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Last year it was necessary to print reminders in these pages, month after month, that far too many members were in arrears. Let us hope that there is no such necessity this year. Last year it became necessary to have a full-page advertisement, pointing out what the financial crown really means, inserted in our morning newspaper. Let us hope that such an expense does not become necessary this year. Last year the membership committee became seriously concerned at the delay experienced in receiving many subscriptions. Let us hope that this year they may receive a most pleasant surprise.

Remember, it is up to YOU. Don't, for heaven's sake, read this editorial, shrug your shoulders, and then forget all about it. Make a point, here and now, of making out that cheque or counting out that cash, and let your sub-branch secretary have it right away.

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A meeting of the State Executive was held on November 29, 21 members being present when State President T. Steen declared it open.

**Korean Campaign**

With regard to comforts for Australian troops serving in Korea, it was stated that the Federal Office of the League was underwriting the cost of those forwarded. The Red Cross has asked the League in this State to supply a list of Westralian troops serving in the campaign.

**Housing**

Mr. Davies presented the Housing Committee's report. This pointed out that the matter of the Increase of Rent (War Restrictions) Act was again given consideration, and in particular those sections affording protection to servicemen and their dependants. A meeting was held with members of the Legislative Assembly on November 21, and a further discussion was held at Parliament House on November 28.

**Immigration**

Mr. Lonnie reported that since the last meeting of the committee, five nominations sponsoring British ex-servicemen and families, totalling 11 adults and 12 children, had been received. (One nomination was made as the result of an advertisement which appeared in *The Listening Post*).

It was of more than passing interest to note that one nomination was made by a British ex-serviceman who arrived in Australia in May, 1948, as a nominee under the scheme. Since his arrival, this migrant has built himself a home, and as an appreciation of what he terms "wonderful Australia" he desired in turn to nominate a British ex-serviceman and his family.

**North-West**

Mr. Edmondson presented this report which stated that the Western Australian resolution, "That the League's policy be extended to include an additional plank, 'The adequate development and peopling of the north of Australia,' was adopted by Federal congress. The committee now proposes to circulate northern sub-branches, notifying them of the subjects in which the committee is particularly interested, and requesting advice and news as to furtherance of the League's policy in general and items which such sub-branches consider worthy of pressing which are particularly applicable to their own districts. Members representing the North-West will later be invited to address the committee.

**Repatriation**

Mr. Stahl reported that, at the request of the secretary of the North-East Fremantle Sub-Branch, consideration was given to the inadequate raising of the ceiling rate for service pensions to enable those ex-servicemen on composite war and service pensions to receive the full benefits of the new increases. The matter was reported to the Federal Office and subsequent correspondence has indicated that the Repatriation Commission assures the League that the limit will be raised to cover such increases. Indications are, said the report, that the exemption figure will be raised from £200 to £300. However, at the request of the Nedlands Sub-Branch, the committee decided to ask the Federal Office to press for the complete deletion of life policies from the means test.

It was further reported that the No. 5 Assessment-Appeal Tribunal sat in Perth from October 30 to November 15. The League, advocated 26 cases, of which 21 (80.77 per cent.) were allowed.

**Sports Council**

It was announced by Mr. Keeley that the summer series of inter sub-branch competitions would commence on Tuesday, December 5, and that a rifle competition would be held in the New Year. The recent river trip, it was reported, was, despite consistent publicity, disappointing from the point of attendance. Only 150 persons attended, and about 400 were required to make the function financially successful. (The City of Perth Sub-Branch, incidentally, supplied about one-sixth of those present.)

Other reports presented included Management (Mr. Steen), Re-Establishment (Mr. Stanbury), Membership (Mr. Chaney), Anzac House and Azac Club (Mr. Ferguson), Finance (Mr. Herlihy), Trustees (Col. Mansbridge), the Jubilee (Mr. Steen) and the R.S.L. Hostel (Mr. Watt).

A further meeting was held on December 13, and again there were 21 members present when it was opened. Apologies were received from Messrs. Hunt and Edmondson.

**Management**

A resolution passed by congress, that a representative of the League be appointed to the Land Settlement Board, had been, it was reported, twice presented to the Minister for Lands without effect. Mr. Stahl moved, and Mr. Davies seconded, that the matter now be placed before the Premier. The resolution was carried unanimously.

In the matter of the extension of the franchise in regard to the Legislative Council to ex-servicemen, remarks made by members of the Council were greatly resented by Executive members. The State President read Mr. Parker's words from Hantsard and there was a deal of criticism of Mr. Parker's remark: "I think it was a scandalous waste of R.S.L. funds," when he spoke about receiving a telegram from the League on the matter. Several members also resented the words: "No person with political ambitions should be on the Executive or take any active part in the organisation, because the R.S.L., to be of any value, must be entirely free from politics."

Mr. James said that it was time that politicians remembered that they were servants of the people. Mr. Davies added that it seemed certain that there was some antipathy to ex-servicemen in the Upper House Mr.
Sten stated that the League would not be intimidated by such action, now or in the future; and Mr. Stoddart was of the opinion that if more politicians attended League meetings they would have more knowledge of what the League was doing. Mr. Yates said that he, too, rescinded the remarks of Mr. Parker in regard to the State Executive and politics. "I believe in keeping my political life out of the League," he added.

It was agreed that both the President of the Legislative Council and Mr. Parker be notified of the fact that the League takes strong exception to the remarks made, and a point was made that the League welcomes members in all phases of life.

Land

Mr. Davies presented this report, which stated that an 11-page reply had been received from the Land Settlement Board concerning the 19 points put up by this committee. A written report has been received from Mr. B. C. Chambers, the League's representative on the Land Purchase Board, relative to the valuation of W.S.L.S. properties, and this has been printed in full, for the benefit of our readers, on another page.

Migration

Mr. Lomnic reported that under the Kalgoorlie Group Nomination Scheme three nominees were due to arrive in the Astirius on December 18, and nine in the Georgie on December 29. In addition, two are awaiting shipping allocation and 25 others are awaiting finalisation of details.

Housing

It was reported that some time ago the Roeburnd Sub-Branch requested that representations should be made to the State Housing Commission requesting the erection of Commonwealth-State rental homes at that centre. Advice has now been received, stated Mr. Davies, that two such houses are at present being erected while, approval has been granted for the building of two more.

Faversham

Dr. Greenham presented this report, which stated that the present number of inmates was 33, while three further applications had been considered and approved. Donations received were as follows: Ex-Service women's Sub-Branch, a mantel clock; Waroona auxiliaries, cakes and biscuits; Yarlup auxiliaries, magazines; Miling Sub-Branch, £2/2/6; Mr. H. E. Hills, Lake Grace, £3/5/6; and the trustees, donation towards the veterans' Christmas cheer, £15/15/6.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund

Colonel Mansbridge reported that 29 applications were dealt with in the period under review, 15 being new applications and 14 due for review. He had pleasure in stating that all applicants were given assistance. In all, 96 persons are now receiving assistance to the tune of £2,658 per year. 12 A.I.F. widows; 6 ex-Imperial widows, 64 ex-A.I.F. servicemen, and 14 ex-Imperial service men.

CONGRATULATIONS, TAMMIN

The Tomin Sub-Branch is certainly doing a good job. Secretary Tom Mills advises us that of a possible 57 eligible ex-servicemen in the district, no less than 55 are sub-branch members. Tom says that the sub-branch is a happy family with no complaints. B.K.

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Extracts from Letters received by Australian Prisoners of War in Europe

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From Mother: "I was at home when you were posted missing, and that, I must admit, is a blessing."

In reply to a card of thanks for Red Cross pullower: "I am sorry you got it. I would rather it had gone to someone on active service."

From a Wife: "I am going to have a baby by an American. Mother has forgiven me, and I hope you will, too."

From Mother: "I hope you aren't spending your pocket money rashly."

From a U.S.A. Girl: "I have a grandmother in Germany. Have you met her yet?"

From a Wife: "Darling, I've just had a baby, but don't worry. The American officer is sending your cigarettes regularly."

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From a Fiancée: "Dear, I don't know how to tell you this, but you will have to know sooner or later. Anyway, I am going to marry your father."

Miscellaneous: "The words after 'lovely,' when describing your new camp, were obliterated."

"Can you buy beer over there, or is it all wine that you drink?"

"Are the German girls good dancers?"

"Am enclosing a postal order so that you can buy chocolate."

"I am so glad you were shot down before flying became dangerous."

PROPELLOR NOT YET OUTMODED

Latest overseas reports suggest that the propeller will not be consigned to the scrap heap in spite of heavy competition from jets. Many aviation authorities had previously foreseen the complete eclipse of the propeller driven plane by pure-jet planes in as short a space of time as ten years.

This, apparently, will not be the case, as experiments so far have proved the efficiency of a new Curtiss-Wright propeller at forward speeds of 600 miles per hour. Scientists and designers working on this project are confident of even better performances and anticipate the design of a propeller efficient at speeds of up to 1,000 m.p.h.

