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Serious concern is being shown in official quarters, and also throughout the League, at the paucity of recruits coming forward for the three Services.

We cannot close our eyes to the fact that we are going through perilous times, times when the safety and security of Australia is uppermost in the thoughts of all our members. Neither can we close our eyes to the fact that the matter of the safety and security of Australia is not uppermost in the minds of many of our younger folks.

For that reason, in this issue of The Listening Post, we print an article which we would like readers to cut out and make some further use of. This article is "Roles of Services in War," and we think that by bringing this to the notice of young men who have had no experience of the Services an interest in those Services and perhaps a desire to serve may be awakened.

The Minister for the Navy and the Army (the Hon. Jos. Francis) says: "We must all recognise that the world today is faced with the grave menace of communist aggression, and the only way in which the democracies can maintain their independence is to build up their armed strength. Every worker and every industrialist and every young man, indeed, every citizen of the Commonwealth can, and must, contribute, his or her own individual effort in labour, management, national service or service in the permanent or militia forces towards the work that lies ahead."

Many of our readers are of an age which makes physical service either an impossibility or of little actual use. But each and every member can do his bit by endeavouring to interest the youngster in serving this glorious country. Encouragement is far more often of greater use than threats. Therefore, if the youngsters who are holding back can be in any way encouraged to do their bit, so much the better.

We do not, for one moment, think that, were war to break out tomorrow, we would have the slightest difficulty in securing recruits. Indeed, we should probably be overwhelmed by the response. But we want more recruits today. And, with the aid of interested ex-service personnel, we may be able to get them.

Once again we suggest that YOU, the reader of these words, should do something. It is no use whatever "tut-tutting" and shaking your head. YOU volunteered gladly, we know, and we know that you think the youngster of today should do likewise. But what is wanted is that YOU shall get up and do something about it.

The Listening Post, as you are well aware, circulates only among the men and women who have already served. Editorials and articles appealing for recruits can do little good in its pages unless you pass them on. How about starting a little recruiting campaign yourself? Have you a shop? If so, are you displaying a recruiting poster? Do you work in a factory? If so, does it display a recruiting poster? Recruiting meetings in your district probably cry aloud for speakers. Have you offered your services?

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A meeting of the State Executive was held on January 10, there being 19 members present when President T. Sten called for the usual brief period of silence. Apologies were received from Messrs. Hunt and Benson, while Mr. Edmondson was on leave of absence.

The President stated that the year had started with very special responsibilities. "Unless we are sensitive about current affairs we shall one day find ourselves taking orders from a totalitarian state," he said, and he asked that the League should do all it could in the nation's vital affairs.

Arising from a Busselton resolution, "That this sub-branch urges the State Executive to forward the following resolution: Requesting both Houses of Federal Parliament to abandon party politics on the vital question of defence and have compulsory training implemented immediately," a number of speakers agreeing that a firm stand by all peoples and parties was necessary at this time, had differing views as to what methods should be used to bring about the best results. Members speaking on the matter included Messrs. Davies, Watt, Lonnie, Stahl, Hullett, Craig and Keeley; and Mr. Chaney, in an impassioned speech, submitted the resolution, "That this Executive requests the Federal President to urge members of the League to use every endeavour in their power to obtain political unity on the question of compulsory national training." This resolution was carried.

Anzac House and Club
It was announced that a special dance arranged by House Manager Charlie Mitchell, at his own request, had netted a profit of £52.

Faversham
Accommodation, it is announced, has been increased to 37, and it is proposed to further increase this to 42. As Faversham is now fully occupied, applicants must in future be put on a waiting list. Donations received included: Wesley College (through a York lad returning to college), £5/5/-; Women's Institute, two verandah chairs; R.S.L. Women's Auxiliaries, 12 verandah chairs, curtains for billiard room and individual Christmas parcel to each veteran; Red Cross Society, second radio set, individual Christmas parcel to each veteran. Weekly fees have now been increased to 30/- (Sunset fee is 52/-6 weekly). Members of the Mogam Park Sub-branch visited Faversham and entertained the veterans on December 17, and a Christmas party was given them by the York Women's Auxiliary (incidentally, the Faversham House Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the good services of the York Women's Auxiliary throughout the year). It is expected that a general appeal to sub-branches will be launched shortly on behalf of Faversham House, and a Faversham House Month, during which boxes of groceries might be donated to aid in the reduction of management costs, is suggested.

Anzac Day
It was resolved that a sub-committee, comprising Messrs. Ferguson, Stanbury and Hullett, undertake the arrangements for the entertainment of four New Zealand delegates who will visit Perth for the Anzac Day celebrations.

Preference
A report was submitted by Mr. Davies showing that a deputation waited on the Premier in connection with the non-observation of preference in recent appointments to senior Government positions. The deputation gave 13 names of appointees who were not ex-servicemen. The Premier received the deputation sympathetically, but in turn submitted a list of over 20 names of ex-service-

men who had been appointed to positions in the Government service. "A motion was carried on this report: "That the matter of the introduction of a State Preference Act be referred to the re-establishment committee for consideration, with particular emphasis on an aspect which has been introduced in connection with appointments which appear to raise 'manpower' to equal status with war service."

Eligibility
A letter was received from the Federal Office advising that section 4 of the Federal constitution would require amending before Allied ex-servicemen not under British command could be admitted to League membership, and that they would first require to become naturalised British subjects.

Parcels for Korea
It was reported that appreciative references were made in the annual report of the Sportsmen's Council of the steps being taken by the League to provide Christmas parcels for Australian troops in Korea.

Co-operation with League
Advice having been received that Dr. C. W. Courtney, S.M.O., Repatriation Department, was being transferred to a similar posting in Melbourne, it was resolved that the State President and the Repatriation Committee invite Dr. Courtney to Anzac House where opportunity could be taken of thanking him for his co-operation with the League.

A further meeting of the State Executive was held on January 24, and again there were 19 members present when it opened. Apologies were received from Messrs. Hunt, Chaney, Greenham and Edmondson.

Prior to this meeting, a welcome was tendered to Mr. R. G. Casey, Minister for Supply and Development. The welcome was extended on behalf of all present by the State President and Mr. Davies, and all listened attentively to a very interesting talk which Mr. Casey gave in a most informal manner.

Anzac Sunday
It was announced, for the benefit of enquiring sub-branches, that Anzac Sunday was fixed as the Sunday preceding Anzac Day, i.e., Sunday, April 22.
Migration of Germans

In regard to recent Press statements and meetings held on the matter of the migration of Germans to Australia, the State President read the Federal resolution on this matter: "In view of the urgent necessity to populate Australia, this (Federal) congress endorses the Federal Executive decision to support the inclusion of selected Germans carefully screened in the general migration scheme."

Housing

Mr. Davids dealt at some length with the matter of a deputation to Senator Spooner. He stated that advice had been received from the Housing Commission to the effect that from June to November, 1950, inclusive, 142 applicants withdrew their applications. Twenty-three of the persons withdrawing stated that such withdrawals were due to increased building costs which they could not meet, while seven stated that withdrawals were brought about through inability to secure a building contractor. The Housing Committee viewed such heavy withdrawals with some alarm.

War Gratuities

As war gratuities will be paid on March 3, it was recommended that a warning be issued to all League members against the possibility of loss arising from indiscriminate spending of the monies made available. It was recommended that the matter be referred to the Rehabilitation Committee, and that a suitable circular of warning, signed by the State President, should be issued to all sub-branches.

- Split percentage: The village not-wit was the foreman of the jury trying a murder case. After three full days of deliberation the jury filed back into the courtroom.
  "Have you reached a verdict?" asked the judge.
  "Not yet, your honour," replied the foreman. "We want to make this trial fair and square and before we render a verdict we want to ask the defendant one question."
  "What is it?" asked the judge.
  "Does he want AC or DC current?"

☆ Gentleman: A husband who doesn’t say anything when his wife forgets she’s a lady.

Johnny Funk Writes

Public Works Department, Jellinot, Colony of North Borgeo, January 5, 1951.

The Secretary, Returned Services League, Perth, W.A.

Dear Sir: I must really convey to you and the members of the League my most heartfelt thanks for the generous hospitality shown me during my stay in Australia, and to say how much I appreciate all the kindness shown me by all your kind people.

It has been a memorable and pleasurable experience for me to have such friends who has made me feel so much at home and who has given me the holiday of a lifetime. I can think of no greater honour than to have your people’s friendship.

I arrived home just two days after Christmas, and so was able to spend New Year’s Day with the family. I reported for work three days ago and I am now back on harness—a very much healthier and stronger man, thanks to Australian generosity.

Once again I wish to thank the League, and beg that you convey my thanks to all those who made my stay there so interesting and pleasurable. In particular I would like to thank Mr. H. Hall, who gave such valuable assistance and was untiring in his efforts to help me always.

