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State President Tom Sten, in his Anzac Day address, said: "Let us remember here today that once again this country entered without hesitation into a great cause, that its men are fighting with a distinction undimmed, that they volunteered for this dread task, and most important of all that they are as surely fighting for the security of this country as did their elder brothers over the Owen Stanleys in New Guinea."

He added: "They are here today in small numbers, drifting in to Hollywood Hospital in ones and twos almost unnoticed by us. Small tribute, I feel, has gone to men coming to us direct from the front line."

There is no glamour about this present conflict and, to speak frankly, in far too many quarters the Australians fighting in Korea, together with those who are back amongst us having fought in Korea, seem to be of very minor importance.

Surely our Daily Press, short as it may be of newprint, could give a little more space to these lads. We know that they would be the last to seek publicity, but unless the great mass of our public is told about these boys they will hardly be conscious that they have done the great job which was set before them.

As for our veterans of other wars, those men who have languished in hospitals for many a weary year—how many of the general public ever give a single thought to them? The League and the Women's Auxiliary does a fine job of visiting these chaps, but the great general public seems long ago to have forgotten them. They went away to the accompaniment of cheer and to the waving of flags—but that was a long time ago, wasn't it?

The public memory is notoriously short. The Battle of Britain heroes were lauded to the skies—while the Battle of Britain was on. Today, to many, these men are just Pommies. The first American troops to land in Australia were received, by men and women alike, with many signs of hysteria. Today, to many, these fellows are just the Yanks who get the cream. Many of our readers will remember the fuss that was made when they themselves marched through Perth before sailing overseas on service. Today—it is not always a pleasant story.

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A meeting of the State Executive was held on April 4, under the chairmanship of the State President (Mr. T. Sten). Seventeen members were present when the meeting opened. Highlights were:

**Repatriation**

The Repatriation Committee, reported Mr. Stahl, had notified the General Secretary that the League should continue to press for the abolition of ceiling 'rates' on composite pensions and requests that representations be made accordingly.

**Housing**

Mr. Davies reported that the Cotcesloe Municipal Council would not give favourable consideration to the representation made by the League in regard to the conversion of a house into flats. It was therefore suggested that a deputation from the State Executive, together with a representative of the Swanbourne Sub-Branch, should wait upon the council with the object of endeavouring to persuade the council to alter its decision.

The committee is concerned at local governing authorities issuing building permits, as it is felt that in some instances buildings are being erected and used for more or less week-end purposes only.

The committee recommends that a deputation wait on the Minister for Housing in regard to the matter of erection of small houses for indigent widows and elderly people. The committee is also concerned at the fact that one hundred persons have notified the Housing Commission of having received notice to quit their premises by the end of June, such notices being given under the new Act.

**Faversham House**

The Faversham House Committee reported, through Mr. Chaney, that the number of inmates was now 34, with three further applications approved, which will bring the total to 37. Donations have been received from the following: Midland Junction Sub-Branch, £2/2/-; Mosman Park Sub-Branch, bread-cutting machine; Ex-Service women's and Sheriton Park Sub-Branch, boxes of groceries; Mr. Gunn, York, dressed lamb; and Messrs. A. and E. Sharp, Balingup, case of eating pears.

**Re-establishment**

The Re-establishment Committee report, presented by Mr. Stanbury, showed that, as a result of representations made by the League to the appropriate authorities, there is every indication that qualified ex-service men awaiting appointment to the Commonwealth Public Service in this State, will now be appointed in greater numbers than in the past, and it is anticipated that all such ex-service applicants, numbering within the vicinity of 200, will be absorbed by the end of 1953.

Concern was expressed that an ex-service man had not been given preference in regard to a school bus service at Collie, and the matter will be investigated.

Other reports were given by Messrs. Lonnie (Immigration), Edmondson (Listening Post), Sten (Anzac Day), Craig (Jubilee) and Keeley (Sports Council).

A further meeting of the State Executive was held on April 18, members present being Messrs. Sten (chairman), Hunt, Davies, Chaney, Manabridge, Stahl, Edmondson, Greenham, Herlihy, Stanbury, Stoddart, Keeley, Yates, James, Ferguson, Benson, Bradshaw, Watt, Walsley, Hallett and Miss Maries.

Apologies were received from Messrs. Lonnie, Leslie and Bateson.

Good wishes for an early recovery from his current illness were expressed to Mr. Bateson.

A letter of thanks was received from the Farmers' Union for the assistance given by Mr. Edmondson at a joint meeting with the Milk Producers' Association.

Reports on committee activities were presented by Messrs. Davies (Land and Housing), Herlihy (Finance), Ferguson (Anzac House, Anzac Club and Re-establishment), Chaney (Faversham House), Manabridge (Trustees), Sten (State War Memorial), Edmondson (Listening Post), and Hallett (New Zealand delegation).

**Issue of War Medals**

From time to time complaints about the delay in issuing war medals have appeared in the Press.

In nearly all recent cases investigation has shown that the complaint emanates from an ex-service man who has failed to apply for his medals or to notify his present address to the Department of the Army, the Minister for the Army (Mr. Jos Francis) said recently.

At present fully inscribed medals are posted within seven days of receipt of the application. There may be some delay with the Australian Service Medal because supplies of the ribbon from which it is suspended have been difficult to obtain. Supplies are now nearing requirements.

Initially the Army had to issue war medals to some 790,000 persons who, between them, were entitled to 2,472,000 individual medals.

Before it was decided to inscribe the medals with the name of the recipient, the Army had made issues to 33,000 persons; 5,208 sets were returned unclaimed. The balance of the recipients were asked to return their medals for inscription. Only 1,733 complied.

To date, the Army has issued fully inscribed medals to 93,884 persons, in addition to the original 33,000 unscribed issues.

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A Letter from the State President

Dear Fellow Members of the R.S.L.,

I must first make mention of Bruce Rock. It was my great privilege lately, in company with Mr. Davies, to visit this centre for the purpose of unveiling its newly erected War Memorial erected to the memory of men of both World Wars. Bruce Rock had already provided a utility memorial after World War I in the form of a fine hospital. Now, through a grand effort led by ex-servicemen throughout the road board district and embracing several sub-branches, it has dedicated a beautiful symbolic memorial, centrally situated in such a position that ever must remind of the sacrifices of the men of the area. The memorial is beautifully designed and faultlessly executed. The dedication service was a most impressive one. Our congratulations to the men and women of this progressive district.

Padre Riley dropped into a recent Executive meeting to tell us that Dalwallinu, which had no memorial for either war, had brought itself up to date and was now ready to dedicate a memorial to the men of both wars. He told us something of the effort involved. Symbolic memorials are becoming increasingly difficult to finance, so congratulations also to Dalwallinu and district.

Anzac Day should turn our attention to district memorials, and it should be a suitable time to consider tidying up and renovation generally. One does pass too many perhaps, which give the impression that the district remembered once but then forgot. Sometimes the lay-out of the surrounding grounds is too ambitious. At any rate this should be the right time in our climate for a couple of working parties and a good clean up. More, I think, could be done with the local schools and, in many cases, I think the school children would be proud to help in maintaining the right appearance for a memorial. Some, of course, are doing so already.

As to our own memorial in King’s Park, by the time this letter goes to press we expect that there will be visible signs of the extension of the existing memorial to include that planned for the fallen of the last war. Considerable work has been done already by the contractors in preparing the first course of stone, and it is now proposed to excavate and set down the foundations and lay this first course. While this is in progress the stonemasons will be shaping the stones of the second course, and by this means we hope to arrive at a continuous progress for some 18 months. His Majesty the King will not see the finished job next March, but he will see sufficient to realise the beauty and dignity of the conception. The Branch of the League requires an honorary counsel for high-ranking decisions. As a result of private negotiations we have been most fortunate in securing, in this capacity, the services of Sir Ross MacDonald, K.C. I feel that, of the distinguished legal fraternity in Perth, there was no one we could have welcomed more gladly than Sir Ross.

I’ve been informed from several sources of the work done by sub-branches during the recent tour of the recruiting team. Very warm praise has come the way of the League, and you should know that your efforts are appreciated. During Sir Edmund Herring’s visit to Perth he also spoke highly of our help in this State. It should be borne in mind that the success of the tour cannot be measured solely in terms of recruitment. One of the main jobs of the team was to wake all people up to the critical nature of our times.

Finally, I’m rather disappointed not to have seen some Press comment from our Federal President on the retirement of General Douglas MacArthur. While it is not our place to sit in judgment on the merits of the case, even if we had the fullest information, as ex-servicemen we are on perfectly safe ground when we remember him as one of the great army commanders of all time, and one who must always be remembered in Australia for the part he and his troops played in the protection of our country. I do hope that some way may be found of conveying these sentiments to our ex-service brethren in his own land.

Yours sincerely,

S. STEN,
State President.

He had played poker all night, with atrocious luck. Every time he had a good hand, one of his opponents had “fours” or better.