The engines of future planes using these propellers will be turbo-props, and it is anticipated that the combination will produce reasonable fuel consumption over relatively long ranges.

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

I suggested to my eight-year-old son that he give up something for Lent, something that would really hurt, like candy. The boy hesitated, and then asked me what his dad and I were giving up. I replied, "Liquor." The boy objected, "Before dinner I saw you and daddy drinking something." "That was wine," I answered. "We gave up hard liquor." The boy thought for a while and then said: "Well, I think I'll give up hard candy." "Times-Picayune."

A husband is like an egg—if kept continually in hot water he becomes hard-boiled.
The Somme Offensive

Set out hereunder is a news release issued on July 11 last by Office of the Military History, Department of the Army, United States. It may be of interest to Australians in view of the fact that the 27th and 30th Divisions of the American II Corps entered the Somme offensive in September, 1918, under the command of the Australian Corps. Details of this battle are set out in volume VII of the U.S. History of the World War, 1917-1919.

Documents pertaining to the world war Somme offensive, during which the American 27th and 30th Divisions cracked the Hindenburg Line, have been published as volume VII in the U.S. Department of the Army's documentary history series, The U.S. Army in the World War, 1917,1919. The documents consist primarily of battle instructions, field orders, operations reports and intelligence summaries of the American II Corps and the Australian Corps.

The Somme Offensive, one of the five major Allied offensives of 1918, got under way on August 8 with three Allied armies taking part. So successful was the first day's operations in the Somme that the Allies completely overran German positions between Le Queusel and Morcourt, and captured over 10,000 prisoners; General Erich von Ludendorff, Chief of Staff of the German H.Q., called it "the blackest day of the war." Two weeks later, on August 22, Marshal Douglas Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Forces, stated "the enemy has not the means to deliver counter-attacks, on an extended scale" and issued instructions that "the most resolute offensive is everywhere desirable."

The 27th and 30th Divisions of the American II Corps entered the Somme Offensive on the night of September 23-24 as part of the British Fourth Army, which was to deliver the main blow. Operating under the orders of the Australian Corps, the Americans took up positions west of the Hindenburg Line. The respective objectives of the two American divisions were strongly fortified towns of Bony and Bellicourt.

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Britain is Solving Problem of Resettling Servicemen

By Alex McMunn, a former Indian Army Officer, who is a well-known writer on Service Matters (in Review).

After sometimes many years of service in the fighting forces, men and women do not always take readily to civilian life; they have been out of touch with commercial and business processes while changing conditions in industry find them unsuited for immediate absorption into the ranks of factory labour. This problem of resettlement is one which faces practically every country in the world. How is it being tackled?

In Britain the task is a more difficult one for the Army than for the other two services, for the Army deals with larger numbers of personnel with a lower proportion of them engaged on technical jobs having equivalents in civil industry. The responsibility of fitting men and women for resettlement rests with the Royal Army Educational Corps which maintains a comprehensive system of vocational education through its schools, correspondence courses and special resettlement courses.

Its first task is to improve the general standard of education of the soldier. If he has not already obtained a civil qualification—such as Matriculation Certificate—every effort is made during his service life to enable him to do so. This is achieved through unit schools, central garrison schools and, finally, by special courses at Army Colleges. In certain cases, local civil education authorities in garrison towns encourage men and women to attend their evening classes for subjects which fall outside the Army's scope. Resettlement officers interview all personnel from time to time and advise them how to set about preparing for a civil career.

Correspondence Courses

A most successful scheme, which started during World War II when most men were overseas, is run in conjunction with civilian correspondence colleges and other institutions. A man who wishes to work for a professional examination, for example, or to keep himself up to date in a previous profession, may be unable to obtain the necessary instruction in any of the Army schools. He is then encouraged to apply for a correspondence course. Of these, there are not less than 612 on such varied subjects as architecture, banking, transport, building, grocery, local government and salesmanship. For this tuition the soldier has to pay a small annual fee, his textbooks being loaned free from service book depots. About 20,000 men enrol voluntarily for these courses each year.

The Army Colleges, of which there are two in Britain and two overseas, serve a dual purpose. In the first place they provide higher training in ordinary subjects of scholarship in courses lasting 28 days. A regular soldier on a long engagement may attend one of these courses every fourth year of his service. The other purpose of the college is to train men in the civilian professions of their choice. These resettlement courses also run for 28 days and are divided into five groups—trades, modern studies, science, commerce, and agriculture. Programmes include both theoretical and practical work. These courses are open, in the last six months of their service, to regulars serving on both long and short engagements, but time and resources are not sufficient to allow the young national servicemen to attend during their 18 months service. Between 1946 and September, 1949, 110,000 men and women passed through the Army Colleges.

Firms Co-operate

Frequently a man or woman asks for a resettlement course in some highly individual subject for which the Army College cannot cater. Efforts are then made to arrange with some civilian firm or organisation to give the necessary training. Well-known football clubs and boxing stadiums, for example, have helped to train potential professional stars. A man who wanted to become a lion-tamer was attached to a circus. Others have been trained in such things as whisky distilling, banknote engraving, and game-keeping. Very often, on leaving the service, men have been offered jobs with the firms which trained them. To assist a man the Army will arrange a temporary posting to the garrison town in which he can best carry out the training of his choice.

The Army does not undertake to find a man a civilian job, as this is primarily the responsibility of the Ministry of Labour, which also provides additional trade training for the ex-soldier. But working in conjunction with the Ministry is an organisation called the National Association for Employment of Ex-Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen. The Old Comrades' Associations of the various regiments and corps of the Army also play a valuable part in this work.

The Public Services

Certain public services in Britain have greatly extended the opportunities for ex-servicemen. The Civil Service, for example, offers a wide range of administrative, executive and clerical posts suitable for ex-officers and soldiers which are competed for in special examinations open only to the fighting services. In addition, there are about 7,000 vacancies annually in minor Civil Service grades suitable for the rank-and-file. The British Broadcasting Corporation, too, has offered to accept suitable ex-service personnel for 50 per cent. of its unskilled appointments.

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What the League Has Been Doing

North-West Committee

This committee is concerned with the plans for the development of the northern parts of Western Australia. It is called the North-West Committee, which includes the Gascoyne and Ashburton areas, but it applies really to the Kimberley areas further north in the Fitzroy, Brôme, Wyndham boundaries.

The committee was formed as being one of the League's contributions to matters of public interest, outside the immediate domestic affairs of ex-servicemen. The matter arose originally from a resolution submitted to State Congress by Perth Sub-Branch of the League, which was referred and agreed to by the Federal Congress which met in Sydney last year. The propositions put forward by the W.A. Branch were received with a considerable amount of interest, including the Eastern States Press, and it was felt that the W.A. Branch should supply to Federal office full particulars of the plans which had already been drawn up.

The committee has built up during the year what is considered a workable plan for the settlement of an area in the vicinity of Fitzroy Crossing which, from investigations, would appear to be capable of carrying a settlement of up to 3,000 people. The area selected is well supplied with artesian bores and there is an assured rainfall, full particulars of which are in possession of the committee, and in addition there is an adequate supply of natural resources, such as timber and building material, in addition to good, arable land capable of development.

Endeavours had already been made, which were unsuccessful, however, to obtain the release by the Federal Government of the Dundas Report, which was prepared for the Government by a committee of experts who concerned themselves with the problems relating to the development generally of the northern parts of Australia.

Since the change of Government, it is felt that there might be a change of policy in this regard and endeavours are being made to secure a copy of this report. In addition, a copy of the Ord River Scheme Report is being sought from the State Government. It is felt by the committee that by obtaining what information is available from these reports, which are prepared by experts, the League would be in a position of avoiding going over grounds which has already been investigated. The whole plan of the committee is not so much entertaining the idea of taking part in the development scheme as such, but rather to focus public attention on the necessity for the Government undertaking the development of the northern areas. A scheme of this type is wrapped up in such matters as defence, migration and production, in all of which the League has more than just a passing interest.

T. S. EDMONDS, Chairman.

"Listening Post" Committee

For the past two years the management of The Listening Post has been in the hands of an Executive Management Committee, expanded under instructions of State congress by the co-opting of members of the journalistic profession. It might be fitting, therefore, to open this report by a measure of thanks to Messrs. Tonkin, Birtwistle, Bocking and Bellon for valuable services rendered in their professional capacities. Mr. H. A. Wells, too, must come in for his share of praise for a term of painstaking and sincere effort.

Last year Mr. Leslie made mention of the efforts of Press Sub-Branch in attracting over 470 entries from all over Australia for the verse competition. The first prize of £25 went to Miss Ethel Davies, of Inglewood. The same sub-branch is now handling the competition to provide music for Miss Davies' winning verse.