With kindest regards, and my best wishes to you all for a Happy New Year.

I remain, Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) JOHNNY’ FUNK.

R.A.N. Cadetships

The Minister for the Navy (the Hon. Jos. Francis) announced recently that 28 boys had been selected for entry into the Royal Australian Naval College, Flinders Naval Depot (Victoria), to undergo a four-years’ course, as the first step in their careers as permanent officers of the Royal Australian Navy.

Mr. Francis said that the boys had been chosen from more than 400 applicants from all parts of the Commonwealth by a naval selection committee which had visited the capital cities.

Four of the boys had been awarded special cadetships: [The special cadetships are provided for boys who are sons of persons who had been on active service abroad in the Royal Australian Navy or in an expeditionary force raised under the provisions of the Commonwealth Defence Act, including forces sent by the respective States of the Commonwealth to the South African War.]

W.A. boys were:
Hawtin Neville Vervon, Highgate Hill, W.A., Christian Brothers’ High School, Highgate Hill.
Parker, Joseph Kenneth, Northam, W.A., Northam High School.
Terry, Leonard Giles, Margaret River, W.A., Guildford Grammar School.

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MEETING OF R.S.L. SPORTS COUNCIL

Members are reminded that the February meeting of the Sports Council will be held in the Board Room at Anzac House on Monday, February 26, 1951, at 8 p.m.

A DELICATE QUESTION

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
When his shirt stud flew under the bed,
Something we cannot publish.


Repatriation Notes

The closing date for applications for business re-establishment loans by ex-service men and women undergoing professional or vocational training at their own expense has been extended to December 31, 1939, or up to five years from the date of completion of such training. The effect of this Cabinet decision is to place such men and women on a comparable basis with trainees under the C.R.T.S., who have a period of five years from the date of completion or termination of their training in which to apply for such a loan. Applications for loans should be made to the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation in the State in which the applicant resides.

The Minister for Repatriation says:

"Recognising that it is in the best interests of seriously disabled men and women for them to be engaged in some form of occupation to prevent physical or mental deterioration, the Repatriation Commission has laid a scheme of homesteads in operation for the best part of two years. This scheme applies to men and women who served in the Australian forces in the 1914 and 1939 wars and whose disablement is related to their war service. Members of other forces may have an eligibility because of their residence in Australia before enlistment.

"The scheme is implemented through Educational Therapy Committees in each State, consisting of men and women whose experience is such that they can give assistance towards (a) stimulating and maintaining the interest of the member; (b) giving further instruction and discussing new ideas or avenues of work; (c) assisting in procuring materials and disposing of manufactured articles; (d) ensuring that no prejudice to health is suffered by the member; (e) displaying to the member that the Commission has a practical interest in his well-being; and (f) encouraging individuals and organisations to interest themselves in the member.

"The Commission has stated that it is desirable that handicrafts undertaken while under institutional care be developed to the point where the mind and hands may be occupied on discharge to the patient's home, and perhaps the sale of products may form some addition to the income of the pensioner.

"The Commission's scheme permits of the loan, and sometimes the gift, of tools, equipment and material. Books may be had on loan from the Repatriation reference libraries, and tuition may be given to assist members to reach a desirable standard of proficiency.

"The adoption of equipment or tools to the particular needs of an individual is undertaken.

"The Commission looks at the manner of assisting the patient from the standpoint of (a): whether the undertaking will be curative, palliative or a means of living a life of greater activity than would otherwise be the case, or (b) whether the tasks can provide a supplementation of the pension income as a homestead; or (c) whether the project will be in the nature of a small business. The provision of purely curative or palliative work is met by the Commission lending the apparatus needed and supplying without cost the initial supply of materials. In the homestead case, the apparatus may be lent for a period and later handed to the patient on the basis of a small cash loan with easy repayments. Where the project is a business proposition, it is purely a matter of a financial loan. A patient may progress from the first to the second and on to the third category. (Some 240 individuals have already been assisted under this scheme.)"

- A woman should wear just enough clothes to keep a man warm.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Among some old papers I recently noticed the following programme of a concert, and I was wondering how many of the boys are still alive. It may recall to some at least one pleasant evening. Here it is—

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Programme


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Anzac Club Christmas Social

On Tuesday, December 19, Anzac Club held its Christmas social, between two and three hundred members being present. During the evening prizes won in the various competitions run in the club during the winter months were presented by the chairman of the Club Committee, Mr. Carl Ferguson.

The cups for R.S.L. championship billiards and snooker, which were won by “Ossie” Brindal, were presented to his sub-branch, Mr. Lawley, and were received by the president, Mr. F. N. Graves. “Ossie” also won the billiard and snooker handicap finals, and for these achievements was presented with a beautiful 8-day chiming clock.

Rex Heygate, runner-up to “Ossie” Brindal in both championships, received a French alarm clock, which awakes him in the morning to the music of “Powder your face with sunshine.”

“Bonnie” Bonfield, runner-up in the snooker handicap, and Ron Gibb, runner-up in the billiard handicap, both received Ronson lighters, as did Frank Sharp, who won the cribbage and was one of the pair who won the bridge. His partner in bridge, Mr. Kurath, received a pewter pot, a similar prize going to Mr. Cuthbertson, who won the darts competition.

After the presentation of prizes an excellent supper was served with the necessary refreshments. During the evening music was provided by Bill Carlton at the piano, Bill Tilbrook with violin and Charlie Williams with saxophone. Everyone joined lustily in singing of all the old favourite songs. Doug Boswell kept the company in good spirits with his remarkable ability at telling stories. The highlight of the evening was the attempted “strip-tease” act by a well-known member from across the river. However, he didn’t progress very far, his modesty or “something” stopped him about half way; perhaps he remembered he didn’t have his balloons.

Mr. Kurath, received a pewter pot, and was one of the members presented with a beautiful.

On Saturday, December 30, the same procedure was adopted, the honours being, on this occasion, performed by Mr. Fred Chaney, State Vice-President.

The festive season was brought to an appropriate finish in the club to the strains of pipe music provided by Pipe-Major MacLennon and Pipers McKay and MacLennon. The evening then concluded by members joining hands and singing “Auld Lang Syne.”

12th and 52nd Bns. Assn.

The annual meeting and election of officers took place at the Railway Institute, Perth, on January 27, with a good attendance of members. Mr. Cook (secretary) gave a financial report which showed a healthy position. Interest in the association is being maintained. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, L. Porteous; vice-presidents, J. Hopkins and J. Fulton; country vice-presidents, A. E. Potts (of Mt. Agusta Station, who was present) and R. H. Reeves (of Tammin); secretary-treasurer, A. Cook; minute secretary, H. A. Baker; social convenor, W. T. Bowers.

Members please note that the 12th and 52nd Association in South Australia is arranging a special celebration this coming Anzac Day and is inviting all old comrades from all over Australia to Adelaide. Members to advise immediately if they can make the trip so that advice can be sent to Adelaide in time for their reception there.

A. COOK.

☆ Ken Bell, of the Melville Sub-Branch, is said to be doing a particularly good job in rounding up new members.

☆ Bob Workman is indeed a workman. At Bridgetown on Poppy Day he sold no less than 600 poppies, a job of which his sub-branch is rightly proud.

- The squaw and papoose were on the platform at a stop in South Dakota when the train pulled in. A contractor from the East, pointing his finger at the papoose, enquired: “Him Injun?”

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R.A.N. Personnel Increased

Fleet Strengthened

The strength of the sea-going forces of the Royal Australian Navy increased from 10,035 on January 1, 1950, to 11,279 on December 31. These figures were given by the Minister for the Navy (the Hon. Jos. Francis) recently in a statement in Hobart on the progress made by the R.A.N. last year.

Mr. Francis said that the fleet itself had also been strengthened during the year to meet a potential submarine menace. An increase in strength of 1,244 officers and men in 12 months could be regarded as encouraging, but still more men were needed if the Navy was to do properly all the work that would be allotted to it. The present Federal Cabinet had already authorised an increase in the strength of permanent naval personnel from 14,753 to 15,173.

"There is accordingly some distance yet to go," Mr. Francis added, "but I am confident that the higher figure will be reached."

To stimulate recruiting, he said, the Cabinet several months ago approved a shorter initial engagement, namely, one of six years, as an alternative to the long-standing 12-year period. To attract trained ex-naval personnel and men in possession of required skills, a two-year initial engagement period had been introduced. The policy of recruiting ex-Royal Navy personnel in the United Kingdom was continued during the year, and the second group of recruits arrived in Australia from Britain in H.M.A.S. Sydney on November 27.

The training of members of the Royal Australian Naval Reserve was resumed on January 1, 1950.

An important step taken during the year had been the reconstitution of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service, for which the initial requirement was 300 women who would be employed on communications and supply and secretarial duties.