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Training
22. So much for the plan, the second fundamental is the training of manpower. Training falls into various categories, each of which requires a different period of training. The category which requires the most lengthy training is the scientific specialist who must be a trained staff officer and a technician, e.g., those who are concerned in the design of tanks or the adaptation of radar for army use and the higher grade commanders, staff officers and instructors who require to have had experience in a number of branches of the Army. The second category includes commanders at lower levels and specialists. Commanders—leaders of men—firstly require the basic training and knowledge of weapons which will enable them to know how to do the things the men are required to do and to set a personal example. Secondly, they must know tactics and the function of parts of the Army other than their own, and finally, they must develop the quality of leadership which requires experience in handling men.

23. Specialists require training in accordance with the nature and complexity of the equipment they are required to operate.

24. Finally, there is the training of the other rank. In the Navy, the first two years of war must be fought with the ships and men available at the beginning of the war. The Army is reaching a stage where the position is much the same. It is estimated that it takes three to four months for a soldier to receive his basic individual training. All soldiers, whatever position they may fill ultimately, must learn how to live a military life in the open, something of Army organisation and system, how to wear uniform and equipment, a knowledge of discipline and teamwork. They require to be hardened physically and to know how to use the basic weapons of individual offence and self-defence—the rifle and bayonet, machine gun, grenade, gas and air defence. As already pointed out, and as Korea has shown, the Australian youth is no exception and requires full training.

25. After basic training he must learn to take his part in a combat team and be trained in the particular arm of the service to which he is posted, e.g., as an infantryman or gunner, armoured corps or cook. For example, in the Armoured Corps a recruit with basic training requires a period of eight months' additional training before he is ready to be posted to one of the positions in a tank crew. He must then be trained in a tank crew in field exercises and as one of the team for several months. Each arm of course varies, but in the combat arms it is fair to say that a raw recruit needs to be in the Army for upwards of twelve months before he becomes a reasonably operative member. It takes nearly as long for him to be physically hardened and psychologically fitted into military life. There are, of course, short cuts and categories for which men with certain skill in civil life require a much shorter period of training. Much too, depends on the individual.

26. To commit a man to battle under modern conditions who has had less than twelve months' training is to expose him and other members of his unit dependent upon him to unnecessary risk. Battle is, of course, dangerous, but to commit men inadequately trained greatly reduces their chance of survival and results in heavy casualties.

27. Once a man has been basically trained, either by several months' continuous training or by part-time training for two or more years, he gains a knowledge of service life which he will retain for many years and which will enable him to be called up to a subordinate position and absorb refresher training very quickly. If he is, for example, a driver in civil life he can be posted as a driver in the Army with a minimum amount of refresher training. Even in such a case as this, however, some refresher training with weapons and in such matters as anti-gas and anti-aircraft defence is essential. Junior leaders, however, become out of date very quickly and the Army must rely on a continuous supply of new junior leaders from young men rising from the ranks.

Failure of the 1947 Plan
28. In nearly all respects the 1947 Plan has failed because it has not been implemented. Before the Korean War was raised in August, 1950, the strength of the A.R.A. was less than 15,000 and declining. This number, however, included about 7,000 who were overage or retained on some special terms of enlistment and were not enlisted in the A.R.A. The strength is now nearly 18,000 but still includes about 7,000 who are not serving as members of the A.R.A. Apart from the overall shortage and the high proportion of overage or special term men, the officer and specialist position is critical.

29. Of the 50,000 required for the C.M.F., the present strength is only about 18,000. There has been an enormous number of discharges of men who have not attended more than a few parades after enlisting.

30. The effect of this is, firstly, the Army cannot be properly trained because gun crews and combat teams are seldom at strength and maintenance of equipment is arrears so that even the nucleus force provided is not effective.

31. An equally serious effect, however, is that to date no reserve of men who have completed a period of training has been built up since the war ended.

32. The C.M.F. which provides the framework for the war-time army at much less than half-strength is in a parlous state. Without an effective C.M.F. and without reserves, the country is virtually without military defences.

33. Even if the A.R.A. and the C.M.F. could, by an all-out public effort, be brought up to strength, we would still be without the reserves essential for the implementation of the plan in war.

What is Required to Improve the Position
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of the right age and type. Officers, tradesmen and boys with qualities for leadership are particularly required. While the shortage of officers and instructors and accommodation continues, the rate of intake of recruits is limited. Since the recruiting campaign began in October, 1910, only have been enlisted in Australia in the A.R.A. If the rate of intake could be raised slightly and maintained, it would be satisfactory because a regular influx which means a regular spacing of term of service is better than taking in large numbers at any one time.

The Services will not be built up unless we can create a national consciousness of our position and the importance of the defence services. The Army must be re-established in a position of public esteem.

The next thing to be done is to build up the C.M.F. This must depend on a greater defence consciousness and on each and every older and more responsible person advising young men to undertake some training for their own good. The last, but not the least, requirement is for a reserve of men who have had some training.

The Role of the C.M.F.

Before examining the question of voluntary as against compulsory training it is necessary to clarify the role of the C.M.F. National Service cannot make an army until it has been running for a number of years. Boys can be given basic training, but to build an army some of those who are keen must carry on after they have become trained soldiers and by extra study qualify as N.C.O.'s, officers and specialists. The C.M.F. provides for this, which National Service cannot. The C.M.F. provides the framework of units, the esprit de corps and the teams which go to make an army. Remember always, as stated previously, it is divisions that fight battles, not just numbers of men. Long-service volunteers are essential to build divisions.

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At the moment the C.M.F. has a particular importance, because so few—young men between 18 and 25 have received any training. This is a tragic situation, because if war comes in the next few years these are the boys who must do the fighting. It is terrible to think that they are utterly unprepared. The only hope for them is to persuade as many as possible to join the C.M.F. now and do some training before it is too late.

Only Solution Combination of Voluntary and Compulsory Service

To return to the question of whether the voluntary system can provide the reserves required to expand the C.M.F. on mobilisation. In the position in which we find ourselves today, the only possible hope of raising an effective defence force within a reasonable time is by a combination of voluntary and compulsory national service. The voluntary system does not provide a reserve of trained manpower.

Historical Review

There is an all-too-prevalent idea amongst those who know little of the history of the First and Second A.I.F. that these Forces were raised quickly and because of the inherent fighting qualities of the Australian were ready for battle almost at once. This is a dangerous falsehood.

Before 1914 a system of compulsory service was well established and the First A.I.F. contained a high percentage of recruits who had already had considerable military training. The tactics and equipment in 1914 were comparatively simple and, consequently, the period of training much shorter than is required today. Despite these two important factors, it was eight months before even a small part of the force was sent into battle.

The experience of the 1920's proved how long it takes to make an army with compulsory training alone, but it also showed how effective it is after it has got into its swing and at the time it was abolished it was producing results. By that time some magnificent peace-time units had been built up and a substantial number of trained men had been placed on the reserve. If the system had been allowed to continue, by the late 30's we would have had a really national trained manpower reserve.

As it was, the voluntary system failed to produce even the modest army sought in the 30's until just before World War II. Voluntary enlistment looked up at about the time of Munich in 1938. In September, 1938, many Australians woke up to how serious the position was and there followed a period of sudden expansion of the C.M.F. 1938/39 was a period of intense activity for the militia and much had been done by September, 1939. However, when it became necessary to raise the A.I.F. in September, 1939, we were made only too well aware what the cessation of universal training and the failure of voluntary training in the previous ten years really meant.

Despite the time gained between September, 1938, and September, 1939, it was fifteen months before the first troops of the Second A.I.F. were committed to battle.

These two illustrations from our military history should never be overlooked.

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Repatriation Benefits
Members Special Overseas Forces

Members of the special overseas force serving in Korea who are wounded and returned to Australia are entitled on discharge to retain all articles of clothing except the greatcoat and walking-out uniform, if issued, the Minister for the Army (Mr. Jos. Francis) stated recently.

Those members of the force who served in an operational area were also entitled to repatriation and re-establishment benefits and accrued recreational leave.

Re-establishment provisions covered reinstatement in civil employment and vocational training in cases where war-caused incapacity precluded return to pre-enlistment occupation.

Mr. Francis, replying to a Press statement attributed to Mr. N. D. Wilson, senior vice-president of the Victorian Branch of the League, that wounded men from Korea were being discharged without clothing and leave and that they had no entitlement to preference and rehabilitation benefits.

There was no basis for the claim by Mr. Wilson that the Government debited discharged soldiers from Korea for their army shirts and trousers in cases where they did not possess civilian clothing. Mr. Francis said, adding that he would investigate immediately any such cases reported to him and correct any existing anomaly.

The question of the provision of a civilian clothing allowance on discharge was receiving consideration.

Leave for members of the special force was calculated at present on the basis of two days' recreational leave per month. If leave credits were due to a member wounded in Korea on discharge, pay in lieu may be made.

A submission was under consideration by the Treasury for the grant of an additional leave and a half days per month war service leave with a minimum of twelve days and authority to issue pay in lieu to members of the special force on discharge.

