has been a steady increase in general all-round costs in every member's life. What we eat costs more; our clothes cost more; our transport costs more; our entertainment costs more — it costs more to live and it costs more to die. But the League membership fee remains where it was.

Operating costs (stationery, printing, electric light, cleaning — all the many odds and ends which have to be bought and paid for) are continually on the increase. From where is the money necessary to pay these operating costs to come?

This is a matter which, in the very near future, League members will need to consider at some length. A pound's worth of work cannot be done on an income of nineteen shillings.

You could not manage your household on the salary you received in pre-war days. It hardly seems possible that the League can continue to function efficiently upon an income based upon the costs of a number of years ago.

Some members seem to be of the opinion that an increase in membership fees would cause a number of members to drop out. For that simple reason I am writing these words. For if the League was worth your fee when you joined, surely it is still worth your fee, even if that should have to be increased.

Mind you, I am writing this completely off my own bat. I have no information that membership fees will be increased — that, indeed, would be a matter for congress to decide — but I do think that, as all other bodies are increasing such fees, it is possible that the League will, at some future date, have to make a decision on this matter.

I ask, therefore, that you will be prepared to put the question to yourself: "Is an additional fee warranted?" I am sure that, when the time comes, you will have but one answer — "Yes."

A theatre in "one-night" towns is always called by the natives the "Opera-House," and is usually up one or more flights of stairs, the stage furnished with dim lights, and the dressing-room with nothing. In one of these "Opera Houses" in south-western Missouri a certain theatrical manager found but one dressing-room — a large apartment beneath the stage.

"Where are the other dressing-rooms?" he wanted to know.

"There ain't any others," returned the local impresario.

"Well, what are we to do? I have a large company of ladies and gentlemen, and they cannot dress in this one room."

"What's the matter?" drawled the Missourian. "Ain't they speakin'?"

These Unfinancial Badge Wearers

Apropos the leading article in this month's [April] Listening Post on the subject of the League's badge, I beg to point out that the impostors who sport the badge, wear it completely with crown, an old crown, and are enabled to get away with their fraud by virtue of the fact that the public is not made aware of the colour which indicates that financial obligations have been met for the current 12 months. The statement in the article that the badge is worn minus the crown is not borne out by my observations here in Perth; all the ones I have seen worn have a crown of sorts, but I estimate that only one in six wears a red crown, at the time of writing.

This brings me to a suggestion which I had been considering even before your leader appeared, and that is that public opinion should be enlisted by means of an advertisement in the Press to the effect that those who are now wearing unfinancial badges are frauds and impostors. Tell the people what colour to look for in the badge and point out that a man who will pretend to membership of a proud organisation is liable to be a pretender in other matters also. It serves no purpose to denote these people in the League's publications only; we are already too painfully aware of the facts, and that is why I say we should inform the public at large.

With regard to financial members tolerating the wearing of badges by ex- or non-members, will you tell me what, individually, can be about it? One can hardly go up to a man and order him to become financial, or else. In the mass, however, I feel we can and must bring a terrific weight to bear. Perhaps it will be argued that the cost of showing up the impostors by means of advertisement will be too expensive and that the position does not warrant such extreme measure, but in my view the satisfaction to be obtained from the knowledge that every man one sees with the badge is a fellow member in good financial standing will also give a fine moral fillip to all the League.

Yours, etc.,

D. H. ROBINSON.
LEAGUE CRICKET
Mt. Hawthorn Wins Grand Final

Easily defeating City of Perth ("B" grade premiers), Mt. Hawthorn scored a well-merited victory in the R.S.L. Cricket Association grand final played at Wellington Square on Sunday, April 2. Only twice in 20 years have they failed to get into the finals or semi-finals, but this is the first occasion that they have succeeded in winning that all-important last match.

MATCH REPORTS

Previous reports covered all matches up to the middle of the second round. These notes deal with the remaining matches, including the grade finals and the grand final.

In the "B" grade, Bedford Park assured themselves of a place in the grade final early in the second round, but it remained for the last match to decide which would be the other team. This match, between City of Perth and North Perth, created a lot of interest because both teams were then equal on points. Victory went to City of Perth, but North Perth put up a good fight and were by no means disgraced.

City of Perth had a harder struggle to gain the "B" grade final than any other team, as they had to win every match in the second round, and they are to be congratulated for their grand performance.

Unluckiest team in the "A" grade was Maylands, who could not field a really good side early in the season but who were undefeated in the second round when they had many of their old players back with them.

Bellevue, newest team in the association, did very well, but several defeats in the second round kept them out of the finals. These lads had a good following, which reflected the keen interest taken by their sub-branch in the fortunes of the team.

Mt. Lawley caused a surprise by defeating the strong Mt. Hawthorn side in the last match of the second round. This sub-branch found considerable difficulty in building up a team this year but we hope next year will see them in full strength again.

West Leederville, who last year came up from "B" grade to win the grand final, played well again this year and were always hard to defeat. One of the best-balanced teams in the association, they were capably led by George Bolger.

Mt. Hawthorn showed steady improvement throughout the season. A strong batting side, they also possessed several good bowlers. Indicating batting strength is the fact that they averaged 162.7 runs per innings—good figures and not equalled in previous years as far as can be ascertained from the score books.

GRADE FINALS

Both "A" and "B" grade finals were played at Wellington Square on March 26.

"A" Grade.—Mt. Hawthorn (6 for 125) defeated West Leederville (119) on the first innings. Outstanding was the bowling of Ernie Cooley (17.6 overs, 7 maidens, 7 wickets for 30 runs), who played a major role in dismissing the strong West Leederville side for the relatively small score of 119. Elated at this success, Mt. Hawthorn batsmen slowly but surely downed the bowling to enable the scoring of the necessary runs for victory. Best batsmen for the Mounts were Ern Lindsay (31 not out) and Fred Ward (21).

C. Farley (31) and R. Colby (28) were best for West Leederville.

"B" Grade.—City of Perth (192) convincingly defeated Bedford Park (111). Perth batted first and, having put on 192, were in a fairly good position. Bedford set out courageously and looked to have a chance until the dismissal of Lethbridge, who was brilliantly caught by Hepworth. With the exception of Greaves, none of the others were able to get settled.

Outstanding batsman for Perth was Peter-Rollo (77). Others to do well were Les Dawson (28 not out), Eric Hills (27) and C. Kelynack (20).

Bowling: Morrie Hepworth (5 for 31) and C. Kelynack (3 for 34).

Bedford Park: Batting: Colin Lethbridge (45), Greaves (21 not out) and Wally Moyle (19). Bowling: Lethbridge (4 for 59).

GRAND FINAL

Ideal weather prevailed on Sunday, April 2, and numerous club supporters and spectators turned up to watch the grand final between Mt. Hawthorn and City of Perth. Perth won the toss and, much to the delight of the Mounts, elected to bat.

However it soon became evident that they could not cope with the bowling of the "A" grade premiers, and after 75 minutes they were dismissed for the small score of 45. In all, 19.5 overs had been bowled and the demons of the day were Reg Axford (6 for 23) and Ern Cooley (4 for 15). Three good catches were taken by Bert Pegg and the wicket-keeping of Fred Ward was favourably commented upon. Fred, who was holidaying at Collie, came up specially for the match.

With victory in sight, Mt. Hawthorn batted confidently and at lunch were 3 for 96. When play was resumed many more spectators had arrived. Mt. Hawthorn continued to score freely and finished with 9 for 275. The main scorers for Mt. Hawthorn were E. Cooley (90, including 1 six and 10 fours), R. Stockmin (49—6 fours), R. Axford (43—2 sixes and 4 fours) and E. Lindsay (41—1 six and 5 fours).

For Perth team, Les Dawson must be congratulated on his bowling—6 for 65. It was regretted by both teams that Peter Rollo was unable to play, he having met with an accident the previous week. He was a very disappointed man in having to look on.

City of Perth's women's auxiliary did a grand job in providing lunch on the ground, a gesture which was greatly appreciated by all concerned.

This match concluded our season except for social fixtures, such as wind-up dinners and country trips.

I hope to be able to report briefly on these next month.

A. B. CLARK,
Publicity Officer.

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The Digger Earns His Pension

A Broadcast Talk written by the State Secretary (Mr. J. Chappell) and given from Station 6AM-6PM by Mr. F. J. Stahl (Chairman of the R.S.L. Pensions Committee)

Some controversy has developed lately over the question how far war service shortened the lives of those who took part. Some believe in the theory that war service did shorten lives materially, even when no wounds were inflicted or severe illnesses suffered; and this theory has the backing of at least one actuarial investigation.