Mr. Francis added that the present Government recognised fully the heavier responsibilities which had devolved upon Australia as a result of the strained international situation, and it was determined to fulfil them. The development of the R.A.N. last year showed that. During that period the Australian Fleet, in which the most important unit was the modern aircraft carrier H.M.A.S. Sydney, had been augmented by the placing in commission of three destroyers and a general purpose vessel, and the Government had arranged with the Admiralty for the basing of a third Royal Navy submarine at Sydney for anti-submarine training purposes.

The experience gained by ships of the R.A.N. in exercising with the submarines Telemanthus, Thorough and Tasker had proved of the greatest value.

Anti-submarine operations would be of the utmost importance in any future war, and the Government was thoroughly aware of the fact. It had consequently, during the year, approved the building of six anti-submarine frigates and the conversion of five Q-class destroyers to fast anti-submarine escort vessels.

Modern anti-submarine equipment would be fitted to the R.A.N.'s Tribal class destroyers.

The new battle class destroyer, H.M.A.S. Hobart, which was built at the Cockatoo Island Dockyard, in Sydney, joined the Australian Fleet on December 1, and her sister ship, H.M.A.S. Anzac, constructed at the Naval Dockyard, Williamstown, would be commissioned in March on completion of her trials which had, so far, been most satisfactory. Together with four Daring class destroyers now being built at Cockatoo Island and Williamstown they would form an efficient striking force against both enemy submarine and surface vessels.

The work of fitting modern radar and gunnery equipment in the cruiser H.M.A.S. Hobart was continued during the year and was being proceeded with as fast as available manpower would permit.

Royal Australian naval aviation had been strengthened during the year by the arrival in Australia from Britain in H.M.A.S. Sydney in November of the newly formed 21st Carrier Air Group, in which most of the pilots were members of the R.A.N. The other pilots and observers belonged to the Royal Navy and were serving with the R.A.N. on loan. The new group would, both at sea and ashore, do work identical with that done by the 20th Carrier Air Group, which reached Australia in May, 1949, and which operated from H.M.A.S. Sydney until shortly before she left for England in June last year. Sydney had remained in full commission throughout the year. The second R.A.N. aircraft carrier, which would be named H.M.A.S. Melbourne, was being completed in the United Kingdom.

Many improvements had been made at the Royal Australian Naval Air Station, H.M.A.S. Albatross, at Nowra (N.S.W.), which, when work contemplated there had been finished, would be of a standard at least as high as that of stations which the Royal Navy had established.

Negotiations had been continued during the year for the preparation of a second R.A.N. air station at Shoelds (N.S.W.). That station would be shared with the Royal Australian Air Force.

It was decided during the year to meet the requirements of naval reserve and national service training by bringing three fleet minesweepers, H.M.A. Ships Gympie, Colac and Mildura, and one frigate, H.M.A.S. Barcoo, forward from reserve and re-fitting them to complete their sea-going and training efficiency.

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Roles of Services in War

The Chiefs of Staff of the three Services have made clear the roles their forces will play in the defence of the nation and in war.

The Chief of the Naval Staff and First Naval Member, Vice-Admiral Sir J. A. Collins, commented: “Australia can only support her war effort if she can ship her products overseas and import those things necessary for maintaining her economy and training her forces.”

He added that the sea communications must be secure to enable our forces to be sent to fight the enemy where he should be fought—remote from Australia.

“The Navy plays the predominant part in this essential securing of the sea communications in which our country’s future will depend in the event of war,” he said.

Strengthened

Today, the R.A.N. is being enlarged, streamlined, broadened in its sphere of service, and incomparably strengthened. The most interesting post-war development has been the decision that our Navy should be equipped with aircraft carriers. In other words, Australia has a task force.

In World War II, United States task forces, composed of aircraft carriers, with bombers and fast fighter planes, protected on the seas by destroyers, cruisers, and even battleships, provided a potent weapon that kept the seas open. These task forces are the modern conception of the best methods of defence and attack on the high seas.

One of the greatest achievements in Australian industry has been the construction of two Battle class destroyers, Tovoruk and Anzac. There were many sceptics who shook their heads and said that such a task was impossible here. But it has been accomplished by Australian workmen. There is apparently nothing this country cannot do once it sets its mind to the task.

The R.A.N. today, with one aircraft carrier, Sydney, and another Melbourne, due here soon, plus destroyers, frigates, and submarines on loan from the R.N., is stronger than it has ever been before. Plans are in hand to make it stronger yet.

Discussing the new Army—the Australian Regular Army and the Citizen Military Force—the Chief of the General Staff (Lieut.-General S. F. Rowell) made the point that training has become so highly technical that it is no longer possible to raise an army overnight—such was done almost literally in 1914 and again in 1939.

A WARNING FROM ALICE SPRINGS

In the past two months we have had two cases of members from sub-branches in the Eastern and Southern States coming to this centre in search of work and who subsequently have been helped with fares to return them to their home States.

It is the opinion of the committee of this sub-branch that a nation-wide circular be issued advising that jobs are extremely hard to come by in the Northern Territory at present and especially for unskilled labour, and that the accommodation problem is acute, even for single men. We also suggest, if any members are contemplating visiting the N.T. in search of work, they make full and exhaustive enquiries as to the possibilities from this sub-branch if they wish, before leaving for this centre.

Fares to Alice Springs are particularly high—the air fare from Adelaide being £14 and the 2nd class single rail fare being approximately £8/10/–, so you can gather that a chap is considerably out of pocket if he has only been up here for the ride.

J. BRYSON, Hon. Secretary,
Alice Springs Sub-Branch.

“It is for this one vital reason,” he said, “that intensive peacetime training is so important.

Wars occur suddenly. The only way we can meet a new threat is to have a compact, skillfully trained force ready for action, plus trained men ready to teach the ‘mushroom’ army that will become imperative should war occur.”

Lieut.-General Rowell said that the soldier of today was not only trained but was instructed in the purpose of his training. He was encouraged to use his intelligence. Gone were the days when an order was an order without reason.

“Training has reached such a pitch of skill that the mistake of an individual could ruin a plan of action,” he said. “It is imperative that everyone must be put right in the picture.”

He added that everything possible was being done to make Army life attractive. Today’s soldier was well groomed as he was well fed. The Army cookhouse had taken on a new lease of life.

Military education and training were today based on the principle that only a minimum of time would be spent in camps and barracks. The idea was to take the soldier into the field and keep him moving as much as possible.

The Federal Government is now spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on camp improvement.

The Air Force

The Chief of the Air Staff (Air Marshal George Jones) said that in war the Royal Australian Air Force had one over-riding responsibility. That was to defend Australia whenever it became necessary to do so.

“Never forget that air power is an offensive, not a defensive weapon,” he continued. “The Air Force best helps to defend this country when it is carrying the fight to the enemy.

“It seeks to smash the enemy’s war potential—his factories, munition works, railways, and aerodromes so that he can no longer hit back. When that is done, the Navy and Army can set about finishing him off.”

Air Marshal Jones discussed the amazing developments since the war in jet-propelled aircraft with speeds exceeding 600 miles an hour, and commented:

“Of all these advances in the air the R.A.A.F. has paid close attention.

The R.A.A.F. has embarked on a big programme to build up a highly

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PERSONALITIES

☆ Fred Chaney, of the State Executive, is at present on the sick list. Fred is a forceful youngster who, as junior vice-president of the League, is doing a first-class job. His many friends in all parts of the State will wish him a speedy recovery.

☆ Ollie Williams, an ex-vice-president of the League, and president of the Mount Lawley Sub-Branch for a period of 10 years, was a recent visitor to a State Executive meeting. Ollie received a warm reception, and

☆ Alan Stephens has been appointed publicity officer of the Melville Sub-Branch. Alan sends along his sub-branch notes in professional style—and this makes the Editor’s eyes gleam with pleasure. Moreover, Al-i-n keeps his notes down to 200 words . . . it seems that many of our contributors aren’t shy at adding an extra hundred or two now and again.

☆ Ted Dunstan, of the Brunswick (Victoria) Sub-Branch, was a recent visitor to this State. He pointed out

☆ Stan Watt, of the State Executive, is doing a real man’s job on the recruiting campaign and is seriously concerned at the lack of interest of many of our youngsters. Stan is putting in a lot of hours on this job, and it is to be hoped that his work (and the work of the many others who are also helping) will bear fruit.

☆ Bill Davis, a staunch worker for the Dwellingup and Districts Sub-Branch, leaves the area shortly to settle at Geraldton. One sub-branch’s loss is another’s gain, we presume. Certainly Geraldton will be getting a good man in Bill.

— Cartoon: "WON'T YOU BE MY VALENTINE?"

he made a point of thanking executive-member Hugh Leslie for the work he had put in with regard to recreational transport allowance, first refused to Ollie but later secured through Mr. Leslie’s action.