Repatriation benefits may be granted to the following-dependants:

(a) eligible on grounds of relationship—wife, widow, child and certain classes of widowed mothers;

(b) eligible on grounds of being without means of support in respective of whether they were or were not dependent on the member—parents of deceased member; and

(c) eligible if dependent on member—sister, brother, grandparents, grandson, granddaughter and some others.

War pension and medical treatment benefits at the rates and under the conditions as provided under the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act may be payable to members and their dependants under the following headings:

(a) war pension—members and their dependants;

(b) medical treatment and benefits—

(i) members—war-caused incapacity pulmonary T.B. not due to war service and incapacity (with certain exceptions) in the case of a member in receipt of pension at 100% rate or the higher special rates;

(ii) widows and children and certain classes of widowed mothers where member's death is due to war service;

(c) gift for furniture—

(i) members totally and permanently incapacitated or blinded;

(ii) widows with children;

(d) tools of trade as gift or loan: members generally;

(e) education of children of members deceased, totally and permanently incapacitated, blinded and certain pulmonary T.B. cases;

(f) fares and removal expenses: members proceeding to employment, training, or to take up land;

(g) immediate assistance or loan up to £5: member;

(h) free passage from Australia to abroad: incapacitated members and their wives and families;

(i) funeral expenses—

(i) members whose death is due to war service or who died in indigent circumstances;

(ii) widows and children of deceased members and certain classes of widowed mothers or stepmothers of deceased members where member's death is due to war service and those dependants die in indigent circumstances.

The Government is taking action to protect the rights of persons to be covered by the repatriation provisions in relation to mortgages, agreements for the purchase of land, life insurance policies, and hire-purchase agreements and in connection with landlord and tenant protection.

THE R.A.A.F. DROPS A LIFEBOAT

Recently the R.A.A.F. sent a Lincoln bomber over Port Phillip Bay, near Melbourne. A rather unusual object was fixed underneath, for instead of bombs the bomb-bay contained a lifeboat. Out in the bay a small, inflated rubber dinghy was floating about, manned by R.A.A.F. men who were pretending they had been forced down in the sea in an aircraft which had sunk. The Lincoln flew over the dinghy at about 100 feet on a dummy run while the crew studied the wind as shown by smoke-bombs they dropped. Then the aircraft rose again and came over at about 700 feet. A button was pressed, the three hooks holding the lifeboat in the bomb-bay released their load, and down came the boat as sweet as you please—with the aid of parachutes. At each end of the boat was a rubber bag which automatically inflated as the boat descended, so that when the boat reached the water it would be unsinkable and self-righting. The men in the dinghy paddled over to it and climbed in. They started the engine and made for shore at about four or five knots.

That was the first test of the kind done in Australia for eight years. It was being done by the R.A.A.F. as the latest development in air/sea rescue, so that if and when an aircraft is forced down in the sea and no ships are nearby, help can be flown out. The lifeboats are pretty big—they can carry 20 to 25 people, and they are fully equipped with an engine, sails, and provisions and water, and also a two-way radio. They have drogues which anchor them automatically as they hit the water so they can't drift away from the aircraft. In fact, the whole business has been wonderfully thought out.

- A wedding ring is like a tourtière—it stops your circulation.
League Cricket Notes

Here are results of the finals in the R.S.L. Cricket Association. These fixtures were played at Wellington Square on March 18.

The teams were City of Perth No. 1 and Mt. Hawthorn in the "A" grade, and South Perth and Bedford-Morley Parks from the "B" grade.

The main features of the finals this year were the small scoring by all teams, and this was the means of keeping more interest amongst those who came down to support their clubs.

It was a day when bowlers took complete command and caused the batsmen many headaches.

One supporter from across the river was noticed jumping about like a cat on hot bricks when his team was drawing close to Bedford-Morley Parks' first inning's score, and when his team overtook Bedford's first innings total, this well-known member of the R.S.L. just let himself go. It is good for cricket to see members interested and a pity many more did not take a leaf out of his book and go along and give support to their teams.

Now for the results in both grades. The City team commenced well by winning the toss and sent Mt. Hawthorn, in to bat, and it was soon seen that their bowlers were giving nothing away and the batsmen were tied down, with the result that scoring was painfully slow. After being at the wickets for 160 minutes the Hawthorn boys could only muster a total of 101 runs.

At this stage of the game the City team were feeling very pleased with themselves; they had every right to be.

Lunch was taken at the ground. The grand workers from the City of Perth women's auxiliary provided the "eats." This sub-branch is very fortunate in having such a fine band of workers and we extend our thanks to them.

The City team found runs just as hard to get as Mt. Hawthorn did, and after two hours' batting they had scored only 43, so with still about 90 minutes to bat, it was anyone's game; but with determination they took their score to 104 for the loss of 5 wickets and so gained the coveted honour of the season, and I feel sure all extend to the City lads the congratulation which they rightly have earned.

I must pay tribute to several members of the teams competing in the final:

First to M. Hepworth and K. Hardie for their splendid bowling—these two sent down 29 overs, 7 of which were maidens, for 9 wickets and 67 runs. This was a fine performance when opposed to a strong batting team like Mt. Hawthorn; and to two members of the losing team, Ray, Croxton who battled through the innings and remained not out and Horrie Gasson who bowled 11 overs for 15 runs and secured 3 wickets. Well done to these players!

In the "B" grade match, Bedford-Morley Parks batted first and found themselves in trouble from the start, once again due to good bowling, and they were dismissed for the small score of 63. This result can be credited to Kevin Hirst, who bowled 11 overs, 7 maidens for 7 wickets and 7 runs. This is one of the best results of the season, more so when it was a final.

Bedford-Morley Parks soon had the team from across the river in trouble and at one stage they had lost 5 for 20 runs. Kevin and H. Fennell brought them through and took the score to 86. This match was decided on the second-innings.

The bowling of Allan Dick for Bedford-Morley Parks cannot be overlooked. Allan secured the good figures of 7 for 36. It was a stroke of bad luck to his team when he received an injury and retired from the rest of the game.

Bedford's second visit to the City did not improve, and again they were out for 63, once more due to the spin of Hirst who secured another good spell of 6 wickets for 20 runs, making his tally 16.5 overs, 7 maidens, 13 wickets for 27 runs. This was the outstanding effort with the ball for the season.

South Perth replied with 5 for 44, winning the "B" grade by 5 wickets and 14 runs.

It was a Kevin Hirst victory as, apart from his bowling, he made top score in both of South Perth's innings. This player is good to watch with both bat and ball, for he has an easy action when bowling and is forceful with the bat. E. Brown, a very handy 24 n.o., did his share in the first innings for the losing team. K. Seale, a good double 22 and 21, and J. Waterhouse, 17 n.o. A. Jones did best in the second innings with the ball, -3 for 18.

On April 6 the association held its wind-up evening at the City of Perth's rooms. Trophies were presented by Mr. B. Keely to the successful clubs and also the association trophies for both grades in batting and bowling.

The bowling for the "A" grade went to the consistent M. Hepworth, of the City team, and J. Watling secured the batting. In the "B" grade, H. Morris, of West Perth, was successful in gaining the bowling and W. Waynse took off the batting. This player can always be looked upon to make runs for his team. And so the evening drew to a close for 1950-51. Just over 100 attended. This should have been at least 150.

I now refer to the Beverley Sub-Branch. This team was only formed during the season and they were anxious to meet as many of the city sub-branch clubs as possible. In all, four of the association teams met them during the year—two games were played in the city and two at Beverley, and all parties had a good day's outing. Well done, Beverley, and we would like to see more country branchs partaking in these social fixtures as a lot of good can be the result of these meetings and many old friends are met, which would never be the result if these social gatherings did not come up. And now we say "cheerio, 1950-51, until next season."

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PERSONALITIES

☆ C. P. Smith, of the Press Sub-Branch, and late of the State Executive, recently resigned his position as managing editor of The West Australian and now goes into retirement. Our guess, however, is that "C.P." will still have an eagle eye and an active hand for matters of ex-service interest.

☆ Sir Robert Ross McDonald, K.C., LL.B., has notified his willingness to act as honorary legal adviser to the League in this State. While the State Executive has been more than pleased with the work done in this respect over past months by Ralph Stoddart, the senior position of Mr. McDonald will be a great asset to the League which, after all, is something of a power in the land.

☆ Padre Riley was a visitor to a State Executive meeting last month. He spoke briefly but tellingly on the matter of a certain country district and its lack of support to a local war memorial, and received a most warm reception.

☆ Major R. C. Dettman, who is known to a wide circle of ex-service men in this State, recently retired from his post as superintendent-in-charge of the Swanbourne rifle range.

☆ Messrs. R. Oliver, J. Orr, R. F. White and H. E. Sapsford were this year's New Zealand delegates to the Western Australian Anzac Day service. All except Mr. Sapsford have been to Perth before [Mr. Sapsford visited Albany only in the past] and were anxious to renew a wealth of old friendships.

☆ Charles Newton, of the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch, has, we understand, been visiting Perth just lately. When he spent an evening at the Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch he spent, he says, "an evening to remember."