A recent effort has been made to overhaul the contents of our journal in the light of current criticisms. It is hoped that this will be appreciated and that much more in the way of constructive criticism will be forthcoming in the future. The task of the committee is made more difficult by a feeling of false security lulled by unspoken criticism.

The project of producing the journal in a "digest" form involves very serious consideration, and is still being reviewed. Further consideration was given to bookstall sales to the general public, but all efforts proved unsuccessful.

We feel that, in the light of past criticisms, praise must be given to the printers (Imperial Printing Co. Pty. Ltd.) for improvements in printing. We can most sincerely vouch for the courteous attitude always at our disposal.

The most serious matter for consideration rests in the steadily rising costs of printing which, unlike business ventures, we cannot offset by advancing our retail price in conformity. During the year a growing deficit was met by increased advertising, involving with much regret the loss of a pictorial front cover.

The lowest of the tenders offered for a new term involves an estimated annual loss of £450. Whilst a deficit of such a sum must be a burden on the League's somewhat limited cash resources, it becomes insignificant when considered on a per capita basis spread over 20,000 members. After a very keen debate, the State Executive agreed that a journal was necessary to such an organisation as the R.S.L., and therefore approved of the letting of a contract for a further twelve months under these terms.

T. STEN, Chairman.

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War Service Land Settlement Properties

(Copy of a letter received from Mr. B. C. Chambers, League Representative on the Land Purchase Board.)

The Chairman,
Land Committee,
R.S.S. & A.I.L.A.

Sir: Since the first settler was allotted a farm under W.S.L.S., I have been repeatedly asked by the settlers, "What would their total commitments be in the event of the perpetual lease being altered to give the settler the right to freehold his holding?"

As it is now proposed to alter the conditions so that the settler can freehold his holding, this question is foremost in their minds. When these men were allotted their properties the capital cost of purchase of the properties was split up into two main parts—land and non-structural improvements, which included clearing and pastures established. On this portion the settler was charged a rental (which, I understand, was based on 2% per cent. interest on the capital outlay). I have not heard from any of the settlers that they were aware of the actual value of the land and non-structural improvements, and as far as they are concerned the amount payable by them was a fixed rental. The structural improvements are based mostly on the actual balance of the total cost of the property. On this portion, the settler is given 15 years to repay the amount and is charged 3½% per cent. interest.

In a lot of cases, further improvements, both structural, (which includes buildings, fencing, dams) and water supply, were affected and these were charged to their structural account at 3½% per cent. and also non-structural improvements which included clearing and establishment of pastures, also an additional charge to non-structural. In addition to this, of course, the settler who did not possess capital of his own had further loans to purchase stock and plant and a further loan to cover his working expenses for the first year.

As it will be necessary later to make a comparison of values of properties purchased and allotted to settlers, say, 12 months ago, with the properties that are being allotted now and in the future, it will be readily understood that the cost of acquiring properties from private owners for W.S.L.S. has risen on an average of 30 per cent. since the lifting of the Land Sales Control Act, and the capital outlay in bringing virgin land into productive units will cost far more than purchasing readymade farms, even at today's high land values.

As an illustration, a property of 3,000-acre parcels was purchased for £6,150, w.i.w.o., in November, 1947. It was allotted in October, 1948, and the settler was informed that his commitments would be as follows:

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In addition to this a list of further structural and non-structural work was to be carried out and this would be made a charge against the settler at some future date. Although this property was purchased as a going concern the settler did not get the 750 sheep that were purchased with the property. However in common with the other earlier allottee settlers he was fortunate enough to be able to purchase sheep at a reasonable price and with the splendid price obtained for wool over the past two years, even with what appeared a big loan, this man should make the grade.

There are other early settlers (and I emphasise early) who have done remarkably well. It must be borne in mind that these men have had exceptionally high markets for their produce and in a lot of cases had a substantial balance in the bank when the properties were allotted to them, together with the added advantage of being allotted very productive properties.

When the Land Sales Control Act was in operation all properties purchased for W.S.L.S. were, as now, subject to a budgetary calculation to determine their earning capacity. To obtain this, long term prices of primary products were used for the calculation. If this proved satisfactory the properties were purchased.

The long term prices as used while land sales control was in operation have been replaced by higher figures, thus allowing the increase in land values of 30 per cent.

In view of this I see a big variation in the values of land to the early soldier settler and to the settler who has just been, or is about to be, allotted a farm, and this is a position which will have to be closely watched.

Properties purchased to 1948 (including a lot of made farms) averaged under £2/10/- per acre.

From my own observation of properties being brought into production from Crown lands, and unimproved properties which have been purchased and are being brought up to the productive stage, I estimate the cost to be approximately £8 per acre.

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**Appeal for Recruits**

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Jos. Francis) has endorsed the appeal made by the Directors-General of Recruiting (Sir Edmund Herrig) for greater support for the recruiting campaign.

Mr. Francis says:

“...The increasing international tension arising from the changed situation in Korea and South-East Asia has once again stressed the urgency of Australia’s need to build up her armed forces.

“...The events in the battle zones in which our Australian troops are in action have emphasised the vital importance of military preparedness and have awakened a full realisation of the strength of the armed might that borders the approaches to our northern shores.

“...Despite the increased flow of recruits into the services since the recruiting campaign was intensified, there is still room for improvement.

“...Recruiting targets for both the Australian Regular Army and the Citizen Military Forces are still to be attained, and volunteers are needed for practically all units and formations.

“...Ample scope exists for both skilled and untrained personnel, either on part-time or full-time engagement.

“...A wide choice of service is available, and there is scope for initiative and skill for all Australians interested in a service career.

“...For those who are excluded from full-time service with the permanent army, there are many interesting opportunities awaiting in the C.M.F.

“...All young men should realise the urgency of Australia’s need and not live in the hope that someone else will come forward to do the job.

“...But time is the vital factor. The weapons of war and equipment for training are held in our Ordnance depots and the organisation is in readiness for the training of all who are willing to tackle the job of assisting in building Australia’s defence.

“...Membership of a democracy has its obligations, and living as we are in a world menaced from many quarters by the threat of armed aggression, it is of paramount importance that all who are fit and able should play their part in ensuring our future security.

“...Our military leaders have persistently stressed the time required to prepare a recruit as a front-line soldier. It should be remembered that to become conversant with the intricacies of modern warfare and proficient with the complex machines and latest weapons requires concentration and time.

“...Without well-trained manpower such equipment cannot be manned in an emergency.

“...Our opportunity to prepare is now; tomorrow it could be too late.

“...Australia’s isolation as a Pacific power in any future global conflict is another factor which must be not overlooked.

“...Furthermore, it must be realised that what we lack in manpower must be supplemented by efficiency and skill. The threat to world peace is a reality and the youth of the nation should accept it as a challenge that they should be prepared.

“...This appeal must not be misconstrued as a belief in the inevitability of war. Rather should it be accepted by those who are fitted as an invitation to shoulder the responsibilities that citizenship of a great country devolves upon them.”

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PERSONALITIES

☆ Canon Collick, at the recent South African War commemoration service in King’s Park, said that there should be a permanent memorial here to Brigadier-General A. J. Bessell-Browne, whom he described as “a good man, a good officer, a good husband and a good father.”

☆ Frank Hubbard, of the Victoria Park Sub-Branch, is in the Royal Perth Hospital slowly recovering from a major operation. We understand that Frank will be pleased to see old friends at any time.

☆ Fred Chaney, of the State Executive, tells us that ex-members of the Air Force who attended the Kojonup annual dinner were fighting the Battle of Britain at 3 a.m. on the following morning.

☆ Ben Hayes, assistant secretary at Anzac House, also attended the Kojonup dinner and had a right royal time. A most popular chap is Ben, well liked wherever he goes.

☆ Don Fyfe, secretary of the Busselton Sub-Branch, is shortly leaving that district.

☆ Dick Collins, one-time editor of this publication and still an occasional and valued contributor, was seen over the Christmas holidays dancing the light fantastic with skill and grace. Dick’s white hairs are no criterion of his youthful spirit.

☆ Syd East (2/28th Bn.), formerly mine host of the Alhambra Bar, is now O.C. of the recently modernised and very comfortable hotel at Kellerberrin.

☆ George Major, treasurer of the Manjimup Sub-Branch, is particularly proud of the work of members on Poppy Day, when all poppies secured from Head Office were sold.

☆ John Wood, of the Press Sub-Branch, was the oldest man on parade at the South African service. John is now well over 90 years of age, but carries himself with a bearing which many a younger man might emulate.

☆ Fred Bateson headed the march past of veterans at the above ceremony. Fred is still a tireless worker for the League and a man held in great respect by all who know him.

☆ Tom Carlin, president of the Scarborough Sub-Branch, has been visiting Canberra.

☆ Ernie Riley, a trustee of the Bedford-Morley Parks Sub-Branch, recently gave a dinner in honour of Johnnie Funk, who had been visiting this State.