To consider the question fully it may be necessary to deal with each of the world wars separately—for the effects of the first differed in many respects from those of the second, although both were severe. Here is an extract from Dr. Bean's History of the A.I.F. (First) describing conditions that had no exact parallel in World War II: "And I verily believe that at that moment they emerge for the first time out of a frightful dream. For they are the men who have been through the drumfire. Strong men arrive from that experience shaking like leaves in the wind. I have seen one of our own youngsters—a boy who had fought a great fight all through the dark hours, and who had refused to come back when he was first ordered to—I have seen him unable to keep still for an instant after the strain, and yet ready to fight on till he dropped; physically almost a wreck, but, with his wits as sharp and his spirits as keen as a steel chisel. I have seen other Australians who, after doing glorious work through 30 or 40 hours of unimaginable strain, buried and buried and buried again and still working like tigers, have broken down and collapsed, unable to stand or to walk, unable to move an arm except limply, as if it were string; ready to weep like little children."

In the last war, many of the men who served in all theatres believe that the jungle fighting in New Guinea was the worst of their experiences. Here is how one writer describes conditions in New Guinea:

"The tragedy of the campaign was not a tragedy of men required to make bayonet charges against deep foxholes held by a fanatically brave enemy. It was a tragedy of men unprepared for the peculiar rigours of such a life, struggling with bulging eyes and knotted veins to heave their packs and weapons to the top of dizzy sawtooth ridges; of men shivering in bitter mountain cold, sweating and tortured by insects in steamy swamps; of men whose fibre was made ragged by the strain of peering and listening in inescrutable bush for the enemy. All night I kept passing lines of wounded men. It was pitch dark. They shuffled at a snail's pace, holding on to each other in long, pitiful strings. They were in the last stages of exhaustion, but somehow they kept moving. They were constantly sorting and re-sorting themselves. The strongest, the least seriously hurt, overtook the weaker, the more seriously hurt. At the tail of every string men would drop off and lie face down in the mud. Then the next string would come along. The leaders would help those who had collapsed into the bushes by the side of the trail."

The question arises how far these conditions undermined the constitutions of those who took part, and whether they had a permanent effect. It appears that severe war conditions did undermine the constitutions of those who took part, and in the first ten years after discharge many weaknesses directly attributable to war service but not previously noted manifested themselves. After ten to fifteen years the body will have restored itself to normal, and if no mal-conditions have become apparent, the ex-member will be as healthy as his non-service contemporary, if not healthier. The actuarial investigations supporting these views, carried out by the Commonwealth Statistician, Mr. F. W. Barford, in 1933, produced the report that returned men were 13 per cent. more liable to death than non-servicemen of the same age and the same constitution. A second investigation, made into the records of returned soldiers and non-soldier members of certain friendly societies by Mr. O. Gawler, brought the report that although there was a slight difference in the first ten years, returned men did have a slightly better expectation of life thereafter.

Although this investigation was just as thoroughly carried out as the first one, the latter seems to have overlooked the fact that the men who were members of the friendly societies and did not enlist, were probably less healthy than those who did enlist. Enlistment undoubtedly took the fittest and left the unfit. Obviously, it would not be logical to argue that because the fit men were no worse than the unfit after their war service, war service had had no ill-effects in their cases. They at least came back. The unfit probably did not come back at all. The State Executive is still giving attention to this matter, as it realises how important the point is in relation to late claims for the acceptance of illnesses as due to war service.

Now here are some questions which are continually being asked by ex-servicemen.

Q. I am in receipt of a service pension on account of age and am permitted to earn 30/- per week in addition to my pension. Am I allowed to earn the full amount of £78 in, say, the first few months of the year and then nothing more for the balance?

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THANKS TO THE LEAGUE

Armchair critics of the League might do well to turn to page 3 of this issue and see what League sub-branches and members have done for victims of the recent bushfires. We would also like to draw their attention to the following letters recently received by the State Secretary (Mr. John Chappell). The first two are in regard to appeal entitlement cases:

Mr. V. W. Willcock, in forwarding a donation to League funds, said: “I would like to record my thanks to you personally and to the League that as a non-member I received courteous and generous attention which I never would have believed available to outsiders.”

Mr. J. Allan, of South Fremantle, said: “I trust you will excuse me in delaying this letter of appreciation and thanks. I thought I would like to get back to more or less normal. I can’t convey to you my feelings on appeal tribunal acceptance, but I did not forget you as my advocate, and thank you accordingly.”

In regard to some assistance rendered to a traveller in distress, the following letter was received from Mr. C. P. Lockley, of Camberwell: Victoria:

“I wish to thank the R.S.L. and the Western Australian branch in particular, for the very generous way in which you were able to help me recently. I have often read and heard of the assistance that the League is able to give, but this was the first time that I have come in personal contact with it. When I found that my wife and I had missed our ship to Melbourne, and that the shipping company’s agents could not help me, I turned to the League. The most kindly and considerate attention that I received from your office, resulting in us being booked on a plane to Adelaide in less than six hours after I first contacted you, was very efficient and helpful service. Once again thanking you for your quick and generous help in this matter.”

From the Camberwell Central sub-branch also came this letter: “This sub-branch expresses its sincere thanks for recent assistance given to one of our members, Mr. C. Lockley, who had transport trouble in your State.”

It is interesting to note that the Rehabilitation Committee and Mr. H. Leslie, of the State Executive, were largely responsible for getting an additional allocation of cash made to the Advance Manufacturing Company in order that a number of disabled men could carry on their present activities. Details to hand are: “Advance Manufacturing Co. Pty. Ltd. consists of a number of men engaged in various part-time occupations. The company was formed for the purpose of giving such part-time employment to ex-service men. The workshop for some time has been in the Claremont Show Grounds, but as a result of repeated efforts by interested parties an area of land at Graylands was made available for the purpose of erecting a building which had been transported from Geraldton and an allocation of £1,750 was approved by the Department of Repatriation to cover the cost of the erection of the building and the necessary installations to make it suitable for occupation by the company. But recently it was advised that the estimated cost would be £2,800, mainly due to the high cost of sewerage. Now we are pleased to learn, the Minister for Repatriation states that arrangements have been made for a further allocation of £1,750, in order that the necessary work may be undertaken. In view of the additional finance provided, a weekly rental of £2/5/- will be charged to the company.”

The part which the women’s auxiliaries play must not be forgotten. Recently the following letters were received. The first is from the R.S.L. Ward, Sunset. It says: “Mrs. Young, That was a lovely ‘box.’ In this hot weather I am hard put to it to give our men in hospital (44 at present) something that will entice them to eat. They don’t need much, but something different, as you know. Small items go further. I try to buy enough fruit to give them a little often, but it makes my hair stand on end—the cost and the quality. Grapes, peaches, bananas—my poor old cash-book shudders. So thanks again from Sunset.” I hope you are all as happy as you make us.”

The second letter is from the acting-matron of Lemnos Hospital: “Dear Mrs. Brown, I must thank the members of the State Executive for the Scotch fillet sent down for the patients at Lemnos for Easter. The boys thoroughly enjoyed it. Keep up the good work. I think the R.S.L. auxiliaries are the best friends these men ever had.”

Boxing contests between women were not uncommon in the 18th century. In a 1722 publication the following advertisement appeared: “I, Elizabeth Wilkinson, of Clerkenwell, having had some words with Hannah Hyfield and requiring satisfaction, do invite her to meet me upon the stage and box me for three guineas each woman holding half a crown in each hand and the first that drops the money to lose the battle.” The challenge was answered by the following advertisement: “I, Hannah Hyfield, of Newgate Market, hearing of the resolution of Elizabeth Wilkinson, will not fail, God willing, to give her more blows than words, desiring home blows, and from her no favour. She may expect a good thumping!”

In buying a secondhand car, remember it’s hard to drive a bargain.
Australia

By Paul Jenner Ure

Australia our Mother, summer-warm,
Eternal, blyth, ever of youth renewed,
Thine azure skies, thy silent spaces form
A seeming measure of Infinitude.
Thou art the Mother of a warrior race
Of casual heroes and of women fair,
Who wage the deadly art of wax and dare.
As 'twere some chancy game of dice we heard.
We will defend this homeland and the right
Against aggressive selfishness abroad.
In war, God grant us courage, valour, might,
And then the gift of Peace—which is a sword.

Unfurl the star-crossed flag o'er Canberra white,
The symbol city of goodwill and light.

Australia, pure vestal, Thee we hear,
"In selfish peace, God is without apart—"
In stress, in war, when ye are crystal clear,
Incarnate is in the unconquerable heart.
The stary cross flames high in Austral skies
Oft seen through dim cathedrals forest lane,
Bright symbol of God's ancient sacrifice,
To pour out love and life for other's gain.

In sacrifice salute our living dead,
Who poured the wine of life on battlefields.
Remember we are living and have said:
"We will remember them, who were our shields."