☆ Dr. C. E. W. Bean, the Australian war historian, passed through Fremantle recently on route to London where he will attend a conference of British and American historians.

☆ Reg. Axford, of the Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch, was recently presented with a daughter. We understand that the supply of cigars is still good.

☆ Mrs. Stockmin has been re-elected (un-opposed) as State President of the Women's Auxiliary, and Mrs. Sherlock has been re-elected (also unopposed) as Auxiliary State Secretary.

☆ D. R. Fordham, of the Calingiri Sub-Branch, recently set an example which might well be followed in many quarters (even if it is impossible to follow it upon such a generous scale). Stating that the sub-branch hall fund was dragging, he offered to donate £50 towards it if 12 other members would do likewise. As the sub-branch secretary says: "What about it?"
### McKinlay Shield Games

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### The Listening Post - May 1951
Charter Presentations

BUNBURY

The State President (Mr. T. Sten), accompanied by Mr. W. S. Lonnie, attended the annual reunion of the Bunbury Sub-Branch to present the League charter. Prior to the actual handing over of the charter, Mr. Gordon called on Mr. Syd. Horne, one of the oldest members of the Bunbury Sub-Branch, to accept the charter on behalf of the members.

A feature of the evening was the handing over by Mrs. S. Horne, president of the women's auxiliary, of a cheque for £100 towards the funds of the sub-branch.

The reunion was well attended. Collie and Donnybrook Sub-Branches were represented, while visitors were also present from Narromine (N.S.W.), Armadale and Broome. Mr. Frank Guthrie, M.L.A., also attended.

Referring to the activities of the League generally, Mr. Sten said that the defeat of the Anti-Communist Bill was one of the biggest blows that has yet struck Australia. He referred to the fight which the R.S.L. had ahead of it to defeat communism and said that it would only be achieved by every decent Australian pulling his weight in his work.

Speaking on the importance of the charter, Mr. Sten said it represented in detail just how long the League took to build up. The League did not just grow, but was built up by "a crowd of chaps who started from nowhere and they turned around and built up an edifice which is worthwhile." Stressing the necessity for vigilance, Mr. Sten said that in 1913 and 1939 the world relaxed its vigilance and paid the price.

When accepting the charter on behalf of the local sub-branch, Mr. Horne recalled the earliest days of the League in Bunbury, and told of the hardship which was experienced in establishing the organisation.

He recalled many well-known identities who had worked wholeheartedly in the interests of the R.S.L. throughout the years, and said that it was a pity that with the number of able office-bearers who had been elected the sub-branch should not have achieved greater success than it had. Mr. Horne spoke at length on the activities of the Women's Auxiliary and Younger Set, and stressed the necessity for a greater working effort of the sub-branch members themselves.

When handing over the cheque for £100 to the president (Mr. Alan Gordon), Mrs. Horne stipulated that £50 was to go to the sub-branch's general fund and the remaining £50 to the building fund. The toast of the auxiliary was proposed by State Executive member Mr. W. S. Lonnie.

Great credit was due to the auxiliary members who worked so tirelessly in preparing the excellent dinner which was provided, and a vote of thanks, with acclamation, was accorded.—From The South-Western Times.

ROLEYSTONE

On Friday, April 20, State Executive representatives Harry Stanbury and Barney Keeley attended the annual reunion of the Roleystone Sub-Branch when its charter was presented. The attendance could be considered quite satisfactory and the function proved a very pleasant and enjoyable one.

The ceremony of handing over the charter was very impressive and Mr. Stanbury did an excellent job, pointing out the very important functions of sub-branches in assisting the League in its efforts to aid in the rehabilitation of the ex-serviceman.

Messrs. Jack Orr and Frank White, two members of the visiting New Zealand delegation, accompanied the party, and they received a special welcome from members of the sub-branch.

A certain eminent barrister was called upon unexpectedly to defend a man against whom the prosecution had succeeded in establishing a very strong case.

"Who is concerned for the prisoner?" queried the judge, using the regular legal formula.

"My lord," said the defending counsel, rising solemnly, "I am concerned for him—and very much concerned after what I have just heard."

Festival of Britain

The following letter has been received in regard to accommodation during the Festival:

British Legion, Canterbury Branch, Legion House,
4 New Dover Road, Canterbury.
Phone 3325.
February 23, 1951.

Dear Sir,

As you are no doubt aware, Canterbury is one of the 19 towns and cities selected to take an active part in the Festival of Britain celebrations. The relative dates so far as this city is concerned are July 18 to August 10, and between these dates it is anticipated that the programme organised by the cathedral and civic authorities will attract great numbers of visitors from the Commonwealth.

In this connection, the Canterbury branch of the British Legion is compiling a register of its members who will be willing to offer accommodation to ex-servicemen from overseas, if required.

The charge (if any) will be purely nominal, and every effort will be made to see that only bona fide offers are made, originating from an honest desire to help fellow ex-servicemen.

The British Legion, as always, is anxious to assist in every way possible ex-servicemen and their dependants, and feel that this occasion presents unique opportunity of rendering real service and, at the same time, offers a means of establishing lasting and beneficial contacts.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) D. S. C. Burch.

SECOND LOOK

It's strange indeed how some folk tire us
Till we discover they admire us!
ONCE again on Anzac Day we were blessed with beautiful weather. The Dawn Service attracted some 4,000 persons and 4,668 persons marched to the Esplanade later in the morning.

State President T. Sten, M.A., was in charge of the service, and those on the dias included the Governor (Sir James Mitchell) and his sister (Mrs. N. Rie); Mr. Paul Hasluck, M.H.R. (representing the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies); the Acting-Premier (Mr. Watts); the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Wise); the Chief Justice (Sir John Dwyer); the Lord Mayor (Mr. J. Trotterdell, M.L.A.); and the heads of the three Services — Capt. H. L. Howden (Navy), Major-General J. S. Whitefllow (Army) and Wing-Commander N. Ford (Air Force).

The Rev. D. Abbott and the Rev. S. N. Jenkins assisted, and as usual the choir of the Perth Girls' High School sang "In Memoriam" and led the singing of hymns and the National Anthem.

Mr. Sten's address was as follows:

This year of 1951 we celebrate as the jubilee of Australian progress for fifty years under Federation. For ex-service folk in particular, this day is the 35th anniversary of the stirring action at Anzac Beach in Gallipoli, when Australians first entered the modern crusading wars against aggression. Of the great many, therefore, who contributed to this national progress and greatness, the armed forces of Australia must be credited with their share of the glory. No one could surely dispute this fact. It is even conceivable that, in our isolation, we might have remained comparatively unnoticed.

For war has given the opportunity for a numerically small people to display its vigour and courage in a score of famous battlefields scattered over the face of the globe, its integrity as a people strong in purpose; its loyalty to the spirit of the British Commonwealth; its wisdom in statesmanship round the council tables of the world.

War gave to the Dominions the Statue of Westminster, both a reward for mature service and an incentive to further growth in responsibility and independence. War, too, gave us the League of Nations and U.N.O., who, if achieving nothing else, have brought together the nations of the world in consultation, the

small alongside the great. Unhappily all this could not be possible without sacrifice, a dreadful toll of human life, health and suffering.

It is fitting, therefore, that this national commemoration of sacrifice take its place in the year's events as our Jubilee Anzac Day. Let us remember as we renew our sincere offering of sympathy with those who have intimately borne the sorrow of sacrifice that the day carries also its measure of pride and thanksgiving, a jubilee month of May we hope to see the first stones of the extension of the existing structure in position. You may remember that we terminated a previous appeal prematurely to make way for an appeal for food for Britain. Unfortunately the money we did collect has gone the inflated way of all modern money and will continue to do so, hence to meet present losses and future costs it becomes necessary to launch a further appeal for £15,000 which opens with this announcement. Times are prosperous, and the goodwill of our people generous. No one will deny the obligation of the public of this State in the matter. These men gave their all; your share in a token to their memory is infinitesimal in comparison.

In accepting their sacrifice we took over the task they left uncompleted in their passing — that of building the security, progress and democracy of their country and people. It is right and proper, therefore, that on this Jubilee Anzac Day we should account our stewardship for at least 36 years.

What have we made of this Australia for which they fought?

When men are called on to die for their country it is to be expected that those who live on should continue the work of making it worth living for and living in.

None of us, I think, will want to boast greatly of the situation today. On the contrary we cannot but be dismayed at the indications of decaying national spirit and morale — the decline of responsible citizenship; the indifference displayed in the slow battle for recruits for our defence; the costly and cumbersome import of building materials our factories are not permitted to produce; the wicked industrial invention of the rolling strike; the confused escapit trend towards gambling, drinking and reckless spending. More seriously have we contaminated the sacrifice of our fel-
no clearer purpose than that of making easy money is an appalling con-
consideration for the generation of to-
morrow. This is an era of shoddy values and false gods. Curiously
enough, the present fashionable god
of money is like all false gods: in its
inflationary state it doesn’t bear even
the slightest resemblance to the real
thing.
We advocate National Service.
We believe that National Service can
give our youth something of high
worth. There was a time, you know,
when we were all pioneers. Some
of you here today built your own
homes in the week-ends of a 48-hour
week, and in so doing created suburbs
did the pioneering of this fine
city. Today most of our youth grow
up in sprawling cities and there is
great danger of a people becoming
physically and morally soft. This is
a problem we must face.