☆ Rowan Robinson has taken over the presidency of the Bridgetown Sub-Branch from Jack Long. Jack has had to be on the move quite a bit of late, we understand.

☆ Abe Bailey, of the South Perth Sub-Branch, is, they tell us, doing a particularly fine job with the sub-branch cricket team.

☆ Bill McMaugh was a recent visitor to the Kensington Sub-Branch. Bill was editor of Pigeon Post, official journal of the 2/16th Bn. Association, we understand. We know also that he is an exceedingly keen League member.

☆ Joe Kemp, of the Maylands Sub-Branch, recently won the local euchre tournament.

☆ Never count your cheques until they are cashed.

A NEW YEAR VISION . . . COULD IT NOT COME TRUE?
National Servicemen will Gain Valuable Experience in the R.A.A.F.

Many national servicemen who choose the R.A.A.F. this year will be given valuable national training. For six months they will be taught the basic elements of highly skilled trades. In civil life, such training often costs the trainee heavy fees.

Stating this, the Minister for Air (Group Captain T. W. White) said that national servicemen will be given training as radar mechanics, wireless mechanics, electrical fitters, armourer fitters, aero engine fitters, transport fitters, motor boat fitters, carpenters, coppersmiths, turners, fabric workers, photographers, printers, clerks (accounts, stores, medical, pay, and general), equipment assistants, telephone operators, teleprinter operators, medical-orderlies, drivers.

Some of these trades—such as radar, for example—could be learned only by payment of fees in civil life. Radar trainees will be given elementary training in one of the most wonderful of all modern scientific developments. The R.A.A.F. cannot fully train any specialist in 6 months, of course, but it will give the national serviceman the elementary training. They will be trained by permanent Air Force tradesmen and will work with them on productive jobs.

This training may give the national serviceman his lead for a career in civil life, preventing him going into a dead-end occupation.

The Air Force is the only organisation in the Commonwealth which offers free specialist training, not only in radar but in jet-aero engines. None of the airlines will be operating jets for some years, but the R.A.A.F. is in the jet age today. The young man who wants to study jet engines outside the R.A.A.F. must pay for the privilege at one of the commercial schools—and he still won’t see his jet engines fly.

Here, then, are two new careers opening for young men—radar and jet engines. National servicemen are presented with a wonderful opportunity.

This training will be done at every R.A.A.F. station in Australia, except Darwin. In the main, West Australians will go to Pearce; Tasmanians to Hobart; South Australians to Mallala; Queenslanders to Amberley, Townsville and Toowoomba; Victorians to Laverton, Point Cook, East Sale, Frognall and Ballarat; New South Welshmen to Richmond, Wagga, Canberra, Schofields, Williamstown and Dubbo.

"The greatest attraction that the R.A.A.F. has to offer national servicemen," said Mr. White, "is, of course, pilot training. A certain number of trainees will be chosen from each intake to be trained to the elementary stage by aero clubs. That is, they will train to private licence standard. Most of these men will, I am certain, want to continue flying as a career—either in the R.A.A.F. or in commercial aviation."

"But the men who go into any of the trades for which national servicemen will be trained will have no less an important benefit from this training."

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Jubilee Celebrations
Programme for Western Australia
January 1 to April 30

(Remainder of programme will be published later)

December 31—Thanksgiving services
all churches.

December 31—Perth: Jubilee open-air
concert, Supreme Court Gardens.
(Similar concerts will be held
in a number of country centres.)

January 1—Perth: Commonwealth
Jubilee Trotting Cup, Gloucescer

January 1—Perth: W.A. Bowling
Association Jubilee Champion Singles.
Commences January 30; con-
cludes January 4.

January 1—Fremantle: Arrival of
visiting naval units, H.M.S. Sahwser
and H.M.P.S. Sind. De-
part January 5.

January 2—First of four special
broadcasts on the history of Aus-
tralia.

January 6—Perth: Commonwealth
Jubilee 16ft. skiff Championship.
Concludes January 13.

January 6—Perth: W.A. Trotting
Association's Federation Anniver-
sary Handicap Final.

January 6—Perth: Orchestral concert
in Somerville Auditorium in asso-
ciation with Adult Education Board
(W.A. University). Conductor:
Rudolf Pekarek. Soloist: Robert
Pikler.

January 8—Perth: Jubilee talk by
Sir Allan P. Herbert at the Uni-
vity.

January 9—Fremantle: Arrival of
visiting naval unit H.M.S.A.S.
Transvaal. Departs January 12.

January 11–21—Perth: Common
wealth Jubilee 12ft. cadet dinghies
championship, in conjunction with
Lord Stonehaven Cup.

January 12—Kalgoorlie: W.A.
Swimming Union, Jubilee country
Swimming championship of W.A.
January 26—Special broadcast pro-
grammes in honour of Australia Day.

January 27–Albany: Jubilee Rifle
Union shoot (No. 4 Great South-
ern). Shoot to continue on Janu-
ary 28 and 29.

January 27—Perth: W.A. Bowling
Association Jubilee champion pairs.

Continued on January 29 and 30.

January 29—Crawley Bay, Perth: Jubilee regatta and aquatic carn-
vival.

February 10—Perth: W.A. Athletic
Association, Jubilee championship
of W.A. (second day), Leederville
Oval.

February 13—Perth: W.A. Cricket
Association, "A" grade Country
Wekk Jubilee final (first day).

February 17—Perth: W.A. Women's
Athletic Association, Jubilee cham-
pionship of W.A., Leederville
Oval.

February 17—Perth: State athletic
meeting with international repre-
sentatives.

February 17—Perth: Orchestral con-
cert in Somerville Auditorium,
W.A. University.

February 18–20—Perth: Visit by J.N.S.
Rajput.

February 24—Perth: Orchestral con-
cert in Somerville Auditorium,
W.A. University.

February 24—Mundaring: W.A.
Jubilee hill climbing championship.

February 25—Mooliabeene: Jubilee
motor racing championship.

March 3–5—Perth: Jubilee industrial
calvaduc and exhibit.

March 3—Perth: Jubilee Rifle Union
shoot (No. 1 Metropolitan), Swan-
bourne. Shoot to continue on
March 4 and 5.

March 3—Pinelly: W.A. Lawn
Tennis Association, Jubilee hard-
court championship of W.A. Con-
tinues on March 4 and 5.

March 4—Perth: Massed bands per-
formance. Conductor: Lieut.
Colonel Adkins.

March 4—Perth: W.A. Matting
Cricket Union, final Jubilee inter-
association competition.

March 5–Narrogin: Commonwealth
Jubilee, Australian grand prix.

March 5—Perth: W.A. Jubilee Art
Committee, combined painters' ex-
hibition, Town Hall.

March 5—Merredin: Jubilee sports
carnival.

March 7—Perth (Claremont Show-
ground): W.A. Polo Association
Jubilee carnival. Continues to
March 17.

March 8—Fremantle: Calvaduc of the
Swan River. Continues up-
stream until March 16.

March 10—Perth: Orchestral con-
cert in Somerville Auditorium,
W.A. University. Conductor:
Vaughan Hanly. Soloist: Carmel
Hackendoff (violin).

March 11—Mooliabeene: W.A. mo-
tor cycling Jubilee championship.

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C.M.F. AND INCOME TAX.—Resolution 107, presented by Tasmania at the August meeting of the Federal Executive, was: "That the Commonwealth Government be again requested to exempt military pay and allowances received by members of the Citizen Military Forces from income tax." The Federal Treasurer has now made the following reply: "I would advise that this question is at present under consideration, and your Executive may be assured that the views expressed in your letter will be borne in mind in reaching a decision on the matter."

R.A.A.F. COMPENSATION.—The Minister for Air recently forwarded the following letter to the Federal Office: "I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter . . . to which you appended a copy of the resolution of the Queensland Branch of the League concerning the question of compensation for reservists of the R.A.A.F. whilst under training. I am pleased to be able to inform you that members of the Citizen Air Force and R.A.A.F. Reserve, whilst on Air Force duties, are covered by the provisions of the Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act. They are, therefore, in event of accident on duty, entitled to the same compensation benefits as members of the Permanent Air Force."

PENSIONS AND UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.—The Minister for Social Services recently made the following statement to the League: "I am pleased to say that the Government has decided to exclude war pensions from 'income' in applying the means test for unemployment and sickness benefits. Provision for this exclusion will be included in a Bill to amend the Social Services Consonation Act which will shortly be introduced to Parliament. As you are aware, war pensions are at present taken into account as 'income' in assessing unemployment and sickness benefits and where the income of the claimant, including a war pension, exceeds 20/- a week, the rate of the benefit is correspondingly reduced. It is not proposed to place any limit on the amount of war pension to be excluded from 'income' for this purpose. It will, therefore, be possible, when the amending legislation has been passed, for persons in receipt of war pensions who are otherwise qualified for unemployment and sickness benefits to have other income of 20/- a week, in addition to the pension, and to receive the maximum rate of benefit. I am aware of the fact that ever since the Commonwealth Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Scheme was introduced in 1945, your League has consistently urged the Government of the day to make this concession, and I am sure you will be pleased to learn of the Government's decision."