☆ Alf Cunningham, organiser of the Kensington Sub-Branch’s annual garden competition, is to be congratulated on a fine job. Such a competition is a great advertisement for the sub-branch, and it is to be hoped that it is carried on for many a year.

☆ Ben Heagney, Assistant State Secretary, recently resigned—from that post to take up a position elsewhere. He had been with the League since 1948 and was a most popular officer. At a recent Executive meeting a motion that the League record its appreciation of the splendid services rendered by Mr. Heagney was moved by Mr. Chaney, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, and carried unanimously. In addition, Mr. Herlihy paid tribute to Mr. Heagney’s capabilities as an accountant.

☆ O. G. Campbell Egan accepts our apologies with the grace for which he is famed. We printed, in his case, simply Campbell Egan, omitting the initials. Oh, gee! Must have been the pre-Christmas festivities,
Memorial to American Comrades

By W. E. Brown

The proposed Australian-American National Memorial at Canberra will, when completed, become another part of the British Commonwealth. It is not the first nor, probably, will it be the last, memorial erected within the Empire in honour of our American comrades and the services they rendered during the years of World War II.

I was present, in 1945, at a moving little ceremony at Bushy Park, Teddington, England, when Air Chief Marshall Sir Christopher Courteney unveiled a pedestal and plaque bearing this inscription:

"This tablet marks the site of European Headquarters of the United States Army Air Forces, July, 1942-September, 1944, and is dedicated by the Royal Air Force to their comrades in arms. It is through fraternity that liberty is saved."

Two flights of R.A.F. officers were drawn up facing each other across the plaque. To the roll of drums the two guards of honour—R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.—came to a halt, one behind the other in the above order, to form the third side of a hollow square with the plaque in the centre. On the fourth side, grouped before the flagpole, stood the official party.

As the last echo of command died away, Sir Christopher Courtenev stepped forward beside the plaque, and his clear, decisive voice paid tribute to the American Army Air Force. As he removed the veil and stepped back from the plaque, a crisp voice gave a command. The guards of honour presented arms—their fixed bayonets gleaming in the sun—and the officer sprang to the salute while, to the strains of God Save the King, the blue flag of the R.A.F. was lowered from the flagpole.

Another order was given. The R.A.F. guard of honour marched briskly around behind its American counterpart, which moved forward to take its place.

The representative American officer then stepped forward and, in his turn, spoke on behalf of the U.S.A.A.F. in appreciation of the tribute paid to it by the R.A.F. As his voice died away the assembly once again presented arms and saluted as, to the strains of the American National Anthem, the Stars and Stripes were raised to float proudly on the breeze.

Standing only a few feet high and three to four yards in diameter, the plaque and the pedestal on which it stood was simple in design and structure. The ceremony itself was of short duration. There were no cheering crowds to witness the event and no display of military pomp and grandeur. The few words spoken were simple but well chosen, expressing adequately the affection and esteem in which each Service held the other.

As the two high-ranking officers clasped hands beside the little plot of British earth, dedicated forever to the memory of the United States Army Air Force, I could not help but think how these two men symbolised the unity and comradeship of the two great nations to which they belonged. The ceremony over, the assembly dispersed, and I moved forward to read for myself the inscription: "... to their comrades in arms. It is through fraternity that—liberty is saved."

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A SUGGESTION

Country members passing through York might bear in mind that an occasional gift of fodder, wheat, firewood, fruit, and the like, would be welcomed by the veterans at Faversham House.

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Rehabilitation of Psychiatric Patients

Dr. Alan Stoller, specialist in psychological medicine of the Repatriation Commission, has returned to Australia after attending in Paris the first International Congress of Psychiatry and the annual assembly of the World Federation for Mental Health.

At the request of the World Health Organisation, he was loaned by the Commonwealth to undertake a survey of the rehabilitation of psychiatric patients. Working from Geneva, he and another doctor compiled a bibliography. He visited other countries, including England and the U.S.A. In the course of his survey. While in America he, with Eleanor Roosevelt, was a guest speaker at the banquet of the silver anniversary conference of the National Rehabilitation Association in New York. He was also invited to contribute to the symposium on the rehabilitation of the mentally and emotionally ill.

"Dr., Stoller's uppermost impression as to the attitude abroad to psychiatric disorders is that principles of early treatment of mental disorders, short of mental hospitalisation, are being more widely applied.

There is a growing demand for treatment for these conditions, and more and more personnel are being trained to cope with them, but there is still a world-wide shortage of such personnel. In the U.K. and U.S.A. extensive programmes have been inaugurated to train specialists in this field. The growing demand for such services is not due to an increase in the incidence of psychiatric disorder so much as a recognition by the community that effective treatment can be given.

In Dr. Stoller's opinion, our repatriation provision for psychiatric patients compares favourably with that existing abroad, and in some respects is well in the forefront of psychiatric advancement.

Definite efforts are being made abroad in the mental hospitals to readjust social attitudes of patients, such as the creation of therapeutic social clubs, which they themselves conduct within the institution. This is a phase of treatment which is very undeveloped here and something which, no doubt, will eventually become a part of all mental hospital practice in Australia, thereby keeping our standard abreast of modern thinking in this matter of the re-socialisation and rehabilitation of the mental patient.

FOUND

Two photographs have been handed to "The Listening Post." These photos were given to a member of the Indian Army in Burma after the liberation, having been previously handed to a workman by a prisoner-of-war aboard the "Moulmein." Pinned to the photos is an A.I.F. badge. The pictures are as follows: One is of a woman holding, on top of a low hedge, a photograph of a Digger. A written message on the back says: "You and I got home together on Christmas Day. Like It?" The other is of the same woman. A message on the back of this is indecipherable.

We would like to see those photographs returned to their owner, and would appreciate it if other service journals would reprint this item.

Out-patient social clubs already exist in many mental hospitals overseas and even in the psychiatric out-patient departments of general hospitals.

There has been no marked change in shock therapy since Dr. Stoller was overseas two years ago, but there is a new drug, Methedrine, which might take the place of electro-shock therapy in certain cases of depression, if not in all cases, and the Repatriation Medical Service will be using this form of treatment. The nitriles, a group of bio-chemical substances which have a direct effect on the nerve cells, are showing some promising results; although their essential value is as yet unproven, their potentialities will be explored.

All the advanced principles which Dr. Stoller picked up while visiting institutions and conferring with specialists from other countries will be applied in Australia in treating men and women who were members of the forces and for whom the Repatriation Commission is providing psychiatric care.

An old lady living in the country had a son in the Navy. On one of her rare visits to a neighbouring town she saw a sailor. Trembling with excitement, she asked him if he knew her boy. She told him his name.

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"What ship!" exclaimed the old lady. "Are there two?"

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At the outbreak of the 1939 war, Norman Wilkinson answered his country’s call and joined the 2/1st Battalion. He served in the Middle East and in the New Guinea theatre of operations. He fought over the Kokoda Trail and was then stricken with scrub typhus. At the age of 19 he was back in Sydney, stone deaf and blind.

We received an urgent call from Army officers one day to come to 113 (Concord) Military Hospital, where a young soldier had just arrived. There we found him, sitting quietly in the hospital ward, with nothing to do but sit. He did not know what hospital he was in or in what city. He was not dumb, but being unable to hear himself speak he spoke in jerks as though with an effort, so that it was difficult to understand what he said.

Nobody could communicate with him for he could neither hear what was said to him nor read what was written. When he became aware of your presence he would smile and make some commonplace remark, but what could he say, if he did not know you and what you were talking about? However, he had a ready smile and he recognised your presence by just smiling. It was uncanny and a feeling of awe spread throughout the ward.

Our honorary instructor was sent for and patiently set to work to teach him hand signs. First the letter “A” was traced on his palm, and then was shown the sign of the letter “A” in the deaf and dumb language. Other letters followed until he recognized the hand sign of every letter in the alphabet. Then patiently and laboriously words were built up until he could slowly recognize them and gradually it became possible to hold a conversation, using at first a few simple phrases.

The sisters and some of the soldiers in the ward looked on and they, too, learned the signs, as they wanted to help him and talk to him. He practised hard, no longer with that sad smile on his face which seemed so unreal, but a brighter smile, an animation. Patiently a sister or a soldier would sit by his side, and hold a slow conversation on his hands, but with his spoken reply. In time he showed improved articulation.

But this slow “conversation” could not go on all day and every day. There must be some diversion. Every soldier in the ward was anxious to do something for him, to make him feel that he was one of them and they were his cobbers, but his disabilities were like an iron curtain which shut him away from the rest of the world.