In these times of political stress
much has been said of putting value
back into the pound. I suggest that
a much more fundamental proposi-
tion is that of putting back purpose
into the people. This is a wonderful
and blessed country of ours—the one
that could in the turmoil of today be
the happiest in the world. A coun-
try with a tremendous potential of
courage, faith and vitality. How
else could the growth of the last
fifty years be possible?

I wonder if ever before such a
handful of people—in the face of such
difficulty have achieved such a won-
derful record of development? We
won’t believe that these qualities are
not there, today! But times have
altered, and people are not called
on to use them. So we must find a
new sense of purpose for our people.

I want to appeal particularly for
our youth. Youth wastage must in-
evitably, in a few short generations,
lead to national suicide. The thought
of allowing our Australian youth to
grow up in the atmosphere of these
bitter years, with no effective train-
ing in thinking for itself, with an
insufficiency of education and with

In these confused times it is much
easier to understand how European
nations in the thirties fell for dictator-
ship. A people must have leadership
and inspiration; to a gregarious peo-
ple it is as fundamental as food
and shelter. Dictators are shrewd
psychologists; while on the one hand
they successfully stifle opposition
they do on the other offer to their peoples
some inspirational note to set up that
warm feeling of national conscious-
ness which brings to people that emo-
tional feeling of security and unity
which bears them onward. You will
recollect what a terrible machine was
welded out of Hitler youth in less
than one generation. Australia, one
feels, is reaching out desperately for
leadership, and never before has the
need been so vital. In war, national
leadership is comparatively easy; the
very circumstances draw people into
unity; but it is most difficult in the
days of a false peace. Both purpose
and leadership are among us in
strength but what, short of a dread-
ful shock, which God forbid, is going
to canalise this leadership towards
national unity and strength?

Even if given unified leadership
there must be intelligent fellowship.
What can we do to help? A great
many of us are in the position of
carrying some measure of leadership
and responsibility, no matter how
humble a degree. Let us all exercise
this leadership in our groups more
sincerely, more convincingly, more
firmly, with a greater regard to pub-
lic welfare. Thus perhaps we can
help to extend the leadership from
above in a continuous chain of re-
ponsibility right through the com-
unity. Particularly must we train
our youth, for herein lies the key-
stone of democracy.

Today we commemorate the sacri-
fice of the fallen. Let me finish on
this note of sacrifice and remind you
that even at this moment your Aus-
tralian manhood continues to sacrifice
its all, and some no doubt have fallen this day. The strict censorship exercised in Korea has serious disadvantages. It has most effectually disguised the fact that there is a real war in progress with all the attendant hardships of war—a bitter winter and a disease-stricken summer to follow; that there are casualties though we don't see long casualty lists; that our men seem to be fighting for another power. Let us remember here today that once again this country entered without hesitation into a great cause, that its men are fighting with a distinction undimmed, that they volunteered for this dread task and, most important of all, that they are at present fighting for the security of this country as did their elder brothers over the Owen Stanleys in New Guinea.

They are here today in small numbers, drifting into Hollywood Hospital in ones and twos almost unnoticed by us. Small tribute, I feel, has gone to men coming to us direct from the front line.

The cause transcends even the nation, and in that cause great things have been done already. Despite Russian obstruction in U.N.O. much has been achieved elsewhere, and our best hope for the future lies herein. The enormous extent of Marshall Aid in Europe, the very principle of the prosperous nation taxing itself heavily for the help of the stricken, the wonderful work done in U.N.E.S.C.O. already, in bringing the peoples of the world together, in making their problems the stepping-stones to sympathy and help, the tremendous fact that in Korea there is a United Nations Navy, Army and Air Force under single command fighting aggression.

These are not insignificant facts but-breath-taking signs of the new era, when man is proving that he can rise above prejudice, and that a new element of human tolerance can promise something greater than the discoveries of science. But we must fertilise this cause with a path previously unrealised.

Within our own society the same healthy condition to some degree can be seen in the large field of voluntary endeavour for human welfare, your Red Cross and other such institutions, the grand work being done in the field of organised youth (too small a field certainly), the new note of sympathy towards our own natives, the real sincerity in many places of our programme of assimilation of New Australians, the host of good causes to which thousands of decent people are giving their personal effort and leisure.

There is a bright side to both the national and international field. What we must do is to extend this field and enlist a great many more helpers. We've been told that Faith can move mountains; we've been told also that we must keep ever before us a vision of greatness. Perhaps we can now crystallise our thoughts for this all-important 1951 observance. We commemorate today the greatest single act of faith, the complete self-sacrifice of many of our finest men and women—let us remember here that under the impact of Japanese barbarity women suffered, too—surely our duty is clear. We must keep alive and vital their spirit of faith in all great causes. Particularly are we obligated in their own great cause—Democracy and Humanity.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn;

At the going down of the sun

and in the morning

We will remember them.

**TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR**

Country paper advertisement, March 22:

"For Sale—sightly used farm

wrench in good condition. Very

handy. Phone 366 Cartwright."

Same paper, March 29:

"Correction. Due to an unfortunate error, Mr. Cartwright's ad, last week was not clear. He has an excellent winch for sale. We trust that will put an end to jokesters who have called Mr. Cartwright and greatly bothered his housekeeper, Mrs. Hargreaves, who loves with him."

Advertisement same paper, April 5:

NOTICE: My WINCH is not for sale. I put a sledgehammer to it. Don't bother calling 366. I had the phone taken out. I am NOT carrying on with Mrs. Hargreaves. She merely LIVES here. A Cartwright."

● On those planets where life is now extinct, the scientists probably got just a little farther than ours have got.

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**Naval Prize Money**

The Minister for the Navy (the Hon. Jos. Francis) announced recently that the necessary arrangements have now been made for the early payment of prize money to naval and ex-naval personnel who have complied with the necessary conditions. The amount available, viz., £249,000, will be distributed in equal amounts to all eligible personnel irrespective of rank or rating.

The amount payable to each eligible member will be £8/6/-, and payment will be made into a bank account nominated by the applicant, similarly to payment of war gratuity. Eligible applicants will be advised by Navy Office when payment has been made to the bank.

All members or ex-members of the Royal Australian Navy, including reserves who, between September 3, 1939, and September 2, 1945, had 180 days' sea service and who were not disqualified under Naval Regulations for participation in prize money will be entitled to participate in the distribution.

Irrespective of the time served at sea, participation shall be allowed where personnel were killed in action at sea, died of wounds received, or of injury or illness directly attributable to action at sea, were lost at sea or died at sea from injury or illness attributable to service afloat or who were prisoners of war.

If an eligible member is deceased, payment will be made to his personal representative or to the person to whom the deceased's war service estates was paid.

Forms of application for ex-naval personnel are available from:

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naval Staff Office, 50 Cliff Street, Fremantle.

Completed forms should be forwarded to the Director of Navy Accounts, Melbourne, Victoria, who will authorise payment into the bank account nominated by the applicant. The Minister suggests that early application be made.

Serving personnel (including reserves) will obtain forms in the ship in which they are serving.

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A.R.M.S. Games, 1951

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Registration of Players
All players should be registered with the secretary before the commencement of any game.

Result Forms
It is the duty of the home team to contact their opponent and arrange the game; also to forward result form to the secretary within seven days.

Rules
Rules, as in former years, will apply, with the exception of darts.

Darts
English boards to be used at the 8ft. throwing distance, and finish on a double; four games of two players 401 up, if necessary a further game of 601 up.

Semi-finals and finals will be arranged as soon as it is known; dates available at Anzac House.

Any further particulars or information may be obtained by contacting the secretary.

Secretary: C. L. Sexton, 2 Clydevale Street, Victoria Park. Telephones: Home, M 1408; business, BF 1011, ext. 139.

The controlling committee has arranged the following games for the 1951 season (home team is mentioned first in each case):

FIRST ROUND, to be completed between May 1 and May 15

ZONE 1
Subiaco v North Perth.
Claremont v Mt. Hawthorn.
West Leederville v Nedlands.
Swanbourne v Cottesloe.
Mosman Park v Mt. Lawley.

ZONE 2
Gloucester Park v Victoria Park.
Darling Range v Mid. Workshops.
South Belmont v Kensington.
Bedford Park v South Perth.
Perth: bye.

SECOND ROUND, to be completed between May 15 and May 29

ZONE 1
Mt. Hawthorn v North Perth.
Subiaco v West Leederville.
Nedlands v Claremont.
Swanbourne v Mosman Park.
Cottesloe v Mt. Lawley.