HAREFIELD MEMORIAL CHAPEL.—A recent Federal Executive resolution was: "That appropriate representations be made to the Commonwealth Government requesting that financial assistance be granted to ensure the completion of the Australian War Memorial Chapel at Harefield." This has brought the following reply from the Prime Minister: "The Commonwealth Government has received many requests for financial assistance in the provision of war memorials, both in Australia and abroad, but it is regretted that funds cannot be provided for this purpose. As you are aware, the Commonwealth has set up, and is maintaining, its own national war memorial at Canberra. In the view of the Government, the funds necessary for the erection and maintenance of local war memorials, such as the one at Harefield, should be provided by the authorities directly concerned, augmented, when necessary, by public subscription."

V.D.G.—The Prime Minister was recently advised that the League would be pleased to co-operate should the V.D.G. be reconstituted, and the Prime Minister writes: "I desire to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter . . . in which you assure me that my Government will have the full co-operation of the League should it wish to take action to revive the Volunteer Defence Corps."

R.A.A.F. PRIZE MONEY.—Resolution 108 at the August meeting of the Federal Executive was: "That the necessary enquiries in relation to prize money be made of the proper authorities. In regard to this a letter has now been received from the Minister for Air: . . . The prize money for R.A.A.F. would, if distributed, be less than 1/- per head per member of the Air Force, so that consideration is being given to supplying the money to some beneficial organisation that will see that it is spent for the sick or aged ex-R.A.A.F. personnel, but final decision has not yet been made as to how this will be done. Later I shall advise you when there is something definite to report."

BANNING OF COMMUNIST PARTY.—A recent resolution of the Federal Executive was: "That this executive, representing 1,827 sub-branches of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A., having accepted as its policy the non-recognition of the Communist Party as a political party, and knowing it to be a conspiracy aimed against the economy, interests and security of the nation, welcomes the legislation to ban all communist organisations, and
that the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. sees in this action the culmination of years of effort to awaken Australia to the danger of foreign ideology.” This has brought the following reply from the Prime Minister: “... I thank you for your support of the Government's policy as instance in the Communist Party Dissolution Bill to be brought before the House today, and for the practical evidence of your cooperation given by the non-recognition by the League of the Communist Party as a genuine political body.”

DETECTION ALLOWANCE.

—The Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department, in a letter regarding representations made by the League that the same grants payable to members of the forces awarded certain decorations in respect of service during the 1939–45 War be payable to holders of decorations won in previous wars, says: “This matter has been reviewed by the Prime Minister who, however, adheres to the view that, as the United Kingdom Government is responsible for allowances payable in respect of decorations awarded prior to September 3, 1939, the initiative should remain with the United Kingdom authorities.”

COMMANDO SUBSISTENCE, TIMOR.—In September, 1946, the Western Australian branch initiated representations with regard to claims for subsistence of ex-servicemen of the 2/2nd Commandos in respect of their service on Timor Island in 1942. A recent letter from the Minister for the Army says: “... I have pleasure in informing you that, following a review of this matter, the Government has now decided that justification exists for members of the Australian Military Forces who were engaged in operations in Timor to receive some compensation for amounts claimed to have been met from personal cash and property. Accordingly, approval has been given for the following: (a) That no additional payments of subsistence allowance be made in respect of the period February to April, 1942; (b) That, upon application, an act of grace payment up to a maximum of £15 per head be made to the 500 members of the Command in which the ex-member was enlisted, when he will be advised of the necessary procedure to obtain payment.”

VALUE OF WAR GRATUITIES.—A recent resolution of the Federal Executive was: “That the Commonwealth Government be urged to give consideration to the matter of adjustment of the value of war gratuities as notified in 1945 and payable in 1951, on the ground that the purchasing power of the pound has decreased owing to the increase in the cost of living.” The Prime Minister's Department now says: “... The whole question of war gratuities for members of the fighting forces was considered in great detail by an All-Party Parliamentary Committee. The provisions in the present Act resulted from that consideration. No provision exists in the War Gratuity Act for adjustments in current value. The latter might be affected by either appreciation or depreciation of currency values and by other factors. These conditions would apply equally to deposits in banks, Government bonds and other long-term investments. Moreover, during the period prior to the payment of the gratuity, interest is accruing at a rate higher than interest on Savings Bank deposits. An important fact also is that the whole of war gratuity and interest thereon is exempt from taxation. In the circumstances, I am able to inform you that the Government considers that special provision in the War Gratuity Act along the lines suggested would not be desirable.”

HEADSTONES, IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES.—The Victorian Branch recently requested that on the death, due to war service, of an ex-service-man, the next-of-kin should be immediately notified that a headstone can be supplied by the War Graves Commission. Now the Secretary-General of the Anzac Agency of the Imperial War Graves Commission says: “... This subject is one of extreme difficulty, and I realise very fully the position in which many next-of-kin are placed through ignorance of the fact that the Government is quite prepared to provide an official type of headstone should the death of the serviceman be accepted by the Department of Repatriation as being due to war service. Unfortunately, as you are well aware, the death of an ex-service-man is very frequently not advised to the Department of Repatriation for some weeks after it has occurred and, of course, the Repatriation Department

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Sub-Branch Activities

Bedford-Morley Parks
By the time these notes get into print, the League will have, together with all its sub-branches, passed on to another new year. Speaking for this sub-branch, at the moment of writing, we are seeing to it that its concession of the old year’s efforts undertaken by each section of our sub-branch will be fittingly celebrated as an acknowledgment for the sustained progress made within our small sub-branch. Progress in the sincerity and goodwill experienced by all to all. Progress similarly maintained within our women’s auxiliary throughout the year and progress in meeting all financial obligations.

The attendance and interest given at our last general meeting night (December 12) was still maintained, and everyone has a big bunch for the final December 21.

On Monday, December 11, Mr. Ernie Riley, a trustee, gave a wonderful dinner in honour of Johnnie Funk, who recently passed through W.A. as the ambassador of goodwill between the Commonwealth and anti-Communist China.

On Wednesday, December 13, the women’s auxiliary put on a wonderful show at Riley’s Hall, “The Broadway Review,” and under the direction of Miss Doris Sanders.

The youth movement here is still progressing. Its cricket team has forged ahead to the top of the League. On Wednesday, December 13, there was a special feature for them in the form of a barbecue.

In conclusion, the life of the sub-branch is sparkling on all fours, and we are looking forward for a grand opening on the second Tuesday in February next.

L. J. PEARSON.

★ PLEASE LIMIT SUB-BRANCH NOTES TO 200 WORDS.

Bridgetown

Annual Report
This being my last meeting as our President, let me thank you all for your wholehearted co-operation during the past twelve months.

As most of you are well aware, we started off this last financial year very badly, and for a while it looked as though this sub-branch would fall away completely. Many members were reluctant to pay their subscriptions and attendance at monthly meetings began to fall away, but, thanks to many of you and a hard-working committee, I am proud to say that we are now only three off being 100 per cent. financial for the current year.

Anzac Day celebrations were successful, although I was unable to attend because of illness, and no clergy were available to help us through this service. I must thank Mr. Rowan Robinson for his grand effort on this occasion.

Our annual ball was even better than any previous year financially.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that all poppies and stickers obtained were sold on Poppy Day (1000 poppies and 12 stickers). A new departure from past years was the Remembrance Day parade, at which a party of R.S.L. men, headed by Sir Henry Wilcox, marched up to the memorial to lay a memorial wreath after the two minutes’ silence. Mr. Keith MacKinnon did the honour for us by sounding the Last Post and Reveille from the Town Hall balcony before and after the two minutes’ silence. This procedure I would like to see kept up in future years.

I was very disappointed to see only 60-odd members at our reunion, but despite all those who attended will agree with me that it was one of the best reunions we have held.

When reviewing the past 12 months, I am convinced that this sub-branch of the R.S.L. is once again on a firm foundation and is an organisation of which we can all be proud to be members. There is a lot of work done behind the scenes by the committee of which the average member is not aware. Being of a purely personal nature, I cannot go into details, but I can assure you that there are quite a few people in Bridgetown who have received the helping hand of the R.S.L. sub-branch and who know that it is doing a good job in many ways not known to the man in the street.

For the future, I would ask you to give all the support possible to your incoming president, Mr. Rowan Robinson. I know that you will and I can assure him that he will get all my support in any way possible.

JACK LONG.

Busselton

It was gratifying to see such a roll-up of members at our last meeting. It shows that the interest is slowly awakening in our members. For the next meeting make sure you all bring along a new or an old member. In this way we will have more interest taken in the sub-branch.