Unfurl the star-crossed flag o'er Canberra white,
The symbol city of goodwill and light.

Australia, thy spirit found increase
Upon—Gallipoli's rugged shore, and knit
In France and Africa, in Burma, Greece,
Thy valiant sons together spirit-lit,
The flame of thine Anzacian courage whence?

Tis from the over-soul wrought and sublimed
From pioneer frustration, achieving—
Tene
The sheer impossible, with wilful mind.
Gethsemanes of drought, of fraud, of fly,
Of blistering heat, of lack all in the life—
Man crucified who yet refused to die.
Men wrought to diamond, steel, and sand, from strife.

Unfurl the star-crossed flag o'er Canberra white,
The symbol city of goodwill and light.

Australia, dear homeland of delight,
Of brave free hearts, the opal and pure gold,
Of rose-sweet women and of children bright,
We'll linger in thy fragrance till we're old.

Land of enriching contrasts where we gain
Experience essential to full life;
Expand to larger living, transcend pain,
And gain a humorous kindliness through strife.

We will remember thee, some will depart
Thy free dominion, be it to defend
With King and British brotherhood at heart,
The British Empire may, on us depend.

Unfurl the star-crossed flag o'er Canberra white,
The symbol city of goodwill and light.

Australia, a king, is king of self,
Is kind and free of lessening desires.
A man today is mighty as the wealth
Of love and freedom, service he inspires—

In crystal clarity and Cosmic trend
Of his enflaming thought and certitude,
That Right does triumph in the endless end,
To planned fulness, beauty, peace and good.

In brotherhood a man knows all life his,

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In self-effacement shows the all in all—
The focus of the Archetype and Bliss;
So to perfection we will strive and call:
Unfurl the star-crossed flag o'er Canberra white,
The symbol city of goodwill and light.

Sub-Branch Directory

To hand this month are the following alterations:

Boulder: President now L. Bracegirdle, 198 Piesse Street, Boulder.

Bullfinch: President now C. Wall, Coolgardie; Secretary, F. D. A. Reid, Bullfinch.

Corrin: President now Rev. H. W. C. Hyde; Secretary, R. L. Muntz.

Ex-Service Women: President's address is now 3 Ventnor Avenue, West Perth, Phone B 8360.

Gascoyne: President now J. P. Demplster, East Carnarvon.

Gnowangerup: President now L. C. Chidlow.

Lake Grace: President now A. L. Irvin; Secretary, S. G. P. Jenings.

Merredin: President now L. Bray, Bakery, Merredin; Secretary, T. C. Spencer, 25 Coronation Street, Merredin.

Mt. Lawley - Inglewood: President now F. N. Graves, 34 Dumbarton Crescent, Mt. Lawley; General meeting, first Tuesday; games night, third Tuesday—Greswenor Road, Mt. Lawley.

Mullewa: Meetings now second Thursday each month.

Norsem: Secretary now D. F. Mc Ara.

Northampton: President now A. B. Rees, secretary, R. A. Magee.

Quairading: Meetings are held first Tuesday in each month.

Salmon Gums: President now W. T. Brown.

Rhubarb was first used in Europe for medicinal purposes. In 1542 it was sold in France for ten times the price of cinnamon and four times that of saffron. In England, in 1657, a pound of rhubarb cost nearly triple the amount one had to pay for a pound of opium.

Gorilla warfare means when the sides get up to monkey tricks.
Harvey Reunion

The annual reunion of the sub-branch was held in the R.S.L. Hall, Harvey, on Saturday, March 11, at 8 p.m., and, as in the past, the hall was comfortably filled.

The president of the sub-branch (Mr. George Moore) occupied the chair, and he did a great job. The conduct of the evening and the whole set-up reflected great credit to all concerned. There was an abundance to eat and drink, the items were really first class and the comradeship excellent. Viv. Morton, the Mornington nightingale, rendered some excellent numbers and he was really good. Len May, the Prince of Story-tellers, certainly earned his title and he sure could roll them off.

The main toast of the evening, that of the “State Executive” was very ably proposed by senior vice-president, Mr. F. T. Hum. The response was by the State President, Mr. W. J. Hunt, who gave his listeners a résumé of the work of the B.E.S.L. and phases of League policy. He was supported by Mr. B. Keeley, who dealt with the work of the sub-committees of the State Executive. He specially stressed the part being played by the Migration Committee and appealed to all present to do all possible to support the League’s migration programme.

A roll-call revealed that there were representatives present from almost all units in World Wars I and II, as well as from distinguished regiments in the Imperial Army.

In addition to the usual ritual, “They shall grow not old,” etc., another very impressive tribute was paid to the fallen, and for the benefit of sub-branches we publish the following lines by Winston Churchill:

“Honour to the brave who will return no more. We shall not see their faces again. In the service of their Sovereign and their country they have undergone the sharpness of death; and sleep their eternal sleep, thousands of miles away. Their places, their comrades, will know then no more, for they will never return to us as we knew them. But in a nobler and higher sense, have they not returned to us today?”

“They return to us with a memory of high duty faithfully performed; they return to us with the inspiration of their example. Peace then to their dust; honour to their memory.”

The latest development in the culinary world is a cook-it-yourself restaurant in New York. This, together with the restaurant proper, consists of a beautifully equipped kitchen where the customer can whip himself up a hamburger supreme or a cheese souffle without even the bother of cleaning the dishes afterwards. The only losers in this general jollity are the girls who come, home night after night and wearily cook dinner. It must be tough on them when they get an evening out to have their escorts propose that it would be no end of fun to go for a meal to a cook-it-yourself restaurant.

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We have been told a story about a reluctant conscript asked by the army oculist to read a chart.

"What chart?" asked the draftee.

"Just sit down in that chair and I'll show you."

"What chair?" asked the man.

Deferred because of bad eyesight, the draftee went to a nearby movie. When the lights came on he was horrified to discover the oculist in the next seat.

"Excuse me," said the conscript as calmly as he could, "does this bus go to Fremantle?"

Women's faults are many,

Men have only two—

Everything they say

And everything they do!

"I'm a bit worried about my wife," said Brown. "She was talking in her sleep, and saying: 'No, Frank, no, Frank!'"

"Well, what are you worrying about?" demanded his friend. "She said 'No, didn't she?"

In a big city store a woman was making an inquiry about a doll's house that had taken her fancy. When she heard its price—and it was a tall one even for these days—she stood for a moment in stricken silence. Then, rallying bravely, she smiled sweetly at the salesgirl.

"You arrange mortgages on them, of course?" she suggested politely.

Said about Women: "Only in the ballet do women reach the zenith of perfection. For in the ballet they display every grace and charm, but do not speak."

The guard of honour at a recent wedding was provided by firemen and the bridegroom drove to the church on a fire-engine. There was no escape, of course.

British titles are a constant source of confusion to foreigners. One curious misunderstanding about the Peerage was revealed while the Earl and Countess of Ranfurly were visiting the United States recently.

Lady Ranfurly was asked by the mayor of an American city: "Well, Countess, is your lord running for duke at the elections?"

A Hollywood director has a very precious six-year-old son. One afternoon the director was sitting out on his patio, getting the sunshine, when the little boy walked in and said: "Pop, we got to have a talk. I want to find out about life."

The director dropped his newspaper and gulped. With the realisation that his little boy was now a man. Gathering his assorted wits, he tried valiantly to remember his knowledge about child psychology. He said: "Well, son, what is it exactly that you want to know? Where you came from? Or why a man and woman get married?"

The youngster looked up, puzzled, and said: "Naw, I want to talk to you about life. How come we don't subscribe to it?"

A bishop had three sons in the services. Two were army chaplains, the third was a naval man. All spent their first leave at home.

The bishop was standing in front of the dining-room fire when the first chaplain son came and took his place by his father's side.

"Did you have a good night?" asked the bishop.

"Yes," replied the son. "I dreamt I was in Heaven. It was just like home, so very peaceful."

The second chaplain son then came into the room and took up his position with the others in front of the fire. He also told his father that he had dreamt that he was in Heaven and that it reminded him of home.

Then the sailor son burst into the room.

"Well, my boy," said his father, "did you sleep well?"

"No, dad," the son replied. "I had a beastly dream. I dreamt I was in Hades, and, do you know, it reminded me of home. You couldn't see the fire for parsons."

The inexperienced curate was asked to referee at an important football match on the village green.

The game was fast and furious and the crowd took exception to some of his decisions. After a particularly noisy demonstration, facing the spectators, he said: "Er—may we have a show of hands for or against that goal, please?"

Two Canadians were sitting in a train. "Say," said one, "did that Dionne fellow ever have any more quintuplets?"