We took him a box of dominos; just ordinary dominos, except that the spots were raised. We let him feel them. He recognised them and saw at once that there was something which he knew he could use. Can the reader understand what hope and joy can come into a man’s life by such a trivial thing as a box of dominos? Imagine a man drifting alone out in mid-ocean and suddenly spotting an aeroplane in the sky! It may see him, it may not, but it is a ray of hope, however remote, so there is sudden joy in his heart. So it was with Norman Wilkinson, and his cobbers in the ward were equally joyful. To understand what the comradeship of soldiers means, you have to see them in hospital wards, each one quietly attentive and helpful to those less fortunate than himself, forgetting his own disabilities and quietly doing a job for a cobber who needs help.

They gave up their game of cards, for here was a game that they could play with Norman. Norman could be one of them!

The iron curtain was rising and no longer would he sit alone, doing nothing. No, not while they could give a hand.

In a hospital ward men are found with hearts of gold.

Apart from his permanent disabilities, his health was reasonably good and early training became essential in order to build up his morale and keep his mind occupied. In such distressing circumstances the mind becomes extremely active and if he were left to his own thoughts, frustration might give him a feeling of desperation.

His world has shrunk rapidly. The life that he used to know seems far away. Give him something that he can do, something that he can learn; then every little thing he can accomplish, no matter how trivial, makes his world expand. His mind then no longer dwells on morbid things. To triumph over his handicap becomes his supreme ambition.

Braille reading, the instruction being given in the deaf and dumb language, was next undertaken and once the Braille alphabet was mastered he progressed with remarkable rapidity. We know that blindness induces concentration, but blindness and deafness intensify the powers of concentration and help the pupil. What compensation has Nature for both deafness and blindness? Well, watch Norman Wilkinson and you will agree that he is acquiring knowledge far more quickly than if he had sight and hearing. Nature’s compensation
THE GRACE OF GOD...

Disabilities cheer themselves up by the thought, the I. And sometimes all of us are apt to feel sustained such dreadful disabilities that comparison. The Repatriation Commission has

The story of the N.S.W. blind servicemen more than passing interest. With the author's interest the story of one of these men Norman and deadened in the war. But he overcame and it is an example to us all.

for disabilities is built up of seemingly little things, but the combination of these little things is decidedly a compensation. Recognise and accept that as a fact and you will understand that no matter what your ailments or disabilities, you have still something left to be thankful for, something to live for.

Norman Wilkinson acquired the knowledge of Braille reading so quickly that he was soon borrowing books from the Braille library. One morning he awoke early, long before others were astir, and reached out for his Braille book. When asked why he was reading Braille at such an unearthly hour in the morning — of course the question was asked on his hands — he replied, "Well, this is a detective story and when I woke up this morning I remembered that I must have fallen asleep last night just when I had reached a very exciting part."

It was then that we knew that he had arrived at a point in his training in Braille where study was no longer a task, but a pleasure. He was now interested in what he was reading and a world of literature was open to him. Next he was taught the keyboard of the typewriter and, to assist him, Braille dots were fixed on the keyboard to represent the letters. He was given a typewriter on a Friday and on the following Monday he wrote a three-page letter with remarkably few errors, and what a lot he had to tell us!

We could write to him in Braille and he could reply on the typewriter. This was quicker than conversing by hand signs; he could express himself naturally, convey his thoughts and ambitions to us.

There was no longer a curtain between him and the rest of the world. He could write to his friends as freely as anyone else and they could write to him or, if they could not write Braille, they could take their letters along to the Royal Sydney Industrial Blind Institution and have them put into Braille.

One day a concert party arrived to entertain the men at 113 (Concord) Military Hospital. Norman Wilkinson was there, for although he could neither hear nor see what was going on, he liked to be present at such gatherings and was glad of any information which could be conveyed to him on his hands and further.

couple more suited to each other or more engrossed in each other's lives than they.

We knew that they had become engaged, but it came as a surprise to us one morning in October, 1945, when a telephone call informed us that Norman Wilkinson and Patricia Carder were to be married that afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Our Ladies' Transport Auxiliary quickly arranged for cars and all the members of the committee and their wives assembled at the church and our honorary instructor stood by the side of the bridegroom, communicating the marriage ceremony to him surely an unusual and an impressive sight. Was this a sacrifice the girl was making? Was it a sympathetic marriage? Was it wise for any girl to link herself for life with a young man, just 20, who was both deaf and blind?

No, dismiss those thoughts from your mind. Here was a real love romance. Here was a girl who would devote her life to the man she loved. She was talented and had studied at the Sydney Technical College many of the arts in which he could become interested. She had much to give; her life would become full with an ambition to make him richer by the talents she possessed as well as by the recognition of her devotion.

The daily life of a great metropolis rolled on without a thought of what was taking place in that church, but those who witnessed the ceremony prayed earnestly for the happiness which these young people so well deserved. The ceremony over, the congratulations, handshakes, confetti and laughter all seemed a fitting celebration, but the bride and bridegroom and all the guests were taken to an hotel where hasty arrangements had been made by the committee for a wedding breakfast. And what a great party it was all arranged in a few hours. The room was beautifully decorated with an abundance of flowers. Waiters moved swiftly about, filling glasses with wine which seemingly bubbled with excitement. Then in came the bride and bridegroom. All rose and cheered them as they entered and took their places behind a wedding cake which had been quickly provided by the ladies' auxiliary.

It was obvious that this wedding breakfast came as a great surprise.
to the happy couple. Speeches were made, a toast to the health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed and drunk amid cheers and the singing of “For they are jolly good fellows.”

As they sat quietly side by side while the speeches were being made, the bride, deftly, with her hand touching his, conveyed to him what was being said.

Then the bride cut the cake, first telling him with her hands what she was going to do. There was nothing unusual about the proceedings except perhaps that the speakers spoke more slowly than usual to give the bride a better opportunity of translating. To the casual observer it would seem impossible that more than a few odd words here and there could be conveyed by the hands, but the speed that these two had developed by practice was most remarkable. Words do not have to be spelt out in full, the first two or three letters or the first syllable conveys the rest of the word and they have become highly skilled in abbreviations, so that conversations or speeches are speedily understood by him. He just holds his hands by his side with his hand touching his and you do not notice that she is telling him of your approach, so you are surprised when he holds out his hand and calls you by name.

The wedding cake having been cut and distributed, the bride, unseen by those present, informed the bridegroom that it was time for him to reply and he stood up with all the assurance of a man who is master of himself and proud to think he is called upon to make a speech, the words of which he could not hear himself. When he sat down, the bride informed him that everyone was cheering and singing “For he’s a jolly good fellow,” and a broad smile came over his face.

They departed on their honeymoon to commence a life strangely different from that of other couples, a life full of hope and ambitions. Victory was made possible by the pride, devotion and gratitude they shared with each other.

By our daily contact it soon became apparent that, although Norman Wilkinson had no previous training or practical experience—for, bear in mind, he was only a youngster when he joined the Army—he appeared to have ability of a practical kind well above the average. The problem was: in what subject could he be trained and in what way could that training be effected? We were not long in finding out. It happened that a member of the Ladies’ Transport Auxiliary was driving him one day when he surprised her by suggesting that a fault was developing in the engine, yet the driver had noticed nothing wrong. Out of curiosity, however, she took the car into a garage and had it examined and found that it was correct. Now, how did he know? He could not see, he could not hear and only the vibrations of the engine could have given him any indication. Surely this man was provided by Providence with an exceptional mental ability which, aided by concentration of thought, could be developed along practical lines. It was this little incident that paved the way for his future training.

We took him along to a pottery works, and although at first it was very strange to him it soon became obvious that he was interested and was anxious to learn the technical side as well as the practical side. His wife had a knowledge of the subject and her assistance would be of considerable help in his studies. So a course in pottery was arranged for him at the Sydney Technical College which his wife attended with him to translate on his hands what the teacher had to convey and to enable him to study the text book. He progressed very rapidly and decided that he must have the text book written in Braille so that he could refer to it in future when the occasion arose.

He was then provided with a Stainsby-Wayne Braille-writing machine. It is like a small typewriter with six keys which impress dots and he sets to work to study its use because the dots have to be made in reverse. This done, he then set himself the laborious task of translating the entire text book into Braille.

But all this time they had no home of their own and were living in one room in a small hotel and had to get their meals elsewhere. We advertised for apartments for them, we searched the real estate offices, but to no avail. Accommodation for them seemed impossible. Yet a home they must have. Finally we asked a wireless station to appeal over the air for a small cottage which could be rented.

The answer was a complete surprise. It was suggested that if we spoke over the air, listeners might be just as willing to pay for a house as to offer a rented house. We did so, and during two short sessions the response was amazing, and the sum of £1,570/10/7 poured in, the amounts ranging from a shilling to £100. Then we made an appeal for a house which we could buy with the money and this was at last located, a satisfactory deal made, renovations completed and the house handed over to the couple, completely furnished. The Repatriation Commission contributed towards the furnishing and also made provision for the garage to be enlarged for use as a workshop, and provided the necessary plant which Norman Wilkinson installed on completion of his technical training.