We dealt with a considerable amount of business the president managing to get through it in his usual efficient style.

Next matter of interest is the picnic. This will be held on January 29, 1951, at Meetup Beach. This is for mum and the kids, and it is up to us to give them all a good day out. Ice cream and ginger beer will be provided free, and the Busselton Band will be in attendance, so far as we know.

Members will be sorry to hear that our hard-working secretary, Don Fye, is leaving Busselton. Those of us closely associated to Don realise the amount of time and effort he has put into the secretaryship, and he will be a big loss to the sub-branch. All the best in your new sphere, Don.

We have also heard that Mr. John Atkinson has had several days home suffering from a heavy cold. We all wish him a speedy recovery, and let’s hope we will see your cheery face at the next meeting.

W. O’BRIEN.

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Canning

Canning Sub-Branch held its monthly general meeting in the Colmer Park Hall on Sunday, December 24. The president (F. Corden) occupied the chair. There were 18 members present. The president welcomed two new members—Frank Hardingham and Gordon Wood, and two visiting members from Welshpool Sub-Branch, J. Ritchie and C. Pearson.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and received on the motion of H. Godfrey, seconded by M. Taylor. The secretary submitted inward correspondence, which was dealt with.

Mr. J. Connolly reported on the Sons and Daughters' Soldiers' League Christmas party. Mr. J. Duckwood reported on the Christmas raffle, also on his visit to Welshpool Sub-Branch annual dinner.

The secretary spoke on nominations for officers for the coming year, which must be in his hands by January 28.

Mr. Reen wished, on behalf of all members of the sub-branch, the compliments of the season to the executive and committee of the sub-branch.

The president and secretary responded to Mr. Reen's remarks. The secretary wished also to thank the social committee for wonderful work done during the past year.

Members please note: The next social meeting is on the second Sunday in January and the general meeting on the fourth Sunday in January, 10.30 a.m., at Cohen Park Hall. Annual meeting: Election of officers, auditor's report and financial statement, Sunday, February 25, 10.30 a.m.

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Ex-Service Women

Christmas Decorations

Each week for the past few months several of the members have been meeting at the president’s home in order to make decorations for the wards at the Edward Millen Home. These decorations will be hung shortly before Christmas.

Lemnos

We will not be holding our usual social evening at Lemnos in December, but a box of cigarettes, etc., is to be sent to the inmates.

Poppy Day

We did not sell as many poppies as we had hoped. However, we did sell about 900. Miss Meares and the girls at Hollywood sold a great many, which helped considerably.

Picture Evening

Instead of our usual meeting in November, we held a picture evening at Shell House. Miss Peg Hall made all arrangements and it was a most enjoyable evening. Our grateful thanks go to Miss Hall and to the authorities at Shell House.

Blinded Soldiers

During September, several of the girls helped to serve supper at the monthly meeting of the Blinded Soldiers, in Pier Street. This is a service which we hope to repeat whenever we are needed. At their Christmas party we are supplying the supper and hope to make it a rather special affair. This will take place on December 7.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party this year is to be held on December 15, at Miss Meares’ residence, 3 Ventnor Avenue, West Perth. The charge will be 5/- per head.

Faversham House

The members were glad to be in a position to donate a clock, suitably inscribed, to the veterans at Faversham House.

Members

We are very sorry to hear that Miss Gibson will be a patient at Hollywood for some time longer. She was a most enthusiastic worker and has been sadly missed. Miss B. Price has been seriously ill, but we are glad to report that she is out of hospital but not well enough, unfortunately, to celebrate Christmas with us. Miss C. Baptiste has been transferred to Melbourne. We shall miss her, as she was a tremendous help in all our undertakings. We wish her a very happy sojourn in Melbourne.

Laying of Wreath of Remembrance

A wreath was laid by two of our members on Remembrance Day, Davis Road.

Miss Meares and several of our members serve tea regularly at Davis Road.

There are many more services which we would gladly perform, but with all our members working in offices or running their homes it is difficult to fit them in.

(Mrs.) MARGARET M. FORD.

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At the usual monthly meeting of the sub-branch the president (Mr. J. Young) called on Mr. D. Cuthbertson, who was the first secretary of the sub-branch when it was formed in August, 1918, to unveil the charter presented by the State Executive, which is to hang in the board room of the local road board.

Mr. Cuthbertson said that returned men had no less a duty to their country in times of peace as in time of war, when they had volunteered to serve in the armed forces. The R.S.L. stood for loyalty to King and Country, a sentiment which quite a lot of people seemed to think was old-fashioned; but which was still of paramount importance in view of the subversive activities of those in our midst, who would sacrifice our democratic ideas and way of life at the bidding of Russian imperialism and substitute government by secret police for the ballot box.

Members of the R.S.L. were banded together to give service to others, and every returned man should be a member, so that the League could speak with a strong voice in the affairs of the Commonwealth.

In addition to returned men, the captain (W. Seaborn) and secretary (H. Stevens) of the local rifle club were present at the ceremony.

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Manjimup

At the monthly meeting of the management committee of the Manjimup Sub-Branch, at which Mr. L. T. Thompson presided, it was decided to recommend to sub-branch members the contribution of £50 towards the memorial clock tower to be erected in the town.

The treasurer (Mr. Geo. A. E. Major) reported that the 800 poppies procured by the sub-branch for disposal had all been sold and that all the outlying areas had contributed handsomely to this "sell-out."

Three new members had been enrolled, to bring the sub-branch membership to 227. On the recommendation that it suited the treasurer's convenience, it was decided not to hold the annual general meeting in January but on the second Thursday in February.

The sub-branch will write Mr. A. Fontanini and ask him to nominate the date best suitable for him to hold the annual children's picnic.

At the annual reunion, Messrs. F. Stahl and C. Ferguson represented the State Executive. The latter presented the sub-branch charter to the president (Mr. L. Thompson) in the presence of 72 members. Whilst congratulating the Manjimup president on the excellence of the reunion, he was an occasion of double celebration because he had just been made a life member of the St. John Ambulance Association by head centre in recognition of his many years' work for the local sub-branch in which he is chairman of a very active committee.

R. MONKHOUSE.

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Maylands

November 23 witnessed another good attendance in "our better 'ole" business, which was not of a contentious nature, was quickly disposed of. "Cookie" did not even get a place in the euchre tournament, the winner being the one and only Joe Kemp, with Leo (Paddy) Rigby as runner-up. The draft tournament was played on this evening and proved very exciting.

On November 29 the men extended a social to the ladies for their magnificent and selfless efforts on Poppy Day. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but everybody who was there told me that it was a hit at Lloyd's. Mrs. Johnson (late auxiliary secretary), and Mrs. Jardine, were presented with Certificates of Merit. Joe received his cap, and Paddy a Biro for their euchre efforts. I wish that I could persuade him to use it (now, don't say, so do I, Mr. Editor). We have also had Ray Le Nay back amongst us, and all were pleased to see him again. Although a "wee bit too eloquent at times, he has been" a great League stalwart. Thanks were also tendered to Tommie and his band of helpers for their ToC H-like job to the old lady's veranda at Bayswater.

Mosman Park

The monthly meeting was held on November 28, with Mr. Conroy in the chair, and an attendance of 22 members and one visitor.

Our visitor, Mr. Hobbs, of North-East Fremantle Sub-Branch, gave an interesting talk on the activities of No. 17 Fremantle District Council.

Nomination of officers was the main business of the evening.

On the evening of Thursday, November 30, the sub-branch entertained the members, their wives and ladies, friends and widows of our late members. It was a bumper evening. The catering was excellent, with a good supply of the cup that cheers. A number of local people who have done good work for the sub-branch were invited to meet us at this gathering. Representatives of the women's auxiliary, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, mother and father of Edwards, V.C., Mr. and Mrs. Tippett, of the local, who promptly donated a goodly supply of the necessary.

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I regret to announce that we received information to the effect that an old member of the sub-branch, Jimmie Dundas, passed away in Victoria.

On November 26 our optimistic cricketers went forth to do battle with only five players. Needless to say, that they got it where the chicken gets the axe.

Some of the boys also went to a cricket social match at Cannington, which also lacked support. Why, oh why, you cricket fans?

At the sub-branch meeting on December 7 I again regret to have to report that I was A.W.L. I am informed that nothing of a serious nature happened. Glad to hear that, even though I did have an alibi. It is worthy of mention, though, that Sep. Horton was there, and also at the social. Must have got his "second wind" and is a 'jovial lad' once again.

All this time, and the compliments of the season to yourself and all your helpers.

J. H. FLISHER.

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Mr. Tom Sten, our State President, presented the sub-branch charter and explained the meaning and aims of the R.S.L. in his very able manner. Approximately 20 members are going in private cars at their own expense to visit Favesham House, York, on Sunday, December 17. It is proposed to take a Christmas cake and some other amenities with them. Particularly do they wish to see "Our Murphy," who is now a resident of Favesham.