"Certainly not." "I knew it," maintained the other triumphantly. "I always said that guy was a flash in the pan."

Chairman at church gathering: We welcome tonight the Rev. Jones. This is the first chance he has had to speak since he married.

A TRIBUTE

At a recent Press sub-branch luncheon a decorated Certificate of Service was presented to Mr. Jack Tonkin, retiring sub-branch president, by Mr. E. O. Davies, State vice-president, on behalf of the State Executive. In making the presentation, Mr. Davies pointed out the high regard in which the Press sub-branch is held by other sub-branches in the State, and the efficient way it had always carried out any job the Executive had given it to do.

Describing the work that had been done during Mr. Tonkin's 2 1/2 years of office, Mr. Davies mentioned the work which had been invaluable in promoting the debating competition in other sub-branches, the effect of which would be of great benefit to the League in W.A.

"The committee for the song competition is doing a great service," said Mr. Davies. "Mr. Tonkin's work on the Listening Post advisory committee is also a State-wide service, and the energy which he has put into the State War Memorial appeal committee—aided by his sub-branch—has mainly been responsible for its great success."

Mr. Davies added that, in spite of Mr. Tonkin's busy position as news editor of The West Australian he has found time to help and give the lead to so much during his office, was a service given through real sacrifice for which, on behalf of the State Executive, he sincerely thanked him.
PERSONALITIES

☆ Ted Wales, of the Bedford-Morley Parks sub-branch, recently presented a miniature memorial to it. This was made of Donnybrook stone and, in the words of members, “is a real work of art.” It is housed in a cabinet of silky-oak and was dedicated at the sub-branch headquarters during the commemoration service on April 25.

☆ Mr. Fred Bateson, of the State Executive, celebrated his 73rd birthday on April 5, when he received hearty congratulations from his fellow members. Fred is still a steady and enthusiastic worker for the League, his hospital visiting being a regular feature which has become part and parcel of his life.

☆ Bob Reid, of Subiaco, E. Williams, of North Perth, and H. Wilkins, of Bruce Rock, were among the recent visitors to State Executive meetings.

☆ Ted Kneebone, a valuable worker for the Norseman sub-branch, has been forced to relinquish his position as hon. secretary. His place has been taken by Mr. D. F. McAra.

☆ Fred Chaney, of the State Executive, is to be congratulated on the recent birth of a son; and Pat O’Dea, of the South Perth sub-branch, also comes in for congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

☆ Gordon Hack, president of the Highgate Hill sub-branch, was recently the lucky winner of the first prize of £3,000 in the Charities Consultation.

☆ Dick Collins, of the Press sub-branch, and one-time editor of this journal, had the misfortune to be involved in a road accident recently, when the car in which he and his wife were driving was overturned. Fortunately neither Dick nor his wife suffered any injury.

☆ John Wood, of the Press sub-branch, recently celebrated his 90th birthday. A luncheon was given in his honour at the R.S.L. Hotel and the State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt) presented him with a pipe on behalf of the assembled guests. Mr. Wood served in the Royal Regiment of Artillery in India and in the 4th Imperial Bushmen’s Corps in the South African War. He also served with the V.D.C. for a period in World War II.

☆ Kay Simpson, of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch, who recently left for Victoria is, we are sorry to learn, now an inmate of Heideberg Hospital.

☆ Charlie Mitchell, recently appointed manager of Anzac House and Club, is being inundated with congratulations upon his appointment. All who know Charlie are positive that he is the right man for the job.

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War Service Homes Interest

A recent Federal congress resolution was: "That the Commonwealth Government be requested to ensure that interest payments under the War Service Homes Scheme shall not operate until the premises are occupied." The Minister for Works and Housing now advises: "The general question of the rate of interest on war service homes is being investigated. The proposal above, however, can be decided without delay in that it is directly opposed to general business principles. A concession in the direction desired could only be considered if the rate of interest charged on war service homes gave a sufficient margin above the cost of money to the Commonwealth to enable it to be absorbed and, if we reach such a position it is considered that it would be more equitable to reduce the rate of interest over the period of the loan than to adopt the proposal in this resolution. I do not propose, therefore, to recommend the adoption of this resolution."

Eligible Persons, Agricultural Allowance

Another Federal congress resolution was: "That the Commonwealth Government be asked to extend eligibility for agricultural allowances to all men who have been granted loans under the Re-establishment and Employment Act." To this the Minister for the Interior replies: "Provision for these loans and allowances was primarily made to assist in the re-establishment on the land of ex-servicemen who were engaged in agricultural occupations prior to enlistment. Eligibility for assistance has been extended to those ex-servicemen who did not have agricultural experience before enlistment but who are suffering from war-caused disabilities which prevented them from following their pre-war occupations, or ex-servicemen who enlisted at early ages and had no pre-war occupations. Persons coming within these categories are entitled to apply for both loans and allowances. Since the inception of this scheme it was found that a number of ex-servicemen who did not fulfill the eligibility requirement of pre-war agricultural experience, or were not suffering from war-caused disabilities which prevented them from performing their pre-war occupations had invested their own capital in agricultural undertakings. Many of these persons were making a success of their enterprises, but their progress was retarded by lack of finance. It was felt, therefore, that these ex-servicemen, having proved themselves successful farmers and having exhausted their own capital, their re-establishment would be expedited if they could be assisted by means of re-establishment advances and, accordingly, it was agreed to admit such persons to eligibility for loan purposes only.

"Ex-servicemen to qualify for this assistance must engage in their agricultural occupations for at least 12 months, as it was considered that this period is essential for them to prove whether they are going to be successful or not in their undertakings. It is this class of person which your League has requested should be considered eligible for payment of re-establishment allowances.

"Section 102 (1) of the Act restricts the payment of the allowance to a maximum period of 12 months from the date the applicant engages in his agricultural undertaking. As the class of settlers referred to above cannot qualify for loans until they have proved themselves capable farmers as the result of at least 12 months' operations, it is obvious that they could not be regarded as eligible for allowances at the time they enter into occupation of their properties. Consequently, the period for which the allowance would be paid would have expired before eligibility could be acquired."

"In granting loan assistance to persons who did not have pre-war agricultural experience, it was never intended that the requirement of pre-war agricultural experience should be completely disregarded, which would be the case if these persons were admitted to eligibility for allowances as from the time they went into occupation of their properties. It was merely the desire to aid ex-servicemen who had invested their own capital in agricultural properties and who had proved their capabilities and whose progress would be expedited by Commonwealth aid which prompted a variation in the eligibility requirements."

"I regret I am unable to accede to your League's request for payment of a re-establishment 'allowance in the circumstances mentioned."
Once again the State was favoured with a fine Anzac Day and in the majority of centres the roll-up of men marching or attending memorial services was excellent.

The Dawn Ceremony in King's Park attracted a crowd of nearly 4000, while the attendance at the later parade in Perth was as follows:

Hospital cars, 300; Y.A.L. Band, 40; Legacy children, 208; R.S.L. Band, 41; V.C. winners, 2; R.S.L. State Executive, 14; Ex-Naval Men's Association, 121; 10th Light Horse, 140; Cavalry-Armoured Corps, 50; S.R.D., 32; Artillery, 201; Engineers and Pioneers, 138; Signals, 42; 11th Bn. and 2/11th Bn., 311; 12th/52nd Bn., 62; 16th Bn. and 2/16th Bn., 363; 28th Bn., 111; 2/28th Bn., 105; 32nd Bn., 33; 2/32nd Bn., 36; 25th Infantry Brigade, 41; 44th Bn., 129; 2/43rd Bn., 27; 48th Bn. and 2/48th Bn., 70; 51st Bn., 177; 2/3rd Machine Gun Bn., 36; 2/4th Machine Gun Bn., 63; South African veterans, 50; New Zealanders, 14; Old Contemptibles, 51; Ex-Imperial Association, 160; Allied Ex-Servicemen, 40; A.A.S.C., 32; A.A.O.C., 30; A.E.M.E., 32; A.A.M.C., 45; 2/7th Field Ambulance, 52; 2/13th Field Ambulance, 60; A.A.N.S., 23; A.F.C. and R.A.A.F., 130; Australian Legion of Ex-Service Men and Women, 28; R.A.N., 100; A.R.A., 60; R.A.A.F. (serving), 60; school cadets, 198; Air Training Corps, 74; Boy Scouts, 44; Girl Guides, 100; Caledonian Pipe Band, 12; Perth Highland Band, 30; Fremantle Highland Band, 16; Coastal Scottish Band, 18; Subiaco Band, 40; Victoria Park Band, 32; Leederville Salvation Army Band, 24; Salvation Army Fortress Band, 43; Mundijong Pipe Band, 12.