That is how Norman Wilkinson won victory over total blindness and deafness, and is today a prosperous pottery maker, designing and producing articles of fancy pottery in artistic colours and original designs, which are in great demand in most of the leading departmental stores in Sydney.

Several years have passed and out of his earnings he has purchased a car which his wife drives for him and which he proudly loads with his wares for delivery to his customers. They have a little boy aged three, and this little fellow seems to know that his father can neither hear nor see him. Noticing his mother touching his father’s hands he began to do this, of course, at first without any meaning; but now at the age of three he can make his father understand.

Says Pat, “Go and tell Dad that breakfast is ready,” and the little boy toddles along to the bedroom and taking hold of his father’s hand gives the sign of the letter “B.” “All right,” says Norman, “tell mother I’m coming,” and the little child runs back and delivers the message.

On one occasion we obtained some new samples of clay and suggested to Norman that he should test them to see if they were more suitable than the clay he was using.

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A few weeks later a report was received. He referred to the results obtained by using it by itself, then by adding other materials, and reported on the satisfactory nature, or otherwise, of the finished glazed article. Discussing the glazing generally, he said that when the sample work was glazed with colours such as green, blue, white and cream, the large quantities of foreign matter and impurities had a great tendency to give the glaze and colours a dead effect, and, in most cases, to change the colour to an altogether different shade. For example, should a white glaze be applied to the ware, it would come out a type of cream, without any life in it. Should a cream glaze be applied, the colour produced would be a brownish yellow instead of the intended colour, and that was mainly due to the iron and other metallic impurities in the clay. This is ample evidence that he is knowledgeable as to the requirements of clay for pottery.

How humble we all must feel when we think of this young man who now proudly takes his place in the world of industry.

Norman, you have set an example and will be an inspiration to all those who may read and hear of your achievements.

R.A.N. Personnel

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Mr. Francis said that Australian people should be proud that two ships of the Royal Australian Navy, the destroyers Warramunga and Bataan, were still serving with United Nations forces in Korean waters, where they were playing a worthy part in resisting communist aggression. Almost immediately after the North Koreans had attacked the South Koreans last June, the Australian Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies) had placed Bataan and the frigate Shoalhaven, both then in Japanese waters, at the disposal of the United Nations in support of the Republic. Warramunga shortly afterwards replaced Shoalhaven, which returned to Sydney.

One fact worthy of notice, Mr. Francis added, was that, despite rising costs and other difficulties, the Department of the Navy had, during the year, used its financial resources to the best possible advantage. In 1949-50 the sum spent on Australian naval defence was £18,500,000, representing only 82 per cent of the national income. The amount spent in 1938-39, the period immediately preceding World War II, was £4,700,000, or 58 per cent, of the national income. The slightness of increase in the percentage of expenditure in 1949-50 showed that the funds allocated to the Navy had been spent wisely and without extravagance.

In view of the present and future commitments of the R.A.N., the provision of £23,500,000 for the current financial year was fully justified.
"Vyner Brooke" Memorial Service

On a recent trip to Singapore by the s.s. *Nieuw Holland*, one of the passengers, Mrs. J. G. Kelly, M.B.E., of Adelaide, president of the South Australian Army Nurses' Fund, was inspired to suggest to the Commander, Capt. Th. A. K. Novotny, that a memorial service should be held at the spot in the Banka Strait where the s.s. *Vyner Brooke* was sunk by the enemy in 1942 at the fall of Singapore, when evacuating Australian army nurses.

Captain Novotny became keenly interested and offered all possible help. In consequence a service, attended by the ship's officers and passengers, was held.

There were altogether 65 nurses on the *Vyner Brooke*, 11 were drowned when the ship was bombed in the Banka Strait, 22 were shot on the beach of Banka Island, and eight afterwards died in an internment camp. Of the nurses who perished, seven came from South Australia and were well-known to Mrs. Kelly, who had bought a laurel wreath in Brisbane in anticipation of the memorial service.

A float was made to place under the wreath and a message was enclosed in a bottle and attached to it.

The captain arranged for the ceremony to take place at the exact spot where the *Vyner Brooke* was bombed and in sight of the beach where the nurses were shot.

The wreath was placed on the Union Jack, and the captain conducted the service.

After a minute's silence "Lest We Forget" was recited by Mr. L. R. McIntyre, a passenger who was on his way to Singapore from Canberra to join the Australian Commissioner's Office.

The hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past" was sung by all present. Afterwards the Captain assisted Mrs. Kelly to reverently lower the wreath on to the sea, whilst another passenger (Captain R. J. Robinson) sang the Nunc Dimittis.

The ceremony was most poignant and impressive.

Whilst saying a few words of thanks to Captain Novotny and his officers, Mrs. Kelly stated that the Committee of the South Australian fund and the relatives of the Australian nurses were most grateful for the sympathy and co-operation in arranging the ceremony. This was a very sincere tribute to the nurses, and would always be regarded as a kindly gesture to the people of Australia.

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Next month, the well-earned and long-awaited gratuity of ex-service men and women will be paid by the Government.

The executive of the League feels that in the best interests of the recipients a note of warning is due on the care of the money received.

The Government has taken every possible care in making you wait until you have settled back into civilian life and had time to adjust yourselves, and also in paying the money into your account in a nominated bank.

It is now up to you to see that it is put to the best possible use. There are many old Diggers of the 1914-18 war who have sad memories of the way their gratuities vanished in get-rich-quick schemes, wild-cat shows and trumped-up businesses, so do not be above asking the old man for a bit of advice. Remember, he has had the experience, and experience is a great teacher.

In these times of apparent big money, £200 may not seem a great amount, but if you are going to spend it see that you get value. If you do not want it urgently, let it lie in the bank or put it into good security — the time may come when you will be glad of something to fall back on and, above all, be careful of the man that can show you how to double your gratuity in a month. He will probably double it outright, with your money, but you won't be in it.

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SUB-BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Bassendean

We held our first meeting on January 18. A very good attendance. The following officers being elected for year: President, Mr. P. Baker (unopposed); vice-presidents, L. Berwick and T. Summerton; secretary, Doug Bridson (unopposed); treasurer, Mr. Steve Knowles; social secretary, Jack Thompson; sick officer, Ted Okley; publicity officer, G. Atkins.

There was much business discussed. We wish to inform all members that some big stalls are coming up with the sub-branch in near future, including a barbecue on February 21. We want all to come along and join in the doings. And make it a big night with plenty of fun. Our good ladies are in with us to the hilt.

Very sorry to have lost our past social secretary, Glen Anderson, who did a good job in past year but owing to private business he is unable to carry on. But he will still be there to assist. Good boy, Glen.

G. ATKINS.

Busselton

At the annual general meeting of the sub-branch, President C. Riley was re-elected for his third successive year on January 16. Other office-bearers elected were: Vice-presidents, J. S. Blue and F. Jones; country vice-presidents, J. Cockell and A. Carter. A new secretary in W. D. O'Brien was appointed, the treasurer being F. Leckars. This was his fifth year of office, and in appreciation of his long service he was recorded in the minutes that Mr. Leckars be thanked for the efficient way in which he has carried out his duties.

Mr. Riley, in the president's annual report, stated that it had been one of the most successful years that the sub-branch had 'ever' experienced. There had been a steady increase of members, both in the R.S.L. and in the women's auxiliary. More younger men were taking an interest in activities. Funds had doubled since 1947 and he thought this year would be even more successful.

The sub-branch is sponsoring Miss Joan Riley as the R.S.L. queen for the jubilee functions in Busselton. Many activities have been planned to assist her in her role. These will include fishing trips, dances, sweeps and other forms of entertainment.

J. S. BLUE.

Carlisle

The annual meeting was held on January 4. There was a good roll-up of members and quite a few new recruits were welcomed. The election of officers for 1951 took place and resulted as follows: President, W. E. Geary; vice-presidents, W. Gilsenan (son of Les) and W. Leary; secretary, L. J. Turner; treasurer, H. Westcott; social secretary, J. Huksteph; sports master, W. Morton.

A strong committee was elected and we are looking forward to a very successful year.

We are pleased to report that our attendances last year were the best for some time, the average being 25 members. The hope made it more this year, and as most officers are of the young brigade we are looking forward to a good roll-up of young Diggers to support us.

A keen interest is being taken in local affairs, especially those affecting returned men, and quite a lot is being done to get much-needed improvements carried out to public utilities.

This sub-branch urges all ex-service men and women in the district to bring their problems along, as we feel sure that we can help them.

That's all this time. Diggers, don't forget the first Thursday each month.

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JOHN BLAIR.