ZONE 2
Gloucester Park v Mid. Workshops.
Victoria Park v South Belmont.
Kensington v Darling Range.
Perth v Bedford Park.
South Perth: bye.

THIRD ROUND, to be completed between May 29 and June 13

ZONE 1
North Perth v Claremont.
Subiaco v Mt. Hawthorn.
West Leederville v Swanbourne.
Mt. Lawley v Nedlands.
Mosman Park v Cottesloe.

ZONE 2
Darling Range v Gloucester Park.
Victoria Park v Midland Workshops.
South Belmont v Bedford Park.
Perth v Kensington.
Perth: bye.

FOURTH ROUND, to be completed between June 13 and June 26

ZONE 1
North Perth v West Leederville.
Cottesloe v Subiaco.
Mt. Hawthorn v Swanbourne.
Nedlands v Mosman Park.
Claremont v Mt. Lawley.

ZONE 2
Gloucester Park v South Belmont.
South Perth v Victoria Park.
Bedford Park v Mid. Workshops.
Perth v Kensington.
Darling Range: bye.

FIFTH ROUND, to be completed between June 26 and July 11

ZONE 1
Nedlands v North Perth.
Swanbourne v Subiaco.
Mt. Lawley v Mt. Hawthorn.
West Leederville v Cottesloe.
Mosman Park v Claremont.

ZONE 2
Kensington v Gloucester Park.
Victoria Park v Bedford Park.
South Belmont v South Perth.
Perth v Darling Range.
Midland Workshops: bye.

SIXTH ROUND, to be completed between July 11 and July 25

ZONE 1
North Perth v Swanbourne.
Subiaco v Claremont.
Mt. Hawthorn v Mosman Park.
Mt. Lawley v West Leederville.
Cottesloe v Nedlands.

ZONE 2
Bedford Park v Gloucester Park.
Victoria Park v Darling Range.

SEVENTH ROUND, to be completed between July 25 and August 8

ZONE 1
Cottesloe v North Perth.
Mosman Park v Subiaco.
Claremont v West Leederville.
Swanbourne v Mt. Lawley.
Nedlands v Mt. Hawthorn.

ZONE 2
Gloucester Park v South Perth.
Perth v Victoria Park.
Darling Range v South Belmont.
Kensington v Midland Workshops.
Bedford Park: bye.

EIGHTH ROUND, to be completed between August 8 and August 22

ZONE 1
North Perth v Mosman Park.
Subiaco v Mt. Lawley.
Claremont v Cottesloe.
West Leederville v Mt. Hawthorn.
Swanbourne v Nedlands.

ZONE 2
Gloucester Park v Perth.
Darling Range v South Perth.
South Belmont v Mid. Workshops.
Bedford Park v Kensington.
Victoria Park: bye.

NINTH ROUND, to be completed between August 22 and September 5

ZONE 1
Mt. Lawley v North Perth.
Nedlands v Subiaco.
Claremont v Swanbourne.
Mt. Hawthorn v Cottesloe.
Mosman Park v West Leederville.

ZONE 2
Kensington v Victoria Park.
Bedford Park v Darling Range.
South Perth v Midland Workshops.
South Belmont v Perth.
Gloucester Park: bye.

CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT

The young recruits were having their mid-day meal. "Any complaints?" asked the orderly officer.

"Yes, sir," replied Private Small, "they've all got bigger portions than I have."

"Well," said the officer, smiling at his rather diminutive form, "they're all bigger lads than you, aren't they?"

"Yes, sir," Small agreed, "and always will be at this rate."
Sub-Branch Directory

The following alterations to our Directory have been received since our last issue:
BEVERLEY: President now W. R. Gillespie; secretary, C. Prior.
BOYANUP: Secretary now T. J. Simmons.
BULLSBROOK: Secretary now E. W. King.
CADOUX: President now M. Bishop.
CARDIFF: Secretary now A. L. Burnett.
CORRIGIN: President now Dr. A. F. J. Jones; secretary L. A. Davis.
COWARAMUP: President now C. K. Penfold; secretary, M. G. Baker.
DARLINGTON: Secretary now P. J. McKay.
GLEN FORREST: President now E. C. Matthews; secretary, R. D. Lawrence.
GUILDFORD: Secretary now J. Wood.
KATANNING: President now D. Dargie.
KONDININ: President now P. S. V. Howlett; secretary, J. P. Hopkins.
MARGARET RIVER: President now F. Viney; secretary, J. D. Hutchinson.
MAYLANDS: Secretary now A. H. Lindsay, 33a Central Avenue, Maylands.
MERREDIN: President now S. Telfer; secretary, T. Spencer.
MORAWA: Secretary now F. M. Fewster.
MT. HELENA: President now J. Larsen; secretary, E. H. Hadlow.
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NAREMBOO: President now E. J. Eddy; secretary, E. C. Mead.
NYABING: President now V. G. Batt.
SALMON GUMS: President now C. Pozzi; secretary, J. W. Sanderson.
SHACKLETON: President now J. Dusting.
UPPER CHAPMAN: President now A. Brooks; secretary, G. Forrest.

THE LAST WORD

A business college recently displayed a poster offering "A Short Course in Accounting for Women." It has now been withdrawn. Someone wrote across it, in a bold masculine hand, "There is no accounting for women."
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Australian Defence

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48. Today the training period to prepare troops for battle is longer and we can, as already stated, expect far less time in which to prepare in any future war. The Royal Navy used to be able to shield us while we prepared at our leisure. Unfortunately, those days are gone.

49. Compulsory training is the only system that can produce an adequate reserve of trained manpower. Apart from this question of military necessity, there are a number of other real advantages to Australia which accrue from a system of national service, and one can see no real disadvantage or logical objection to it.

50. The advantages that accrue may be summarised as follows:

(a) It is democratic. There is an equality of service and it brings all classes together during an impressionable period of their lives, in circumstances which do much to promote understanding and goodwill.

(b) From the point of view of public health, it has great advantage. All boys can be given a medical examination and it is amazing how they improve physically with regular and balanced diet, exercise and regular medical care.

(c) It has an intrinsic value to the community, because it teaches young men the element of self-discipline and comradeship, national pride, spirit de corps and sense of citizenship, and this has never been more necessary than it is today.

(d) It is a scientific method of using our manpower resources, which permits flexibility to fit in with current conditions and war planning, whereas voluntarism is wasteful of manpower, because it mixes age groups unnecessarily, uses skilled men in inappropriate positions and misses many of those who can derive most advantage from training.

51. It is up to us to look a generation or two ahead, and if we do the alarming prospect is the future of the white races. If we, in Australia, once again send to war only the cream of our manhood, as we have done twice before, we will assuredly be a declining people. Our pioneering spirit, our initiative, our courage and our moral fibre as a nation will be lost with our best men and the poorest types left behind will fall easy prey to their enemies.

For expediency we have pursued a short-sighted policy—a policy which in our situation is one of racial suicide. The waste of voluntarism is too high a price for a small nation to pay. It draws away the best of the nation’s youth: it places on the individual the awful choice between doing his duty to his country and doing his duty to his wife and family.

52. Abe Lincoln knew the danger and cost of voluntarism when he said—

Voluntarism is the unprincipled dodge of cowardly politicians. It has ground up the choicest seed corn of the nation. It has consumed the young, the generous, the intelligent and the brave. It has wasted the best moral, social and political elements of the Republic, and left the cowards, the shirkers, and the money-makers to stay at home and procreate their kind.”

53. From a humanitarian point of view, national service is inescapable. If war comes, the young men will be called upon to go into battle and every intelligent Australian must know that to send a boy into battle without adequate training will expose him to hazards far greater than those presented to a trained soldier.

54. It therefore falls to the older and more responsible citizens to see that these boys, who must do the fighting, are given the best possible chance of survival. For those responsible, to continue to let boys pass the training age without training, knowing that at any time they may be required to fight for their survival is wicked; and if war comes these men may well feel that the blood of innocent boys whom they misled is on their hands.

The amount of rubber going into the modern car, exclusive of tyres and tubes, has been increasing. An average American car today contains 70 to 100 lb. Most of the increase has come from the use of foam rubber seat cushions and pads. More rubber is now used also in the engine mountings and around doors and windows, as well as hose connections.

A New Warship

One of the most powerful warships in the world has just been launched in Britain. The ceremony was performed by H.M. the Queen, who named this new aircraft-carrier H.M.S. Ark Royal. It is larger than any carrier now being used by the Royal Navy.

H.M.S. Ark Royal, when commissioned, will have a displacement of 36,800 tons. It is designed to handle jet planes as well as turbine propeller or piston engined aircraft. The largest and heaviest naval aircraft will be able to take off from and land on her flight-deck with ease.

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REPORT ON SOCIAL EVENING
ON APRIL 5

The night's entertainment was opened by our president (Mr. Percy Baker) at approximately 8.15 p.m., as stormy weather did not improve the punctuality of members.

Behind a Union Jack draped table Mr. Baker was flanked on his right by the guest speaker for the night, ex State President Mr. J. M. W. Anderson, and on his left by Mrs. McKinlay, ex State President of the Women's Auxiliary.