Some of the stalwarts did a heap of work at Memorial Park recently.

So long until next month.

J. G. Mccormick.

Scarborough

At a meeting on November 27, one new member, Mr. Rogers, was welcomed by the president. Letters of appreciation regarding the recent picnic were received from Osborne Park and Yokine sub-branches.

The annual dinner was held on Saturday, December 9. As our president (Tom Carlin) was in Canberra, the senior vice-president (Jack Harney) took the chair. The State Executive was represented by Messrs. James, Davies, Stahl and Loflinie, and among the visitors were representatives of the East Scarborough Progress Association, the Perth Road Board, Scarborough Cricket Club and sub-branches in the Big Four sports competition. The most important ceremony of the evening was the presentation of our charter by Mr. James. In an impressive address, Mr. James outlined the principles of the League and explained their symbolic representation in the charter. A pennant won by Gold team in a competition conducted on sports nights throughout the year was presented by the acting president. This was received by Andy Bowe, the captain of Gold.

The annual election of officers took place on December 11, with Mr. Bert Dullard, of Yokine, acting as returning officer. Office-bearers for 1951 are: President, J. Harney; vice-presidents, H. Mills and H. Howlett; secretary, W. Bailey; treasurer, G. A. W. Brown; management committee, Messrs. S. Blanchard, R. Brown.
The old year has passed and it is 1951. That means new crowns to your badges, chaps. Make it early if you possibly can. It is 15/- this year, as passed by Federal congress. Now, then, just a moment. This increase in membership fee had to come. You know that with rising costs the League's expenses have increased. Even at 15/-, what other club does so much for so many for so little? Repatriation, rehabilitation, amelioration, your own club, your sub-branch, and the host of other interests it looks after for you. Thanks, chaps. You will shoot them in early, won't you?

All the best for the New Year, everybody.

S. WILBUR.

Subiaco

Chief item to report is our annual smoke social. This was quite an unique affair, so far as Subiaco was concerned, on two counts. One, that we were presented with our charter and, two, that we invited members of the auxiliary ladies and sub-branch members to be present. The ladies accepted our kind invitation in good force, being approximately equal in numbers to the men, and saw the charter well and truly delivered to the clutching mitt of our president, by Mr. T. S. Edmondson, of the State Executive. Mr. Edmondson's eloquent summary of the growth of the League, its aims and its objects must have impressed our numerous and distinguished visitors. C.R. Connolly, past president and active member of the sub-branch, gave a short history of the means whereby we acquired our hall, and the evening, a most happy one, concluded at a reasonably early hour.

Our usual informal Christmas meeting on December 20 was very well attended and also very cheery.

Our next general meeting is on January 31, but subscriptions may be paid at the sub-branch rooms on any Wednesday evening before that date.

J. NEWMAN.

Victoria Park

We can look forward with confidence to 1951; the past year had its worries and difficulties, still these were overcome. The remaining debt on the hall should be wiped off in two years. Those of you who came along to the Christmas show were pleasantly surprised; you will see more interest being taken generally from now on.

December saw the passing of our old stalwart and friend Fred Bankstock, who had suffered in silence for a long time. Vale, Fred!

The hospital visitings has been kept up fairly well. We now have Frank Hubbard in Ward 82, R.P.H., slowly recovering from a major operation. He will appreciate a visit. Edward Millen Home has been attended both by the boys and the women's auxiliary. Our usual donations of fruit and cigarettes were enjoyed by the inmates.

Our next big item will be the annual picnic on the first Sunday in March. We want this to be the best yet, despite increased expenses. Come along with your ideas; we will try them out. Donations of fruit, lollies, etc., for the kiddies would be a great help to us. Quite a few of you, we know, have fine crops of grapes this year. How about it?

The number of old members rejoining and new ones linking up is very pleasing. What a sub-branch if each one tried to bring a member.

Crowns are available.

Don't forget the third Friday meeting each month. First Friday social will resume in March.

J. H. TIMMS.

Welshpool

Welshpool held its monthly meeting in the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday, December 21. The president, G. Milne, occupied the chair and opened the meeting in the usual way with two minutes' silence and repeating the sacred verse. There were 18 members present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and received on the motion of J. Gilmour; seconded by Mr. Salter.

The secretary submitted some inward correspondence which was dealt with. Moved by H. Gilmour, seconded by C. Pearson, that correspondence be received.

The treasurer submitted the financial statement showing a favourable balance. Moved by Mr. Dickson, seconded by J. Gilmour, that financial statement be received and adopted.

Election of officers for ensuing year (1951) was: President, G. Milne; vice-presidents, J. Ritchie and C. Pearson; secretary, R. Smith; treasurer, Mr. Michell; assistant treasurer, H. Gilmour, assistant secretary, R.
Arrangements were then finalised regarding a barbecue being held on New Year’s Eve in the Mechanics’ Institute grounds, Welshpool. Members were allotted to different duties for the evening. Mr. J. Ritchie brought the matter forward re himself and another member meeting the Canning Sub-Branch war memorial committee. After discussion, J. Ritchie and C. Pearson were elected to attend.

The next general meeting is on Thursday, January 18, in the Mechanics’ Institute, Welshpool, at 8 p.m.

16th Bn. Association

The committee meeting was held on December 12 to wind up this year’s business. The number of our pals has dwindled this year. Reg. Aircy added ten bob to our Sunset visit expenses.

As each member brought a bottle to usher in Christmas, after business we adjourned to the women’s auxiliary meeting and wound up our busy year with tea, cakes, etc.

On the 16th inst. Mrs. Brashaw gave an evening to the committees, and we spent a jolly evening, especially at housey-housey. On Sunday, 17th, we rolled up to Sunset to give our pals an afternoon and Christmas gifts. Joe Thompson (without his Daddy Christmas whiskers now) and Jack Warren are still in hospital. Other inmates are Harry Anderson, Bill Currie, Wally Cross, Chris Erikson, Jack McKenna, Jerry O’Connor, Digger Jim Saul, Harry Whittingham, Tom Haapanen (of the 15th) and last, but not least, that great battler for Sunset old soldiers, Jack Phillips, who is president of the R.S.L. reception committee. Unfortunately Jack’s eyesight is getting weaker. We did not forget his two willing assistants. Morry Bonney is in the Royal Perth Hospital and had a special visit and gift. A few old soldier songs went over well and Allan Burgess gave us “The Sentimental Bloke.” President Brickly led the singing. Mrs. Abrahams wished a Merry Christmas on behalf of the women’s auxiliary. Jack Phillips replied and regretted that the “Old Sixteenth” was the first and only unit to officially visit its old members. Tom Tandy, our old R.S.M. for years now has helped our visits with donations of sauces, gherkins and pickles. A great scout, is Tom.

The committee extends a Happy New Year to all old comrades, wherever they are.

LEAGUE MEMBERS AGAIN TO THE FORE

The Bunbury Sub-Branch recently decided to conduct a working bee on the property of Mr. L. Offer, at Fernson Valley, after it was burnt out during recent bushfires. Mr. Offer lost almost everything except his home, and some 30 members busied themselves in re-erecting fences, removing burnt fencing, and similar jobs. It is likely that further such working bees will be held to aid other farmers.

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The League took over the control of the corps in 1946, and it was hoped that the work would be extended to the main country centres.

The original plan was that under the control of the local branch the local trades people would avail themselves of the services of the corps, and so find employment for additional members of the corps who resided in these areas.

The committee found that the fee being paid by our clients (12/6) was inadequate, and it was necessary to increase the fee to 15/- in order to meet expenditure.

The corps was originally established to help ex-servicemen who, because of disabilities, were capable of engaging only in part-time work. Their services of the corps enabled them, therefore, to augment their pension.

The committee has held nine meetings during the year.

W. O. MANSBRIDGE,
Chairman.

WHAT THE LEAGUE HAS BEEN DOING

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for taxation and preference dividend and transferring £1,500 to a general reserve fund.

The one regret of the directors is their inability as yet to recommend payment of a dividend to the two ordinary shareholders, i.e., the R.S. League and the City of Perth Sub-Branch thereof. However, donations of £50 each were made to the respective amelioration funds.