Dwellings and Districts

The annual general meeting was held on Thursday, January 11, at 8 p.m. at the Dwellings Hotel, and there was a good attendance of members. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. F. Willis; vice-presidents, Mr. J. Haldane and Mr. J. Cloutt; auditor, Mr. J. Haldane; public officer, A. Florance; delegate to hospital board, A. Florance; trustees for the new club rooms, J. J. Moore, J. Cloutt, D. G. Gibbins; club room committee for directing the shifting and re-erecting of the club room, A. Ashcroft, J. Haldane, F. Willis; secretary to sub-branch, C. H. Joyson.

Mr. J. Cloutt received the sincere thanks of the sub-branch when he donated the sum of £10 towards our new club room. Good on you, Jack.

We regret to state that we are losing one of our valued members in Bill Davis, who is going to settle in Geraldton. We wish Bill the best of luck and assure Geraldton they are getting a good new member.

We regret to say that our popular secretary, Charlie Joyson, has had to pay another visit to Hollywood, but we all trust that your "visit" will be very short, Charlie, and that you will be back with us again in the very near future.

It was agreed at this meeting that secretary Joyson be recommended for a Certificate of Merit for his long and faithful service to the R.S.L.

So in general terms everything points to a very successful year for our sub-branch, and we trust that it will not be long before we are in our own club rooms where, with a glass of ale, we can drink to the toast that "this bit of the world belongs to us.

ARThUR FLORANCE.

Kensington

January meetings were well attended and very keen interest is being maintained in sub-branch activities. The membership figures have almost reached the 100 mark, and new faces are seen at every meeting.

At the election of officers held recently, Bill Robertson was re-elected president without opposition. There is no doubt about this chap—he is certainly a go-getter and is doing a splendid job for the sub-branch and the League generally. H. M. S. Kelley was appointed secretary, and great things are expected of him. Jimmy Nash was elected treasurer and, with the management committee, the sub-branch is very fortunate in having such an excellent team to conduct its affairs.

The gardening competition held recently was a great success. The thanks of the sub-branch are due to Alf Cunningham who did such a splendid job organising the competition.

The sub-branch met Gloucester Park in the inter-sub-branch competitions held at Anzac Club recently, and a very enjoyable evening resulted.

The children's picnic will be held at Bull Creek on Sunday, February 18, and should prove equally successful as the picnic held last year. Full details are available from your secretary.

A barbecue will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Heil at 25 Ranlagh Crescent, South Perth, on Friday, March 3, 1951.

The next meeting will be held on February 20.

BARNEY KEELEY.

Maylands

This report must necessarily be brief because I am only partly enlightened on the sub-branch activities due to a change in my hours of duty. I have missed everything in the last lunar month but, of course, the pre-Christmas meeting was a great success, so they tell me, and did they rub it in!

I know nothing about last Thursday's carryings on, but I will find out and enlighten you next month; also I believe the picnic is being held on Sunday the 21st inst. More of that later. Sure to meet somebody who knows someone or something. I did meet the ubiquitous Arthur, but he only tried to lead me off the straight and narrow, and Sep. was blowing his bags a wee bit, just because he was there and I was not. Ah, well, must ring off now, hoping to give you more for my 3d. stamp next month. Cheerio.

J. H. FLISHER.

Melville

The old saying, "It isn't the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog," was well and truly proved by our sub-branch Christmas party held on Saturday afternoon, December 21, at our hall. Starting from scratch a few weeks ago, the four-man committee worked to such effect that we now have a nice little nest egg away for the 1951 do.

Father Christmas Rann in his Filemobilie, complete with reindeer, almost vanished under a screaming mass of 140 children. Despite the humidity he manfully stuck to his task, and within half an hour seven score toys and books were clutched in grubby fists, and seven score bags of sweets were being emptied.

As if that wasn't enough, Coca-Cola, ginger beer, oranges and ice creams made their appearance.

Then, while the kiddies tried the strength of their trousers on the slide, perspiring parents revelled in afternoon tea.

By 4 p.m. families were drifting homewards after an unanimous 100 per cent. decision.

Our warm thanks go out to Charlie Rann, the members of the women's auxiliary and all others who made the day such a success, and a belated Happy New Year to all, and a sincere welcome to any members who care to visit us on the second Thursday of each month.

Our January "do" took the form of an annual meeting and the election of officers for 1951. And what a handsome and energetic lot they are, too. With the co-operation of all members, things should really go ahead this year. In case you're curious; here's the list of those wonders: President W. (Billy) Brown (re-elected for the second time, God bless him!); vice-presidents, "Curly" Madden and F. Armstrong; secretary, T. Tbytonson; treasurer, Ken Files (what would we do without him?); sports officer, indefatigable Roy Jones; publicity officer, Steve Stephens.

A word here about our vigilance committee of one Ken Bell. Largely due to his efforts, 1950 membership increased from 80 to 140, and we're promised even bigger and better things for this 12 months. Doesn't that make you other crowds jealous?

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ALAN STEPHENS.

Osborne Park

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting: President J. Greenshields; senior vice-president, G. Adams; junior vice-president, E. Brooke; secretary, J. Hubley; assistant secretary, H. Float, treasurer, B. Gibson; sports director, E. Brooke; assistant sports director, D. D. Sheahan; auditors, D. Millar and R. Corlett; wardens, F. White; committee, K. Braidwood, K. Kikori, M. Rainald, D. Sheahan, J. Beamish, J. Hayden; publicity officer, J. Hammond.

Mr. J. Greenshields chaired the well-attended meeting held on January 17. He spoke on the objectives of the sub-branch for the ensuing year. One member moved that a social committee be formed for raising funds for the new memorial hall.

It was resolved to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Stephens, expressing the wishes of the sub-branch for the wonderful effort of the ladies' committee in raising the funds and arranging the best Christmas tree this sub-branch has yet boasted.

At the close of the meeting members enjoyed games and refreshments.

H. A. FLOAT.

Returned Sisters

On December 8 a very pleasant evening was spent in the club rooms at Anzac House, when the charter was presented by Mr. Sten (the State President) to Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, president of our sub-branch. Unfortunately, as our club rooms are so small, we could only invite very few visitors, these being Mr. and Mrs. Sten, Mr. Yeates, Mr. Benson, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bateson and Mr. Gumprich, of the South African Veterans' Association, Mr. Walmsley and Mr. Wilbur, of the South Perth Sub-Branch, the president and secretary of the Ex-Service Women's Sub-Branch, the president and secretary of the City of Perth Sub-Branch, Mr. Chappell and Miss Monger. Forty-three members were present.

The ceremony was opened with a toast to the King, proposed by Miss Yould, followed by two minutes' silence for the fallen. The secretary then read a short history of the sub-branch. Mrs. Ferguson proposed the toast to the State Executive, which was responded to by Mr. Sten. The State President then produced the charter and explained fully the significance of each portion of it, and the position it holds in a sub-branch. Mrs. Ferguson received it on behalf of the sub-branch, and responded suitably.

Then Mr. Walmsley proposed a toast to the sub-branch, which was responded to by Miss McDonald.

The last toast of the evening was to our visitors, very ably proposed by Mrs. Lingley and responded to by Mr. Yeates. At the completion of the programme a very nice supper was served, terminating a most enjoyable evening.

E. A. FOLLAND.

South Perth

The president, Mr. J. Walmsley, has been ill again, but it is pleasing to report that he is now about. The treasurer, Mr. C. E. Buchan, has been very ill for the past month, but he, too, is now up and about again. Look after yourselves, you two, and the best of health, for the ensuing year. Two other members are down at Hollywood, namely, Messrs. J. Armstrong and J. Carson. It is hoped that they will soon be well and about and at meetings.

The Christmas party this year was a jolly and successful event, enjoyed by 80 odd members and their folk. This year there were more items than previously. There were so appreciated that, in future, such events may be 50-50 of items and dancing. Our thanks are due to Miss Baker for her interpretation of Salome, later assisted by Tommy Nunn in a hula-hula number. Mr. R. Marshall accompanied them. Other artists to whom our thanks go were Mrs. A. Bailey, Mrs. B. Keeley, Mrs. Birkett and Mr. Bob Whiteley.

The following new members are welcomed: Messrs. W. F. Allen and H. B. Jarvis.

On January 11 the sub-branch entertained a member of the South African Slope Transvaal. Mr. Ken Parr proved a worthy representative and we are assured that he enjoyed the evening. He certainly entered into the spirit of things and really did seem to enjoy himself. It is felt that there should be more of this entertaining of visiting personnel when the opportunity offers.

Thursday, February 22, is the next meeting night.

Subiaco

The New Year has commenced well for the sub-branch, insofar as our social evenings are concerned, but yet lacks that overwhelming rush of members to be first in with their subscriptions, which does so much to cheer up the president and harass the hon. secretary.

The friendly gatherings on Wednesday evenings have been most enjoyable, and if the sub-branch sticks to its business of securing a revenue to cover its expenses instead of making itself for the Spowey River scheme or the Tennessee Valley Authority, it may do well enough without injury to the nerves or home life of its officers.