Numerous services were held in suburban districts in the afternoon, that at Fremantle being conducted by the Rev. A. J. Spratling, of the State Executive, assisted by the Rev. A. Stephenson and the Rev. F. G. Bush.

The Perth assembly on the Esplanade was addressed, as is usual, by the State President of the League. On the dias were the Governor (Sir James Mitchell) and his sister (Mrs. N. Rae), Mr. L. W. Hamilton, M.H.R. (representing the Federal Government), the Premier (Mr. McLarty), the Chief Justice (Sir John Dwyer), the Lord Mayor (Mr. J. Trotterdell, M.L.A.), and the three service chiefs—Captain H. L. Howden (Navy), Major-General J. S. Whitelaw (Army) and Wing-Commander N. Ford (Air Force).

Sir James Mitchell took the salute as the parade moved off the Esplanade. Before the service he had inspected a guard of honour provided by the 16th (Cameron Highlanders') Battalion.

Mr. Hunt's address was as follows:

It is first our manifest duty to remind ourselves of the purpose of this gathering on this day, the 25th April, Anzac Day. A whole generation has now passed since 35 years ago, on the bleak, bare Peninsula of Gallipoli, so many of our fellow Australians, together with our kinsmen from Britain, "jeopardised their lives, unto their death, in the high places of the field."

Another duty today in this celebration is to pause and call to mind all those who, in any way, suffered and are still suffering, the losses, the wounds and the disabilities of the two great wars. We must never forget the need of the wounded and the incapacitated, though many of them may be living out of sight; but at least let us hope, in some degree of comfort, under the care of nurses or friends.

Nothing is so unkind as man's ingratitude, "nothing bites so nigh as benefits forgot." It is not enough to remember them at the setting of the sun or in the watches of the night; our ears should always be open to their cry for whatever help they may need, whenever it is needed. But that is not all; it is at least an equal, if not a greater obligation on us, to remember the cry of the children, the call of the younger generation, especially those orphans who were benefitted of their natural guardians.

We must pay tribute to the earnest and consistent work of our various Legacy Clubs throughout Australia, who have accepted the duty of supplying the help and training, which these orphans need and deserve. This is one way in which to show gratitude, and it is a noble one, a way which should appeal to the generous instincts of any good Australian who might be able to do it. Their education is vital to the future welfare of Australia.

I have no doubt that in the minds of all of you assembled here there is the knowledge of somebody near, somebody close, whose name is recorded on the list of those who paid the supreme sacrifice, and it is fitting and proper that we should set aside this day from year to year in order that we may not only pay tribute to these men, but when we should ourselves be reminded of the obligation passed on to us to keep those principles for which they died.
Our State War Memorial will, I trust, shortly be made to bear the names of all those men whose memory we preserve today. By courtesy of The West Australian, from day to day there are being published lists of names of those who gave their lives in order that you may check and advise us so that no name shall be left unrecorded. Later it will be necessary to appeal to you for further donations to cover costs when they have been prepared. I trust your generosity will be sufficient to enable this work to be completed.

So, I feel that we are here today for that purpose, to pay tribute and to be reminded what our duties—yours and mine—must be for the future.

This assembly, this vast concourse of people, will lose a lot of its value unless it is impressed upon every individual taking part and listening in that responsibilities of citizenship of this country involve greater obligations and ability to think, now, more than at any other time in our history. I do impress upon everybody, without any tendency to alarm, that the times are serious, but our future can be made to hold a lot that is worthwhile if we will face up as good citizens to the charge of maintaining all those things for which these men gave so much.

We must not allow ourselves to drift into that quiescence which more or less characterised our existence following the 1914–18 war, when we became self-sufficient and thought “it can never happen again.” For we thought that by having won the war in 1914–18 that would end the necessity for ever having to face up to another set of circumstances of similar character. So we allowed our training for defence to lapse, and our arms to be discarded; we absolved our young men from the obligation of training in the art of defence, and we became absorbed with material gain.

Many of our men, disregarding complacency, “soldiered on,” and when the call came in 1939 we began to appreciate what we owed to them in the formation of the Second A.I.F. To their work and to their energy during the intervening years between the two wars, the Second A.I.F. owed so much for the success which they ultimately attained.

There is some satisfaction in the knowledge that we are apparently not going to be allowed to drift again from training our younger men for defence. We are beginning to learn the lesson that complacency and apathy will make us an extremely vulnerable nation to anybody, who is jealous of our existence and our possessions. We have to remember our situation. We, the people of Australia and New Zealand, of Anglo-Saxon origin, are set down in the southern hemisphere, surrounded by people of India, China, Japan and other smaller communities. They portend the awakening to some consciousness of a national life on the part of more than 300 millions of people. We must be well aware of the changes which are taking place throughout the whole of the eastern hemisphere. These changes are on a colossal scale—for that reason alone they can only come about slowly. But these people are awakening to the consciousness of their powers and their rights, to a realisation that for centuries past some at least of them have been exploited by Western nations. What is to happen? And how is Anzac, a brotherly confederation of Anglo-Saxon people, so fine, but so few, planted in their midst, to meet the crisis when it comes, as come it must one day? I make no attempt to discuss the question, but you must be doing that in the next few years. You must not allow it to be side-tracked by consideration of other less important matters of self-interest. The only suggestion that I have ventured to make is that our community and our League of ex-servicemen should interest themselves actively in the education of our youth on higher, wider and deeper lines than those with which we are today usually satisfied.

To implement the effective means of education in both service to our fellow-men and to our country is both necessary and urgent. To provide means whereby we may all obtain a higher and more valuable conception of our duties as citizens is at once both desirable and stimulating to all who appreciate what this great, free country can give to us.

Without comment of the merits or demerits of our domestic affairs, there was never greater need for internal harmony than now. To read of factional interests engaged in the task of solving great problems in an atmosphere of hatred and bitter incriminations is not encouraging.

Surely the spirit of Anzac, associated as it is with such tremendous sacrifices, should prevail in all councils where the progress and welfare of our country is determined? We need, if we fully appreciate the sentiment that we seek to arouse on these Anzac commemorations, to awaken a full and purposeful public-consciousness of our debt to the State in a sound and social democracy, acceptable to all free peoples.

I do not wish to dwell on this. I mention it partly because I want to emphasise the vastly important influence which our Imperial league of ex-servicemen means, and should exercise, in the whole community. For our organisation should be a true and typical cross-section of that community. Our members are almost lost in the multifarious occupations of our industrial, commercial, agricultural and civic life. They may not count for much as individuals, but their united strength and influence when they are mobilised to bring it to bear upon some social or political, some national or international problem, must be immense, and may in some cases be decisive. Do not forget that, for there will always be circumstances calling for the use and exercise of that power.

And what of the future? What is ahead is unknown to any of us. We
can only conjecture. Obviously it is, however, a state of preparedness that is demanded if we are to be worthy of the men we have lost whom we particularly remember today.

Never let our enthusiasm for the maintenance and preservation of our free institutions flag or lessen. This is a great day to put in order our approach to the problems of the day, to be steadfast and determined in our daily tasks, and in industry to be sure that we render the correct service that in whatever manner we can devise our efforts, both individually and collectively, to help and assist those whom we have invited to this country shall be made in a generous manner as possible, without patronage of a cheap type. To help those newcomers from overseas to overcome that inevitable feeling of strangeness, to those who have uprooted themselves from the country of their birth to join peoples of another country, we desire that they shall quickly become of us, and like us, and shall see clearly our objective and our ways and standards of living; that they shall become, as we, lovers of peace. Peace with honour.

It will be difficult for them at first, wrestling with a new language and a new way of life under conditions which can never, at first, be very comfortable. So I say, I think the members of our League, and of our community generally, should, in their several districts where the newcomers live, make it known by acts of kindness and consideration that we welcome them to our shores and give them freedom of our society, and it may not be long before our country begins to reap the fruits of such consideration, courtesy and kindness.

We are now being invited to examine a method of securing world peace but, I fear, only upon conditions which in themselves would destroy its very objective. No nation, I feel, would accept peace by sacrificing its national ideals. We are determined that no force, whatever its objective may be, can be allowed to interfere with the way of living which we fought so hard to maintain. Our desire for peace is as great as that of any other peoples of the earth, and we want it with the freedom which we value so highly. The greatest contribution to the cause of peace by any nation can only be effective if accompanied by an openness of its intentions that shall be free, frank and convincing. Any nation with an ideology which knows not God, which places no value upon our freedom to worship, which seeks to impose or plead for peace upon conditions peculiarly its own, and which has, by its own record, failed to create by any act, within its own policy of administration, that feeling of trust and respect for others, will make little progress in this cause.