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JUBILEE PROGRAMMES
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March 16—Entries close Commonwealth Jubilee song competition.
March 17—Harvey: Jubilee Rifle Union shoot (No. 6 Murray). Continues on March 18.
March 17–18—Perth: Jubilee city v. country cricket match.
March 17–Wongan Hills: Jubilee sports carnival.
March 20—Broadcast from Sydney of Jubilee national junior farmer competition in which a W.A. representative will participate.
March 23—Perth: W.A. Cricket Association, Jubilee pennant final (first day).
March 23—Fremantle: W.A. Volunteer Fire Brigades, Jubilee championship.
March 23–Merredin: Jubilee youth rally and bowling carnival.
March 24—Perth (King's Park): W.A. Lawn Tennis Association, Jubilee championship of W.A. Continues to March 26.
March 30—Entries close Commonwealth Jubilee radio play and feature competition.
March 31—Entries close for Jubilee amateur theatrical groups competition.
April 7—Bunbury: Jubilee Rifle Union shoot (No. 2 South-Western). Continues to April 10.
April 9—Perth: Combined arts and crafts exhibition, Town Hall. Continues to April 14. To be repeated at Fremantle and Midland.
April 11—Perth: Recital by Marjorie Lawrence.
April 13—Perth: Recital by Marjorie Lawrence.
April 17—Kalgoorlie: Jubilee celebrity subscription concert.
April 25—Special Anzac celebrations.
April 26—"The Australian Story," opening broadcasts (A.B.C.).
April 27—Perth: Visit by Bishop Stephen Neilly, Assistant Bishop to the Archbishop of Canterbury and Association General Secretary to the World Council of Churches.
April 30—"The Australian Story," fifth and sixth broadcasts (A.B.C.).

LISTENING POST NEWSREEL
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has no means of finding out directly that death had occurred. Again, after death has been notified to the department, I understand that it is necessary that a thorough examination of the case be made in order to determine whether death was due to war service or not. The fact that an ex-serviceman was in receipt of a war pension is not, in itself, proof that death was due to war service. The third point is that in some cases where a dispute occurs as to the cause of death, it may be up to 12 months before a final decision can be reached.
As you know, I have for a long time been fully aware of the difficulties which are occurring so frequently, and some three years ago I went to a lot of trouble and expense in preparing a pamphlet which set out the full story of what would be done for the graves of ex-servicemen whose deaths were accepted as being due to war service. Some 10,000 copies of this pamphlet were printed and were dispatched to every sub-branch of the League throughout Australia, and to all other interested organisations. In view of the letter now received from the secretary of the Victorian Branch it would appear that my effort was completely wasted. Now, might I make a suggestion, which is that the sub-branches of the League should be fully informed by the State branch of the conditions whereby headstones may be erected over graves of deceased servicemen, and that sub-branches themselves, in the interest of their coffers and their members, pass on the information wherever death should occur. I feel that it is only in this way that any degree of satisfaction can be obtained, and in suggesting that the sub-branches should accept some form of responsibility, I am quite sure that I am not asking that anything impossible should be undertaken. During my recent visit to New Zealand, I was more than impressed by the keenness of the Returned Servicemen's Association sub-branch members, and the manner in which deaths of servicemen or ex-servicemen were notified to the Pensions Department through R.S.A. headquarters almost immediately death occurred. At the same time, next-of-kin were advised of the provisions made for the supply of a headstone, and requested not to undertake any contract with a memorial mason until such time as a decision was reached as to whether the deceased was eligible for war graves treatment or not.

SCARBOROUGH HAS BLOOD DRIVE
The Scarborough Sub-Branch has been conducting a blood donor drive and it is hoped to enrol at least 50 donors. Volunteers are asked to contact W. Bailey (BL 1373), H. Howlett (BL 1174) or A. Brown (Scarborough State School).

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At our last executive meeting, Mr. Sten (R.S.L. State President) paid us a visit and extended Christmas greetings from the R.S.L. executive. By the time this goes to press, we will have distributed nearly 800 parcels to the value of 10/- each to ex-service men and women in hospitals and homes. Every hospital and home in the metropolitan area, Faversham and Wooroloo will have been visited.

Hospital Visiting
R.P.H.: Mrs. Young reported that 220 bedside visits have been made in the last month.

Hollywood: Mrs. Randall reported that the hospital is being visited as rostered. Executive members distributed Christmas cheer on December 21.

Home of Peace: Mrs. Cotterill reported that there are 11 female and 9 male patients at present. We visited with Christmas cheer on December 19.

Edward Millen: This hospital is being visited regularly by auxiliary members and Mrs. Coleman visits on behalf of the State Executive.

Official Visits
November 20: State President and State Secretary were the guests of Kenwick Auxiliary at their second birthday meeting.

November 21: State President and State Secretary, accompanied by executive members and members of metropolitan auxiliaries, visited Wooroloo and distributed Christmas parcels.

November 23: State President and State Secretary attended two functions to welcome Mrs. Vassey by R.S.L. State Executive, in the afternoon and War Widows in the evening.

November 24: State President visited Pindurry Auxiliary.

November 25: State President and State Secretary attended Cottesloe Auxiliary fete.

November 26: State President and State Secretary accompanied men from C.H.I. to Glen Forrest outing.

November 27: State President and State Secretary entertained Mrs. Vassey to afternoon tea at Anzac House.

November 29: State President and State Secretary guests of Maylands Auxiliary at Christmas social.

November 30: State President and State Secretary were present at T.P.I. annual luncheon and then at Victoria Park bazaar.

December 1: State President and State Secretary guests of Subiaco R.S.L. presentation of charter.

December 3: State President and State Secretary distributed Christmas cheer to inmates of Glendale.

December 5: State President and State Secretary visited Lemnos and distributed Christmas cheer.

December 6: State President and State Secretary, accompanied by executive members, served afternoon tea and distributed Christmas parcels to old soldiers at Faversham.

December 7: State President and State Secretary attended North-East Fremantle Christmas dinner.

December 12: State President and State Secretary distributed Christmas cheer to men in Edward Millen and Sunset.

December 13: State President and State Secretary attended combined social at Anzac House.

December 14: State President guest of Northam Auxiliary at Christmas dinner and social.

December 15: State President and State Secretary distributed Christmas cheer to men in Heathcote and were guests of Naglands R.S.L. at presentation of charter.

Donations
- Coolgardie: £2/2/- Christmas cheer.
- Wickepin: £5/5/- Christmas cheer.
- Meckering: £5 each Christmas cheer, hospital visiting; £2 each War Blinded, Maimed and Limbless, Federated, T.B., T.P.I., Legacy; £1 War Veterans.
- Kooda: £5/1/- each Maimed and Limbless, War Blinded; £2/2/- Christmas cheer.
- Cottesloe: £10/10/- Christmas cheer; £2/2/- each T.B. Association, War Blinded, T.P.I., Legacy, Maimed and Limbless.

Bedford-Morley Parks: £5 Christmas cheer.

Merredin: £10 each Hospital visiting, Christmas cheer, Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust, T.B. Association, War Blinded, T.P.I., Aged Sailors and Soldiers, Lemnos outing; £5 each War Veterans, Faversham, Partially Blinded; £1 each Legacy, N.S.W. conference delegates’ expenses.

Wolthrop: £2/2/- Christmas cheer; £1/1/- N.S.W. conference expenses.

Bicton-Palmyra: £1 Christmas cheer.

Leonora-Gwalla: £5 each hospital visiting, War Blinded, T.P.I., War Veterans’ Home, Faversham, Maimed and Limbless.

Gnowangerup: £2 Christmas cheer.

Kirup: £5 Christmas cheer.

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Spearwood: £5 each Christmas cheer, Faversham bowling pitch; £1/1/- Legacy.

Gloucester Park: £1/1/- Christmas cheer.

Midland Junction: £4/15/- Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund.

Nungarin: £5 each Christmas cheer, War Nurses’ Hostel.

Wyalkatchem: £30 Christmas cheer.

Maylands: £1/1/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W.

Boulder: £3/3/- Christmas cheer.

Beverley: £3 each Christmas cheer, hospital visiting.

Kalgoorlie: £10 T.P.I., Christmas cheer, Faversham comforts.

Northam: £10/10/- War Veterans; £10 Wooroloo; £5/5/- each hospital visiting, C.H.I., War Blinded; £2/2/- Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust.

Bayswater: £1/1/- each Christmas cheer, T.B. Association, War Blinded, Partially Blinded.

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Katanning: £5 each hospital visiting, Christmas cheer, T.B. Association, War Blinded, Legacy.

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Trayning: £3 hospital visiting; £2 Christmas cheer.
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ETHEL AMES.

Victoria Park

Since our last report, we have held two well-attended meetings presided over by Mrs. Ames. We held a very successful bazaar and sale of work on November 30, which was attended by members of the State Executive, including Mrs. Stockman, Mrs. Sherlock and Mrs. McKinnell. On the following Friday some of our energetic members had a successful street stall, which augmented our funds considerably. We held our final meeting for 1950 on December 8, winding up with a Christmas party, which we all enjoyed immensely. Messrs. Ames, Jennings and Coleman were presented with bouquets on behalf of the auxiliary.

On Wednesday, December 20, we took some Christmas cheer to the folk in the Edward Millen Home. We will meet again on Friday, January 26, and our election of officers and annual meeting will be held on February 9, 1951.

Members wish to convey Season’s Greetings to all sister auxiliaries and the staff of The Listening Post.

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