Before he handed over to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Baker explained that actually the meeting was organised as an active expression of gratitude by the R.S.L. for the very grand work of the women's auxiliary in helping to make our recent barbecue such an outstanding success.

He then introduced Mr. Anderson, who gave us a very good description of his recent tour through England and the Continent, and in the opinion of every one questioned by the writer it was both educational and enlightening, especially to some of the ladies who hail from the British Isles. Mr. Anderson then answered a number of questions. Mr. Baker thanked Mr. Anderson and the acclamation received was a good indication of the thoughts of his audience.

Mrs. McKinlay was then introduced, and her short talk was also very well received.

The sub-branch members then served supper to the ladies (although they prepared it), and then Mr. R. F. Griffiths rendered a number of items accompanied by Mrs. Newham (piano) and Mr. L. (Tiger) Tilling with his banjo. Mr. J. Thomson gave his interpretation of one or two of "Banjo" Patterson's poems, and all items were well received.

Community singing was then conducted by Mr. Griffiths to the accompaniment of Mrs. Newham and Mr. Tilling.

Mr. Baker thanked the artists and then prevailed on Mrs. McKinlay to render a few Scottish airs, and the meeting closed pleasantly with the singing of Auld Lang Syne at 10.40 p.m.

Bedford-Morley Parks

Since the last issue the team has now settled down to the job pretty good. Of course there is plenty to do. There always is for any go-ahead sub-branch.

A few items occupying our attention at the moment are selected in data-order.

Launching initial joint meeting "G" group recruiting campaign, Wallish's Hall, April 11.

Completion of Anzac Day commemorations at Riley's Hall at 3 p.m. and mixed social at 8 p.m., April 25.

Annual general meeting open to all. Youth Club, April 16.

Sub-branch annual smoko and presentation of charter, May 8.

Arrangements are well in hand to conduct a sub-branch float depicting demolition and its reflections upon the young life in our community.

Comprehensive A.R.M.S. Council report by Jim Putmore. The opening fixture with South Perth. Date about middle May. Will members and players enquire at Schenberg's Shoe Store for exact date.

Messrs. T. Ponton, D. Tibbles and F. W. Baugley have been elected to the management committee to assist in the social activities.

Membership has surprisingly become lagging. We are out to exceed last year's big total. Every ex-service man in our area knows by now that we look to him to put up the badge with the new crown on, and also to assist in all our undertakings.

Late news: Presentations to Youth Club members with trophies and honours for 1950-51, Riley's Hall, May 4. Open invitation.

F. J. PEARSON.

Busselton

At the sub-branch meeting on Tuesday, April 10, President C. Riley said that the building fund had increased over the last two years and now stood at £216. This was in reply to a member who stated that he thought the sub-branch lacked the energy to go ahead with the proposed new extensions in the future. However, Mr. Riley pointed out that many other sub-branches had commenced building operations with far less and had been successful. In the meantime it was decided to oil the exterior of the present hall on the week-ends with the help of members at working bees.

The R.S.L. queen in the Jubilee Queen contest, Miss J. Riley, is at present in third place.

J. S. BLUE.

Calingiri

Our 30th anniversary was held on 31st March, thirty years of continuous activity.

To celebrate the occasion we let the catering which was, excellently done. Our wives always grace our annual dinners. On this occasion they had no worries about cooking or washing up. I am sure they will remember our anniversary, if only for that boon.

Our President (J. McGill) read from the original minute book, the names of the fourteen members who formed the Sub-Branch; there are five left, most of the rest have gone to higher service. It made one think of our creed. "They shall grow not old," and wish that the younger members would take more interest in their Sub-Branches, as they will soon be their R.S.L.'s.

M. A. Leslie, Esq., M.H.R., and his wife were present as was also H. J. Ackland Esq. M.L.A. who by the way, has missed very few of our reunions. They both gave us very interesting talks. Dr. Greenham of the State Executive, towards the end of the evening, presented the president with the charter of the sub-branch, for which the president thanked him, and said he hoped to hang it in our own hall in the near future.

Mr. Fordham said that our hall fund was dragging, and offered £50 if twelve others would do the like wise. "Well what about it members! All good things must come to an end, so we send our several homeward ways, voting the evening a good show.

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Carlisle

We are pleased to report another good meeting this month, five new members being enrolled (all young Diggers). This sub-branch is showing excellent progress and we hope to have all eligible in before the year expires.

We are receiving excellent support from our women's auxiliary. They are celebrating their nineteenth birthday this month and are giving a party to members and their wives. I will give you a full report next issue.

We have a very enthusiastic committee. There are 14 members and the lowest attendance at a meeting has been 11, so it is up to members to support their committee by attending their meeting each month. We have a big programme of socials and business to get through.

Don't forget we meet the first Thursday of each month at Carlisle Memorial Hall, right opposite the station.

W. (Bill) GEARY

Kensington

The April meetings of the sub-branch were well attended and functions held during the month proved very successful. Each meeting more members are joining up and on present indications 1931 should be a record year.

The ladies' night held in the C.C.A. Hall, Collins Street, on Thursday, April 17, proved a great success. More such functions are planned for the future.

Our cricket club recently journeyed to Pickering Brook and tried conclusions with the local team, and our lads registered their first win for the season.

Members of the sub-branch joined with South Perth and Como for the Anzac Day service, and the ceremony was a very impressive one. There was quite a good attendance from all three sub-branches.

A communication was recently received from the secretary of the Unley (South Australian) Sub-Branch congratulating us on the set-up of the Kensington 'Kit-Bag' and conveying greetings from Bob Maddaford.

Our first fixture in the A.R.M.S. games is against South Belmont (away) and the second against Darling Range (at home). Both games will probably be played during May.

The sub-branch is taking its part in all phases of League activities and members are very keen to share their responsibilities towards helping the League gain its objectives.

Kukerin

"Preparedness is an insurance on freedom," said Executive member E. S. Watt during the course of his remarks when he presented the Kukerin Sub-Branch with its charter at its annual dinner in April. "No mother wants to see her son go to war," he continued, "but any mother who would not agree that her son should do at least part-time training is perhaps depriving him of a chance of life when, should war break out, her son be called unprepared into battle. Members of the R.S.I., wherever they may be, should stand by the League policy of part-time training, and now should stand in the way of preventing any young man getting that training."

The most interesting member present at the gathering was Imperial War veteran Mr. H. Hills, now aged 91 and the second oldest war veteran in the State. Mr. Hills related that he had first joined the Colours in 1877 and was with the Camel Corps 18 miles from Khartum the day it was captured and Gordon murdered.

As proof of his continued fitness, Mr. Hills mentioned that he still rode his horse each day and even on occasions to Lake Grace, some dozens miles from his farm.

The president (Mr. John Carvardine) thanked the secretary (Mr. Tom Gillett) and Mr. E. Vickers for their organisation of the successful dinner, which not only had a record number of local members but visitors from hundreds of miles around. He also mentioned that the Kukerin Sub-Branch had every returned man in the district (except one, who belonged to a sub-branch in another town) as a fully financial member.

On Anzac Day the sub-branch held its first march and cenememonation service. A large crowd of people of the district attended and were addressed by Mr. Jack Thompson, M.L.C., who came from Albany (over 150 miles) to give his help. The president thanked the head teacher of the school (Paul Buddle) and the school children for the complete organisation of the ceremony and its musical programme.

Maylands

Thursday, March 29: Smaller muster than usual, and nothing outstanding in the business line. But it was a very convivial evening as usual. Mr. Hodson is hereby mentioned in despatches for his spontaneous generosity in making the boys share a little bit of luck which befell him.

One week later, on April 5, I was wending my way home and observed lights in our little "dug-out." Now I am always sticky on these occasions. Whilst sticky- ing as per advert. I was grabbed by the ear by our "Alf" and invited to enter for the purpose of enjoying the lovely victuals put on by our ladies as entertainers to the Swanbourne ladies. I believe that the bridge decided the issue, honours otherwise being even.

Pleased to record that Mrs. Rigby and her other half had a little luck lately. I found out when I observed her playing with what I thought was a miniature camera. However, when I was able to supply her with a match for what turned out to be a lighter, naturally I was illuminated.

Mrs. Bristow is still doing her good job as hospital visitor, and we all wish Bill better health, and thank you, Mrs. Blanche.

April 12 was another "dug-out" night, and very interesting and con- structive it turned out to be, with Joe and Arthur in very good form. Dr. Morley joined the sub-branch on this night and was suitably received in our usual manner, to which he responded very frankly. Later the ladies invaded us, which meant that the rest of the evening was very convivial.

J. H. FLISHER

Mt. Hawthorn

With the expiration of the three months' grace, our membership figures stand at 347-60 less than the number of financial members at the end of December. This is a little disturbing, but the committee has plans in hand for boosting membership.