Whatever method it may adopt to present its plea to other nations, irrespective of the persons it may use for that purpose, or of the standing of emissaries it may appoint, little effect will be made unless they themselves reserve the right to retain and build up armaments of war behind a screen that has as yet never been penetrated.

We want peace as we want freedom, but we must never permit ourselves to be induced into accepting a peace without freedom, whatever the cost. Upon this question we must be united and firm. Steadfastness among a true and loyal people must prevail.

So I leave these thoughts with you on this great day. I trust that, as the opportunity presents itself, you will ally yourselves with those organisations, whatever they may be, which stand for everything that is good in our way of life. Let us set aside personal ambitions in the progress of the cause to which we are all pledged, and I use the words of Madam Curie when, as she explained her difference to accept honours which had been offered her, she said: "In science, it is things that matter, not persons."

My final thought to you today is to remember again the purpose of our gathering here, that we shall remember our comrades of former days; that we shall remember the grief of many who are assembled here today who have lost their loved ones; and that we will reaffirm our determination to be worthy of the peace for which they gave so much.

The names on the memorial were as follows:

Baker, J.
Cooper, H. E.
Elvey, C. J.
Eyrf, T. F.
Flanagan, L.
Gaunt, H.
Gould, C. R.
Hann, A. W.
Hall, F. W.
Holford, E.
Jones, H. S.
Lindsey, R. C.

Ladyman, J. M.
Liddell, A.
Merfield, N.
Purse, N. L. (Bill).
Parker, G. (Miss).
Roberts, O. D.
Sanderson, F.
Schorner, J.
Smith, C. M. W.
Sturges, P.
Warren, S.

At the conclusion of the service a very enjoyable afternoon tea was served to the visitors and to the relatives of those who names appeared on the Stone of Remembrance.
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To a member who is blind or totally and permanently incapacitated.

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If the Central War Gratuity Board is satisfied that the member may be unable to receive the benefit of the gratuity if payment is put off until the due date—March, 1971.

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Early payment, when needed, of all gratuities credited to the Repatriation Commission in respect of children of deceased members or in respect of dependants of living members who have failed to provide adequately for them.

Where the prescribed authority is satisfied that the gratuity is required to lessen severe distress or hardship due to a calamity such as fire, flood or storm, or to the sickness of the person credited with the gratuity or any of his dependants.

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SNAPSHOTS FOR EX-PsO.W.

Do any former P'sO.W remember Oscar C. Pfaus, German camp leader and interpreter, who was always so busy with his camera at Stalag 357 at Thorn, Poland, in 1944?

Oscar wants to send them prints of his snapshots, so he has written to the Governor-General (Mr. McKell), seeking the names of his "Australian friends."

He stated in his letter—passed on to Army Headquarters—that he was suddenly transferred from Poland to Czechoslovakia before he could give the Australians the photographs he had promised them.

Oscar, an anti-Nazi, enclosed two photographs of Australian soldiers on parade at the camp Anzac Day ceremony.

Oscar has invited his Australian friends to write to him and says he will send them photograph enlargements of about 35 photographs. His address is Muelhauser, Strasse 7/1, Hamburg, 43, British Zone, Germany.
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you could earn that amount without contravening the Act.

Q. What are the circumstances covering the grant of funeral allowance from the Repatriation Department?

A. If the member’s death is accepted as due to war service, £20 is paid. Where the death is not due to war service and the member, if married, leaves an estate of less than £100 (if single, £50), he is deemed to have died in indifferent circumstances and the £20 will then be paid, providing the deceased was not paying in to any contributory funeral fund or mortuary benefit scheme.

Q. What are the periods of time inside of which appeals may be made to the War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal and to the War Pensions Assessment Appeal Tribunal?

A. Twelve months from the date of rejection by the Repatriation Commission for the War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal and three months from the date of rejection by the War Pensions Assessment Appeal Tribunal.

Q. Are veterans of the South African War eligible for service pensions?

A. Yes. Provided they served with the Australian Forces. Apply to the Deputy Commissioner, Repatriation Commission, Riverside Drive, Perth.

Q. I have been receiving unemployment and sickness benefits for a disability which appears to be improving. Am I eligible for rehabilitation training and treatment?

A. Those eligible for rehabilitation benefits are invalid pensioners and those with unemployment and sickness benefits who are suffering from a physical or mental disability which—

(a) has existed for a period of 13 weeks or more;
(b) appears to be likely to continue for a further period of 13 weeks or more;
(c) is a substantial handicap to a disabled person engaging in a suitable vocation; and
(d) is remediable, and there are reasonable prospects of the disabled person engaging in a suitable vocation within a period of two years after the commencement of treatment or training.

Q. Are the repatriation medical benefits available to ex-servicemen extended to widows and children and to the widowed mothers of deceased ex-servicemen?

A. The widow and children (under 16 years of age) of a member of the 1914 and/or 1939 wars whose death has been accepted as attributable to war service, and the widowed mother of a deceased unmarried son (provided widowhood in her case occurred either prior to or within three years after her son’s death which was attributable to war service) are entitled to certain medical benefits at departmental expense. Full particulars may be obtained from the Deputy Commissioner, Repatriation Department, Riverside Drive, Perth.

Q. I am receiving a 50 per cent. war pension. Since this was granted shortly after my discharge, my condition has become worse and I can now do very little work. What should I do to have the pension increased?

A. You should apply to the Repatriation Commission or your Repatriation Local Committee for a form of “Application for an increase in war pension.” After completing all the details required, you should return the form to the Commission when arrangements will be made for an examination and interview by a Repatriation medical officer. If you are not satisfied with the result of the findings after this interview, you have up to three months in which to appeal to the War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal.

Armistice and V-P Days

I was very much concerned to hear over this morning’s [April 4] wireless that the W.A. Association of Ex-Service Men and Women is to support their Tasmanian executive in pressing for the dropping of the observance of Armistice Day (November 11) and the substitution of V-P Day.

I think its adoption by the R.S.L. (which is obviously their eventual aim) would be undesirable for the following reasons:

1. Australia and New Zealand have positions unique in the world. They are situated physically in the Pacific but their very existence depends on America and Britain remaining major world powers in the North Atlantic. So Australia’s interests are worldwide even more than are most nations, and any division of victory into V or V-P Days is most undesirable.

2. Of Australia’s 93,000 dead in two world wars, approximately 72,000 were lost in Europe and the Middle East (62,000 World War I, 3,000 Middle East 1941-42, and 7,000 R.A.A.F. Europe 1943-45) as against 19,000 in New Guinea, Malaya and in Japanese prison camps (2,000 odd R.A.N. dead not counted on either side).

3. This V-P Day suggestion would cut out all First A.I.F. men from real participation as well as old A.I.F. Middle East men of 1940-42, all R.A.A.F. (Europe) and many of the R.A.N. It would make the day a local, a limited and a geographic conception rather than an international one—as November 11 is—and August 15 is not.

4. Australia’s part in the Pacific war from 1943-45 was a relatively minor one for two reasons:

(a) The policy, adopted in January, 1943, of sending no conscripts north of the Equator. This led in 1944-45 to the A.I.F. not being wanted by the Americans in the Philippines or by the British in Burma. This fact should be faced up to with realism. Did not Diggers then speak of themselves as “Batmen to the Yanks?”

(b) The pre-war inadequacy of Australia’s ship building and aircraft industries, which it was not possible to overcome during the war.

This meant we always had far more Army divisions available for service overseas than we could ever match in sea transport or in naval and air support.

So many keen soldiers were never able to get overseas, and this caused a sense of frustration which can well be understood.

This motion for abandoning the observance of Armistice Day in favour of August 15 is primarily an expression of that frustration.

Yours, etc.,

TOM TAYLOR.
Careers for the Blind

Patrick Owens served with the Corps of Royal Engineers during the war, landed on D-Day at Courseulles-sur-Mer in France, went through Germany, and near Geilenkirchen stood on a mine, lost his right leg, had part of his face blown away and was blinded.

In the B.B.C’s programme “Observation Post,” he recently said: “I was flown home and immediately St. Dunstan’s was on my track. I was made to feel at once that although the outlook was a black one there could be and would be a very happy future.” The future was indeed a happy one, for Owens is now Industrial Director of St. Dunstan’s, finding suitable employment for telephonists, shopkeepers and men in industry. “Originally,” he said, “it was accepted that a blind person could make mats, baskets or tune pianos. As far as we are concerned, all this was changed with the advent of St. Dunstan’s over 30 years ago. Men are now able to take up physiotherapy, country life, upholstery, industry, and so on.”