Perhaps in the coming year we may revive the old custom of the Sunday morning working-bee which, when we first took over our present hall, gave innocent enjoyment and useful occu...
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pation to dozens of members, besides saying, the sub-branch what would now amount to several hundreds of pounds.

J. NEWMAN.

Victoria Park

The annual social was generally voted a great success. This was chiefly due to the splendid roll-up. Many have remarked this was the largest gathering for many years; the managing committee certainly tried to give you value and satisfaction.

The hall improvement scheme is now practically completed. All that remains to be done is to finish paying for it. With this end in view, and also to re-establish the relief fund, an Easter gift scheme is in operation. All you are asked to do is dispose of a book or two and we will soon be in a position to tell the bank where they get off. Books are available at next monthly meeting, also from committee men. Please return all butts in good time; the dates are shown on the tickets. Please note official permission has been obtained for the sub-branch to run this lottery. The organisation will be handled by a strong sub-committee.

Our annual picnic (proposed for the first Sunday in March) will soon claim our attention. It would be appreciated if you would hand in particulars of your family, number of adults and ages of children. This will assist us greatly in catering. Enquiries as to boats available are now being made, and advice to members will be shortly announced.

Your first Friday social will be held on Friday, March 2. Lades cordially welcomed. Games and entertainment for all.

The January monthly meeting was very well attended. Please keep it up. Why not bring a cropper, or even go one better and bring a new member?

H. J. TIMMS.

Woorooloo

The annual reunion which was held in Woorooloo on Saturday, January 20, was opened with the Royal toast and the singing of the National Anthem. After a short address by "Happy" Appleton (our president), in which he stated that the evening would consist of long drinks and short speeches, we stood in silence in memory of our fallen comrades. It was our happy privilege to have with us Mr. Leslie and Mr. Craig from the State Executive.

Mr. Craig spoke on the League and its activities, and of the fine work it has done and is doing in helping Australia. He then presented us with the sub-branch charger, which was proudly accepted by our chairman.

Our sub-branch was founded in 1920 and we were proud to have present three of the foundation members, namely, E. J. Westley, J. W. Allen and W. Elliott. A minute's silence was observed in memory of another foundation member who recently passed away. He was Jesse Clayden, that grand old comrade who did so much in building up the sub-branch.

Mr. Leslie talked, very eloquently on comradeship. He was very inspiring.

We were delighted to have amongst us fellow comrades from Chidlow, Mt. Helena and Wondowie Sub-Branches who all helped to make our reunion a very happy event.

C. McGEORGE.

ROLES OF SERVICES IN WAR

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trained force. It is for that reason and because we must be instantly prepared to meet aggression that the R.A.A.F. is so urgently seeking men, particularly skilled ground staff.

The men of the R.A.A.F. these days, he added, were something more than aerial soldiers. They were highly skilled operatives, educated to a degree that would have made men blink back in the biplane days of World War I.

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This Directory is as up-to-date as current information allows, but where data is incomplete sub-branch secretaries are asked to provide some for inclusion at their earliest possible convenience. The attention of sub-branch officials is directed to W.A.

Branch Rule 13 (1) regarding election of officers and confirmation of their appointment by the State Executive.

AGNEW—Secretary: J. Latter, Agnew.

ALBANY—President: E. Fry, 105 National Bank, Stirling Terrace, Albany; Secretary: A. Wright, 57 Middlesex Road, Albany; 1st Friday each month; R.S.L. Institute, 7:30 p.m.

ARDATH-BARKERS—President: E. Brown, Arlath; Secretary: G. A. Black; Arlath, 1st Wednesday each month; Arlath Hall, 8 p.m.

ARMADA—President: B. Blackbird, Armada; Secretary: W. A. Green; Seventh Road, Armada; 2nd Wednesday each month, R.S.L. Club Room, Armada; 8 p.m.

AUGUSTA—President: W. Ellis, Augusta; Secretary: F. H. Brown; August 8-13, 1st Wednesday in each month; "Ding-Out," near August 8-13 Hotel, 6 p.m.

BAKER'S HILL-CLACKLINE—President: H. A. Orston, Baker's Hill; Secretary, T. A. G. Leitch, Baker's Hill; 2nd Thursday each month; Alternately Baker's Hill and Clackline.

BALINGUP—President: T. W. Lake, Balningup; Secretary: R. A. Scott; 2nd Tuesday each month; Road Board Hall, 8 p.m.

BALLIDU—President: B. Clarke, Secretary: R. Potichell, Ballidu.

BASSADU-EED—President: P. J. Baker, 26 Scaddan Street, Bassadu; Secretary: D. Braddon; every 2nd (Pension) Thursday.

BAYSWATER—President: W. E. Marley, 25 Garrett Road, Bayswater; Secretary: R. W. Cook, 35 Beeding Road, Bayswater; every 2nd Monday, Bayswater Drill Hall, Murray Street; 9 p.m.

BEDFORD-MORLEY PARKS—President: T. J. Pearson, 101 Crawford Road, Maylands; Secretary: H. Levers, 50 Salisbury Street, Inglewood; 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Riley's Hall, Inglewood; 9 p.m.

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BOGGS—President: L. Boggs, 109 Pinney Street, Boulder; Secretary: V. O'Grady, 35 King Street, Boulder; 4th Thursday each month; Soldier's Rest; Lane Street, Boulder.

BOYANUP—President: W. H. Paterson, Boyanup; Secretary: C. Reilly, Boyanup 1st Saturday in month.
NUNGARIN—President: M. Conmbe, Nungarin; Secretary: H. Radcliffe; 1st Monday each month; Nungarin Hall; 8 p.m.

NYABING—President: I. Moore; last Friday each month; Nyabing Hall Supper Room; 8 p.m.

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PERENJOUR—President: W. Hepworth; Secretary: W. J. Maurice; Perenjor; 2nd Monday in each month; 8 p.m.

PERENJOY—President: E. Holroyd; Pickering Brook; Secretary: H. Godbold; Pickering Brook; 1st Wednesday each month; Eagles Hall; 8 p.m.

PILBARA—President: P. Madigan; Port Hedland; Secretary: P. A. Grimoldby; Port Hedland; 1st Wednesday each month; Pilbara Hall; 8 p.m.

PONGARA—President: R. P. Kelly; Superintendent; Secretary: C. Ford; Pinjarra; last Friday each month; 8 p.m.

PINTUG—President: W. F. George; Secretary: A. N. Massade; 2nd Monday each month; Pinjarra; 8 p.m.

PITTARA—President: A. Locke, Fifthara; Secretary: M. W. James; 3rd Monday each month; C.W.A. Room; 8 p.m.

POVERTY—President: H. W. Gamble; Secretary: W. R. Rockham; 2nd Wednesday each month; Port Pirie; 8 p.m.

PRESS—President: O. K. Baty, c/o W.A. Newspapers; Secretary: C. B. Quinn; Press; 2nd Monday each month; 8 p.m.

PUBLIC SERVICE—President: W. M. Morrison, Chest Clinic, Murray Street, Perth; Secretary: A. M. Brady, Park Road, Glen Forrest, or c/o State Housing Commission; Perth; meetings: 3rd Tuesday each month; Board Room, Anzac House, 7.45 p.m.; monthly luncheons: 1st Wednesday each month; The Colonies, 12.30 p.m.

QUINN—President: R. Boekman, Quarantine, Secretary: V. E. Liddon; Quarantine; first Tuesday each month; 8 p.m.

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS—President: W. Melville; Secretary: T. E. R. Board, Roe Labour Yard, Riverton; 2nd Thursday in each month; 8 p.m.

RAOD—President: H. Farquharson, Defence Road, Safety Bay; Secretary: J. E. Boekman; 2nd Friday in each month; Anzac House; 8 p.m.

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ROBYN—President: Miss M. E. Pridden, R.G.H., London; Secretary: Slater Folland, R.G.H., Hollywood; 1st Thursday each month; Nurses’ Club, Anzac House; 8 p.m.

RIVER—President: J. J. J. Melville, River; Secretary: J. A. J. Surf Hotel, River; 1st Wednesday each month; 8 p.m.

ROSA BROOK—President: I. H. Barrett, Rosa Brook; Secretary: H. Bateman; 2nd Sunday each month; Rosa Brook; 8 p.m.

SAFETY BAY—President: H. Farquharson, Defence Road, Safety Bay; Secretary: F. A. Groves, Peggauin Road, Safety Bay; last Friday each month; alternately at Rockingham and Safety Bay; 8 p.m.

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TOODYAY—President: Rev. J. L. Wardman, the Rectory, Toodyay; 2nd Tuesday each month; Toodyay; 8 p.m.

TRADERS—President: W. Patterson, Traying; Secretary: W. Ford, Traying; 4th Sunday each month; Traying Hall; 3 p.m.

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