On Sunday, April 1, a party of members of the sub-branch, accompanied by several members of the women's auxiliary, paid the usual monthly visit to Glendalough, which proved a very enjoyable one. (By the way, the sub-branch is still waiting for an invitation to send a representative to accompany the trustees'
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In the first round in the A.R.M.S. games we play Claremont away; in the second round we will be at home to North Perth; and in the third round we play Subiaco (away).

Our next ladies’ night will be held in our hall on Thursday, June 28, and a big attendance is anticipated. Our euchre tournaments held in the hall every Tuesday night in aid of the building fund continue to prove successful, both socially and financially.

At the last sub-branch meeting Joe Wattling was presented with a very handsome trophy for the best batting average in the R.S.L. Cricket Association’s competitions; “Nobby” Clark the sub-branch trophy for the bowls championship; Jack Sparks the quoits trophy; and Jim Shearer the darts trophy.

Among those present on the sick list are H. J. Wood, A. H. Muddock and L. C. Holmes (Hollywood). Members of the sub-branch, accompanied by their womenfolk, will play Victoria Park in a social games evening at Victoria Park on Friday, July 6.

Mt. Yokine-Joondang Heights

The meeting on April 18 was well attended and all members are keenly interested in improvements to the hall. Quite a good spirit prevails and this augers well for a good year. Next meetings: May 16 and June 20. Don’t miss.

E. W. NEWTON.

South-Perth

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Abe Bailey and the members of the cricket team upon their winning of the “B” grade R.S.L. cricket shield and to Kev. Hirst on his 13 wickets for 24 runs. Good work fellows. Mr. Bailey, who is sports director, is out to get the A.R.M. Shield this year. Abe has the enthusiasm; it but remains for the members to come along to practice for the various games and to help to add this trophy to those already acquired during the past few years.

May 24 is the closing date for nominations of officers for the ensuing year. This is your opportunity to have elected those members whom you wish to carry on the affairs of the sub-branch. Take advantage of it. The 28th June will be the annual general meeting and elections.

Mrs. Orgill, who for many years has been president of the women’s auxiliary, has retired from this position. Opportunity is now taken to congratulate her on her many years of service and her untiring interest in the ex-serviceman. Congratulations and every best wish for her success are extended to Mrs. T. Bailey upon her election to the office.

The trustees of the Services Canteens Trust Fund have appointed a special panel to provide relief to widows and orphans of World War II ex-servicemen who are in need. This applies whether the death of the ex-serviceman was due to war-causes or not. Important provisions are the giving of aid to widows immediately following the death of the husband for living expenses pending settlement of the estate and whilst awaiting the granting of pensions. Aid is also granted in cases of hardship caused by sickness, accident or any other cause involving onerous expenditure.

All enquiries or applications should be made to the Services Canteens Trust Fund, Swan Barracks, Perth. There are still a few members who have not renewed their subs. for 1951. Are you one of those who have forgotten.

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EACH MERCHANT SHIP ITS OWN AIRCRAFT CARRIER

Helicopters may be based on merchant ships to defend convoys against submarines following on trials now being carried out in the English Channel. Instead of having a light carrier with every convoy, one or more merchant ships can be fitted up with a special flight platform for helicopters. These will then take off direct to search the sea-lanes near the convoys for submarines which have crept past long-range, shore-based search aircraft.

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Hospital Visiting

R.P.H.: Mrs. Young reported that 184 bedside visits were made and comforts distributed to all ex-service patients.

Edward Millen: Mrs. Coleman visited this hospital and distributed fruit, which was very much appreciated by all patients.

Diggers’ Tea: Ex-servicemen from Lennons—Home of Peace, Sunset and Edward Millen were entertained at a high tea and concert in Anzac House on Sunday, April 1. The men all thoroughly enjoyed this outing.

Official Visits

March 21: The State President and State Secretary, accompanied by some Executive members, visited the patients at C.H.I. In the evening they were the guests of Midland Auxiliary at a social.

March 27: The State President and State Secretary visited Hollywood Hospital.

March 29: The State President and State Secretary attended a special meeting of the State Executive.

March 30: The State President and State Secretary attended McKinlay Shield sports meeting.

April 1: The State President and State Secretary attended City of Perth Auxiliary meeting.

April 11: The State President and State Secretary presided at presidents and secretaries meeting at Anzac House.

April 13: The State President and State Secretary present at Jubilee Cavalcade meeting.

April 15: The State President attended Faversham House committee meeting at York.

Nominations

Nominations for State President and State Secretary closed on April 15. Mrs. William, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Holden and Mrs. Stockmin were nominated for State President.

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Stockmin were nominated for State Secretary.

Mrs. Williams was re-elected unopposed.

Mrs. Sherwood and Mrs. Williams were nominated for State Secretary.

Mrs. Williams refused nomination. Mrs. Sherwood was re-elected unopposed.

Donations

Bridgetown, £5 Faversham; Mundaring, £1/- Red Cross; Mandurah—£1/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference; Narrogin, £10 Red Cross; Leonora-Gwalia, £2/- Red Cross, £1/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference; Belmont, £2/- Red Cross, £2/- Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust; Northam, £1/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference; Mundaring, £1/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference; Margaret River, £10 delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference; Fremantle, £2/- Red Cross; Wagin, £5 Red Cross; Southern Cross, £1/- delegates’ N.S.W. conference expenses; Coorow, £5 Red Cross; Boulder, £1/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference; Roleystone-Karragullen, £1/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference; Lake Grace, £10 Red Cross; West Leederville, £1/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference.

ETHEL AMES.

Swan View-Greenmount

The election of officers and annual meeting took place on March 14. There was a good attendance after the recess. Those elected were: President, Mrs. Skelton; vice-presidents, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Tomkins; secretary, Mrs. Williams; treasurer, Mrs. Johnston; trustees, Mrs. Williams; and Mr. Williams; publicity officer, Mrs. Williams; auditors, Messrs. Watt and Williams.

Mrs. Hames, our retiring president, thanked all members for their support while she had held office. Most par

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ticularly did she thank the few ladies who had always come along to help with the suppers at our dances, and hoped the same support would be given to the incoming members.

Mrs. Williams moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hames for the good work she had put into the auxiliary while she was president, the motion being carried unanimously.

It is pleasing to note that one of our young members is taking the job of president, and all wish her every success.

We are hoping to run bridge and rumusy evenings during the winter in members’ homes to augment our funds.

The agenda was discussed as to what we wanted put in for the coming conference. Afternoon tea was then served by Mrs. Warna and Mrs. Tomkins.

Of course we will always welcome new members to our auxiliary.

L. M. WILLIAMS.

Victoria Park

Since our last report three well-attended meetings have been held, presided over by Mrs. Ameres (president).

Hospital Visiting

The Edward Millen Home has been visited in turn by Mrs. Skelton, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Coleman.

A new member (the wife of one of our Edward Millen men) joined us and was welcomed by Mrs. Ameres.

At our last meeting nominations for State President and Secretary were taken and motions for the agenda for conference were submitted.

Mrs. Dunstall, from Bruce Rock, who is a visitor to Perth, attended our meeting and told us that they were proud to say that they had last completed their war memorial.

Mrs. Jennings (our secretary) attended a presidents and secretaries’ meeting on April 11, and as a result two of our members have volunteered to assist at the Jubilee Day catering, which is in the hands of the State Executive.

Socials

April 18: A combined social at Anzac House, and April 19 our officers were the guests at Garrie’s birthday party. Many were represented at Kensington’s first birth-
FATHER OF A.I.F. FORGOTTEN?

Anzac Day is for all Diggers a day of remembrance, but how many people remember the name and exploits of the “Father” of the A.I.F.?—Maj.-General Sir William Bridges, K.C.B.? Sir William, Australia’s forgotten General, was mortally wounded on Gallipoli. At the beginning of World War I he got the War Office to accept his proposal that the troops from Australia should go overseas as a National Australian Force, not split up with other Empire units. He was given command of the division and landed on Anzac Beach on April 25 to inform himself of the position there. On May 15 he set out with his A.D.C., Lieutenant Casey (now Mr. R. G. Casey, well known in public life), to visit Colonel Chauvel, commanding the First Light Horse Brigade. During the visit General Bridges went off by himself and was found later with a large bullet wound in the thigh. He died on the hospital ship Gascon. His body was brought to Australia and buried in the valley of the Molonglo, near Canberra.

BRITISH NAVY TO USE MORE HELICOPTERS

All British aircraft carriers and naval stations are to be equipped with helicopters. These machines are to play a big part in the future expansion of British naval aviation.

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According to the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, air strength will have the first priority in the defence system. Tactical bombers, four-jet high-altitude bombers, and more Coastal Command and Transport Command planes will be produced. The interceptor force will be expanded and increased attention will be given to the production of machines for combating submarines.

The de Havilland Venom, the most advanced British fighter in production, will go into squadron service this year to increase the fighter strength of the Royal Air Force. Even more advanced types of jet fighters have been ordered in large numbers. These will go into production "straight off the drawing-board" and will have an improved performance on the high-speed prototype fighters now flying. The night fighter force will be increased with the introduction of the new Gloster Meteor NF11.

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