It was a heartening story to hear how St. Dunstan’s trains these men who have had the precious gift of sight taken from them and makes them happy and useful members of society. Blind men were taken into industry during the war owing to the labour shortage, and proved so useful that they are staying there. They are able to keep up fully with their sighted colleagues, and in inspection a blind man is able to take readings up to one thousandth of an inch by use of the Braille micrometer. Owens remarked that the danger of industrial accidents is even less to blind than to sighted employees, and up to date they have a clean bill, as the blind are extremely “danger-conscious” and avoid all harmful contact.

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Disease has also played havoc at times. In San Domingo around about 1786 over 40,000 men of the Navy and Army fell victims to yellow fever. Entire ships' companies and regiments were virtually annihilated.

The 18th Royal Irish Regiment once returned to Britain from Jamaica after 12 years' service, during which it had lost 52 officers and 1,777 other ranks.

In 1789 the 27th Inniskillings lost 591 out of the 600 at Portobello. In 10 years the 82nd Prince of Wales Regiment lost 22 officers and 1,000 men, returning to England with 1 officer and 22 other ranks.

The late Lord Oliver, when writing of the above and speaking of the men in office, declared "The massacring imbecility of the War Office and military authorities in accommodation, diet and manner of life the unfortunate soldiers were subjected to in Garrisoning these fever-stricken tracts of country."

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to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained; and

to promote social progress and better standards of living in larger freedom; and for these ends to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours; and

to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security; and

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South Perth v. Swanbourne.
May 15 to May 29
ZONE 1 WEST
Darling Range v. West Leederville.
Mt. Lawley v. Subiaco.
North Perth v. Maylands.
City of Perth v. Nedlands.
Mt. Hawthorn: bye.
ZONE 2 EAST
Claremont v. Gloucester Park.
Cottesloe v. South Belmont.
Kensington v. South Perth.
Swanbourne v. Victoria Park.
May 29 to June 12
ZONE 1 WEST
Subiaco v. Darling Range.
Maylands v. Mt. Lawley.
North Perth v. City of Perth.
West Leederville: bye.
ZONE 2 EAST
Victoria Park v. Claremont.
Gloucester Park v. South Belmont.
Kensington v. Swanbourne.
South Perth v. Cottesloe.
June 12 to June 28
ZONE 1 WEST
Maylands v. Darling Range.
Mt. Lawley v. City of Perth.
Mt. Hawthorn v. West Leederville.
Subiaco: bye.
ZONE 2 EAST
South Belmont v. Victoria Park.
Gloucester Park v. South Perth.
Cottesloe v. Swanbourne.
Claremont v. Kensington.
June 28 to July 10
ZONE 1 WEST
Darling Range v. City of Perth.
North Perth v. Mt. Lawley.
Subiaco v. Mt. Hawthorn.
West Leederville v. Nedlands.
Maylands: bye.
ZONE 2 EAST
Victoria Park v. Gloucester Park.
South Perth v. Claremont.
Swanbourne v. South Belmont.
Kensington v. Cottesloe.
July 10 to July 24
ZONE 1 WEST
North Perth v. Darling Range.
Mt. Lawley v. Nedlands.
Mt. Hawthorn v. Maylands.
West Leederville v. Subiaco.
City of Perth: bye.
ZONE 2 EAST
Victoria Park v. South Perth.
Gloucester Park v. Swanbourne.
South Belmont v. Kensington.
Claremont v. Cottesloe.
July 24 to August 7
ZONE 1 WEST
Darling Range v. Mt. Lawley.
City of Perth v. Mt. Hawthorn.
Maylands v. West Leederville.
Subiaco v. Nedlands.
North Perth: bye.
ZONE 2 EAST
Cottesloe v. Victoria Park.
South Perth v. South Belmont.
Swanbourne v. Claremont.
Kensington v. Gloucester Park.
August 7 to August 21
ZONE 1 WEST
Nedlands v. Darling Range.
West Leederville v. City of Perth.
Subiaco v. Maylands.
Mt. Lawley: bye.
August 21 to September 4
ZONE 1 WEST
Mt. Lawley v. Mt. Hawthorn.
North Perth v. West Leederville.
City of Perth v. Subiaco.
Maylands v. Nedlands.
Darling Range: bye.

The home team is responsible for sending in result in writing, which must be forwarded to: C. F. Platt, Hon. Secretary Controlling Committee, Anzac House, St. George's Terrace, Perth.

Narrogin Annual Reunion

The annual reunion of the sub-branch was held in the Soldiers' Institute on Saturday, April 22, and although the attendance was not as great as was anticipated, the evening proved very pleasant and enjoyable. Among those present were Mr. V. Doney, M.I.A., and Mr. B. Keeley (State Executive).

The main toast of the evening was that of the State Executive, was proposed by Mr. Doney and the reply was by Mr. Keeley.

Mr. Keeley proposed the toast of the Narrogin sub-branch and this was replied to by Mr. Frank Johns, sub-branch president. The toast of the Visitors was proposed by Mr. Dawson (immediate past president) and the response by representatives of the Williams and Wreekpin sub-branches.

During the evening the opportunity was taken to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ron Phillips, who were celebrating the 25th anniversary of their marriage. This popular couple attended the function for a short while and their many friends showered on them best wishes for the future.

The financial side of the reunion was handled by Mr. Harry Willis, who, owing to pressure of other business, has resigned as secretary of the sub-branch.

The arranging of the tables and the clearing away of the remains was attended to by a very live and energetic committee.

By the way, many complimentary references were made to the splendid work of the women's auxiliary during the year.

Naming it appropriately "Blind Man's Buffet," the British Broadcasting Corporation has arranged a television session in which blindfolded diners will endeavour to identify various dishes and wines. This is a form of test in which failure has substantial compensations.
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BASSEDALE

The 30th March was the most enjoyable evening we have had for a long time. Members were in good spirits and the monthly meeting was held at the Bassendean Bowling Club. We were entertained by the president of the Bowling Club, Mr. R. E. O'Dea, who gave us a very good address. The music was provided by the Bassendean Bowling Club Band. The band was led by Mr. R. E. O'Dea, who is the conductor of the band. The band played a variety of music, ranging from traditional to modern, and the audience was captivated by the performance.

The meeting concluded with a social gathering, during which members enjoyed refreshments and conversation. The atmosphere was one of camaraderie and good cheer, and members left the meeting with a sense of satisfaction and contentment.

BEDFORD-MORLEY PARKS

It often occurs to me when writing our monthly notes to wonder if the rank and file when talking about the club or the branch are quite aware that the publicity guy of their sub-branch can only give just a brief outline of the monthly doings. However, with the current demand for detailed information and items of much interest, we are gradually doing our best to minimize the time it takes only the reader, who may wish to seek more information, to find what he is looking for. In our efforts to make club meetings more attractive and interesting, the sub-branch has made several improvements, and it is gratifying to see the results.

The sub-branch has also made a great deal of progress in recent months. Members have shown a greater interest in club activities, and the club has received many compliments from visitors and members alike. The sub-branch is now well established, and it is hoped that its growth will continue in the future.

NORSEMAN

At the annual general meeting of the sub-branch held on 6th March, the following officers were elected: President, C. K. Trew; vice-presidents, A. Newall and J. G. New; secretary, D. G. McRae; treasurer, K. Harris; auditors, J. M. Lewis and J. Kerr; committee members, G. W. Vernor, K. Harris, A. Newall, L. Hicks and S. Graham; and members-at-large, R. R. (Bob) Smith. The re-elected president, Cde. T. B. (Tom) Vernon, was re-elected for another term of office. The sub-branch is now in a healthy position, and its officers are looking forward to a successful year.

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TRAYNING-YELBENI

A reunion was held by the No. 2 Zone Council at Kununoppin on the 1st of April. The event was well attended, with many old and new members in attendance. The reunion was a great success, and members were pleased to see each other after a long time apart.

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VICTORIA PARK

Recent weeks have been very encouraging ones, as the Easter drive for the half improvement fund has been a great success. Many members have joined the drive, and the results have been very satisfying. Members were pleased to see the progress being made, and they were confident that the fund drive would continue to be successful.

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WOMEN'S

AUXILIARIES

STATE EXECUTIVE

Two well-attended functions have been held and routine work carried on as usual.

HOSPITAL VISITING

R.P.H.: Visiting is now being done twice a week and looked forward to by patients. Special visits are made to country patients once we are notified of their being in hospital.

Sunset: Mrs. Young visited Sunset and, after tea, they need to be visited by the auxiliary, as all the special cupboard, goods of all description were taken. Mr. C. (letter head), the men expressed their appreciation of the auxiliary, who had made arrangements for them to stay at the Victoria Roof.

Lemnos: Lemnos patients received a gift of £10/10/10, which was appreciated. The auxiliary entertained Mrs. Stockman and Mr. and Mrs. T. and assisted them in clearing the district.

Other visits were made to other patients. The auxiliary entertained Mrs. Stockman and Mr. T. on the occasion of the baby's birth. The auxiliary's care was placed at the disposal of the children and their auxiliary.

In Passing

为主的 Fund: $180 to Red Cross Appeal.

New Secretaries: Bristow, Mrs. M. H.; Bridgeport, Miss C. E.; New Auxiliary: Kennington (president, Mrs. M. Stockman; auxiliary, Miss D. E.).

Date to Remember: September 8 — your Exhibition. Keep working hard.

The results of this year's exhibit will be known on November 20.

In a special issue of May 1932, the women were asked to consider the results of this year's exhibit. It was a great success. They were asked to consider the results of this year's exhibit.

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Service in the A.R.A.
For Tradesmen and Others

In accordance with the new recruiting policy adopted, on trial, by Army Headquarters and reported in the daily Press, Arms and Services are now permitted to carry out their own recruiting and recruits to nominate the corps in which they wish to serve. The trial period finishes on June 30, 1950.

Among the recruits most sought are qualified tradesmen for service in the Royal Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers who are seeking the following:

(a) Electrical fitters.
(b) Armourers.
(c) Instrument mechanics.
(d) Motor mechanics.
(e) Copperamiths.
(f) Engineer's labourers.

These recruits, who must be between the ages of 18 and 40, are for enlistment into units in Western Australia, but a number of vacancies for similar trades, also fitters and turners, carpenters, etc., exist in the Eastern States. The period of engagement is six years, renewable by similar periods until the age of 55 is reached.

A pension is granted after 20 years' service, and a generous scale of gratuities is granted for shorter periods.

Promotion in the Australian Regular Army is by efficiency and examination, and tradesmen holding Diplomas of Engineering of recognised technical colleges are eligible for consideration for a Regular Army commission, and if accepted by the selection board and granted a commission may be granted facilities for continuing their studies at the Royal College of Military Science or the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers' School in England.

The rates of pay are comparable with those in civilian life, e.g., a three-star tradesman, such as a fitter, turner or electrician, receives £9/14/3 per week, if married and living at home, plus free medical and dental services, free initial issue of clothing and cheap replacements. Working clothes such as working-boots and overalls are issued and replaced free.

The Australian Regular Army is a great career for young men who have sufficient initiative and courage to work and study and be prepared...
MERREDIN HAS
CEMETERIES COMMITTEE

On a recent visit by the State President and myself to the Merredin sub-branch on the occasion of their annual meeting, we were very interested in a sub-committee of that sub-branch called the "Cemeteries Committee." On enquiring, we found that its function consisted of keeping the graves in order. Each grave is covered with concrete and a wooden cross rests at the head. This work is done by working-bees 12 months after burial, and the only cost is for the cement, which they get at cost price from the road board. The graves are scattered, each in its own denomination, and all alike.

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ARTILLERY COMRADES—President: Arthur Hewett, Railway Parade, Cottesloe; joint Secretaries: S. A. McNamara and A. J. Snow, 74 Harvey Road, Bayswater.

AUSTRALIAN ARMOURED CORPS ASSOCIATION—Secretary: A. Wilkinson, Box N 1134, G.P.O., Perth.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS ASSOCIATION OF A.W.—Meetings as notified; President: A. Talloch, 105, Townshend Road, Subi- cari; Secretary: Miss J. Davenport, 160 Stirling H.Way, Claremont.

EASTERN GUNNERS' ASSOCIATION—Secretary: G. G. Gregory, 32 King Street, Perth; Friday before Anzac Day and 2nd Friday in October; President: E. W. Cashmore; Secretary: E. W. Wallace, 244 Sheeparton Road, Victoria Park.

VETERAN H.B. SAILORS, SOLDIERS & AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (W.A.)—Second Floor, Wellington Building, 139 William Street, Perth; 2nd Monday; President: C. H. Atchison, 9 Princess Road, Nedlands; Secretary: C. L. Lee, 158 William Street, Perth (B 5066).

PARTIALLY BLIND SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (W.A.)—1st Saturday in each month; President: W. A. Bradfield, 267 Lobochalce Road, Como; Secretary: E. M. Jackway, 51 Harry Street, Nedlands.

A.A.L. ASSOCIATION (W.A.)—2nd Monday; Swan Barracks, Francis Street; every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.; President: V. R. Pederson; Treasurer: Department, Perth; Secretary: W. Roberts, Commonwealth Oil Refineries, St George's Terrace, Perth.

A.A.E.M. ASSOCIATION (W.A. Division)—H.Q. Western Command Secretary: A.R. sergeant's Mess, Swan Barracks, Perth; 1st Thursday each month; President: W. D. Cline (Phone B 3143, Ext. 234); Secretary: R. Sumner (Phone U 351, Ext. 19).

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION—Mon- day Club, cnr. Hay and King Streets; 3rd Monday in each month, at 2 p.m.; President: F. W. Bateson, M.M.; c/o. Monarch Club, 356 Unley Road, Unley; Secretary: A. Young, 538 Unley Road, Unley; or Mr. F. W. Bateson.

THE IMPERIAL EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION (W.A.)—A.O.F. (Foresters) Hall, cnr. Francis and Murray Streets, Perth; 1st Thursday in each month; President: G. W. Tench, 40 Yeo William Street, Bayswater; Secretary: J. G. Fleming, 2 Martin Avenue, Nedlands (Phone F 5422).

THE IMPERIAL EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION (Premantle Sub-Branch)—Car Barn Rooms, High Street, Fremantle; every Saturday at 6 p.m.; President: S. C. Burrage; Secretary: S. C. Burrage, 59 Wellington Street, Perth (Phone M 1430).

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BLIND SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth: when necessary; President: D. M. McKeough, Anzac House, 58 Hay Street, Perth; Secretary: W. Webb, 15 St. Clare's Road, Rivervale (Phone M 1439).

TOTAALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; when necessary; President: G. G. Gregory, 32 King Street, Perth; Secretary: J. M. McKeough, 58 Hay Street, Perth; Phone M 1439.

8th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Annual reunion, Friday of Show Week; President: G. J. Rose, K.G. Hanover Street, Subiaco; Hon. Secretary: G. J. Rose, 28th Ludlow Street, Subiaco; Secretary: K. A. Lane, 48 Hay Street, Perth.

10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; when called; President: Hon. H. W. Paxman, Anzac House, North Fremantle; Secretary: E. Andrews, 111 Rupert Street, Subiaco.

11th and 2/11th A.I.F. BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION—President: C. W. Mitchell, 5 Viato Street, South Perth; Hon. Secretary: L. Thomas, 83 Stirling H.Way, Nedlands (W 2837); annual reunion, Anzac Day Week; Tuesday of Show Week; annual general meeting, third week December; (financial years end September 30) subscription £1 6s. 6d. dates and places in The Listening Post.

16th & 32nd BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION OF W.A.—Meets at Railway Institute, Wellington Street, Perth; when called; President: J. F. Mason, 68 Second Avenue, Maylands.

16th BATTALION & 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION—Committee meetings as notified; President: H. L. Turley, 3rd Friday each month; Secretary: J. F. Mason, 68 Second Avenue, Maylands.

28th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Committee as arranged; 2nd Mon- day, President: E. H. Price, 538 Unley Road, Unley; Secretary: M. J. Foster, 152 Cooee Street, Como.

2nd & 52nd BATTALIONS' ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, nearest Saturday to July 18; President: A. F. Trimble, A.M.P. Chambers, Perth (B 3106); Secretary: J. L. Ruttshford, Victoria Hotel, Claremont.

44th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—As advertised; annual reunion, Mon- day of Show Week; President: W. G. Darke, 45 Mount Street, Perth; Secretary: H. S. Brown, 123 Second Avenue, Mal. Lowry.

48th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Anzac House; President: J. P. McKeough, 18 Clyde Street, East Fremantle; Hon. Secretary: R. S. Golding, 82 Great Eastern H.Way, West Midland (U 726).

51st BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Reunion Friday in Show Week each year; President: F. J. Moore, 30 First Avenue, Mt. Lawley; Secretary: R. L. Alderson, 23th W.A.; Assistant Secretary: Reg. Wood, 82nd Travistreet, Nedlands; Treasurer, C. W. Rose, 65 Wallich Street, Nedlands.

4/1 MACHINE-GUN BATTALION EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION—Ambrose's office, Third Floor, C.M.L. Building; Committee meets 1st Monday in each month at 7.30 p.m.; President: T. Morris, 28th First Avenue, Mt. Lawley; Secretary: L. A. Alderson, 23th W.A.; Assistant Secretary: Reg. Wood, 82nd Travistreet, Nedlands; Treasurer, C. W. Rose, 65 Wallich Street, Nedlands.

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