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A meeting of the State Executive was held on May 2, the State President (Mr. T. Sten) being in the chair. An apology was received from Mr. Bradshaw. Visitors included Mr. F. Smith, of Bridgetown; Mr. H. J. Wright, of Pindar; and Mr. Harry Hills, of Kukerin. The latter, after being welcomed, described how, after enlisting in 1879, he had served with the Cape Mounted Rifles and in the Queen’s Bays, being in the Sudan attempt to rescue General Gordon. He first visited this country in 1886. He then handed over the sum of £10—£5 for Faversham and £5 for the War Memorial Appeal.

Mr. Sten, in thanking Mr. Hills for his generosity, said how happy and hearty he appeared to be, “which seems to be something of a reward for doing such a fine job of work.”

It was reported that Mr. Bateson was doing nicely after an eye operation.

Highlights of the meeting were:

**Housing**

This report was presented by Mr. Davies. The committee recommended that the following motion be submitted to the Federal Executive: “In view of the inability of some applicants to procure the necessary cash to pay contract excesses on war service homes because of job wage rises (not only the £1 increase approved in December, 1950), and in view of the unwillingness of the Commonwealth Government to increase the maximum loan from £2,000 to £2,500 to cover these excesses, this State Executive recommends that approaches be made to the Commonwealth Government by the Federal Executive with a request that a fund be inaugurated to help approved applicants, and that money from this fund be loaned at the same rate of interest as now charged under the War Service Homes Act.”

**Repatriation**

Mr. Stahl, presented this report and the committee recommended that the following items be submitted to the Federal Executive: “The sum of £20 that may be granted towards the funeral expenses of a member under the provision of the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Regulations be increased to £25; “The formula regarding pensions submitted to the last Federal Executive be further considered by the Federal Executive.”

The basic wage pension be increased to £5 per week and that such increase be made retrospective to November 2, 1930; “That the motion, ‘The ceiling rate applied to war pensioners in receipt of either service pension, invalid pension or old-age pension be abolished,’ be re-submitted.”

Following representations made by the League, travelling concessions have been extended by increasing the number of visits per year for the next-of-kin (outside suburban boundaries) of Repatriation patients from two to three, and the restriction on the amount allowable for the cost of the rail warrant has been withdrawn. [See details elsewhere in this issue.]

A further meeting was held on May 16, Vice-President E. O. Davies being in the chair (the State President being absent on a visit to Esperance and the Goldfields). Visitors included Padre Riley and Messrs. McGill (Calingiri) and Scott (Boyup). A warm welcome was given to Mr. Fred Bateson on his first attendance since hospitalisation. Apologies were received from Messrs. Stahl, Edmondson (who, we understand, is in hospital) and Benson.

It was recorded that the Federal President recently forwarded the following telegram to the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies): “If any readjustment of portfolios, feel of great benefit if League’s earlier suggestion approved for appointment of returned ex-serviceman minister for ex-servicemen’s affairs, to handle as far as possible all matters particularly affecting ex-servicemen including repatriation, re-establishment, war service homes, soldier settlement. Such appointment-practice in Canada for many years with most satisfactory results—Holland.”

A letter was received from Mr. T. H. Williams, leader of the New Zealand Anzac Day delegation to Australia. This said, in part: “As the leader, of the 1951 New Zealand R.S.A. delegation to Australia, I desire to express to you, on behalf of all members, something of the gratitude we feel for all that has been done for us. It is the considered opinion of us all that the organisation of our tour was as perfect as mortals can ever hope to achieve, while the manner in which we have everywhere been received is a clear indication of the high esteem in which the R.S.L. is held in every worthwhile quarter. We have enjoyed our all too short stay immensely, coming here with the fixed determination to do all in our power to bind our two countries still more closely together, we have been amazed at the warmth of our reception and the very obvious goodwill that exists towards New Zealanders in every section of the Australian people.”

Acclamation greeted the announcement that Mr. J. Craig had been elected a member of the Midland Junction Municipal Council.

It was decided that suitable farewell functions be arranged for His Excellency the Governor (Sir James Mitchell) and Capt. Howden.

Mr. Craig presented the report of the Jubilee Committee and a motion was passed expressing thanks to those who worked so hard on this project.

Thanks were also expressed to the State Secretary in respect to work carried out in regard to land sold to a war widow which proved to be unsatisfactory, and for which a refund of a deposit was asked. The matter was adjusted to the satisfaction of the widow applying for the League’s aid.

**Immigration**

A report presented by Mr. Lonnie dealt with the matter of Press reports on “unsatisfactory” migrants recently reaching this country, and it was resolved that the League make enquiries.
as to what security measures are being taken in regard to privately nominated migrants from foreign countries.

**Land**

Mr. Davies presented this report, which pointed out that the first 104 properties under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme had been submitted for inspection with a view to completing final valuations. Advice was received from the Minister for Lands that, from the panel of names submitted to him, he had found pleasure in appointing Mr. P. Lyon (Country Vice-President, Merredin) as the League representative on the Land Settlement Board. (Mr. Davies received hearty congratulations on his work in regard to this appointment.)

**Anzac Day**

The Anzac Day report was presented by Mr. Stahl. It was suggested that in future years the Dawn Service revert to its original form—a silent service except for the bugle calls and gunfire. Mr. Stahl, who said he was a No. 1 scout at Gallipoli landing, "and therefore should have been one of the first to land," thought that the bagpipes added impressiveness to the service. Mr. Edmondson said that he had heard nothing more beautiful than the rendering by the girls' choir of "In Memoriam." "This might be sung at the Dawn Service," he said, "but once we admit these innovations there is no telling where they will stop." A motion, "That the lament 'The Flowers of the Forest' be deleted from the Anzac Day Dawn Services," was moved by Mr. Chaney and carried by a large majority.

An old Quaker lady, who was very philosophical, used to say that there were three outstanding follies of which men were guilty. The first folly was that they would go to war and kill each other, when if they would only wait long enough, they would all die naturally. The second was that the men would climb trees and knock down the fruit when, if they would only wait long enough, the fruit would fall to the ground. The third and crowning folly was that they would pursue the women if they would only wait long enough, the women would pursue them—"Highways of Happiness."

**Britain's Defence Effort**

Britain's defence effort is summarised in the following 20 short paragraphs:

1. By April, 1951, the numerical strength of Britain's active armed forces (regular and conscript) will be 800,000.

2. By April, 1952, these forces will be increased to considerably more than 900,000.

3. Active reserves, including the Territorial Army, the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, number approximately 130,000.

4. Under Britain's universal military training system, more than a million men between the ages of 18-26 have served with the armed forces since 1945. The full-time service period is now two years, followed by 3½ years part-time service with one of the auxiliary forces.

5. In the next three years more than 550,000 young men will become available for universal military training.

6. Four million veterans of World War II have never been discharged formally from the armed services. These veterans are known as Class Z (Army) and Class G (Royal Air Force).

7. As a major reversal for all-out mobilisation, 235,000 men, mostly Class Z reservists, are to be drafted for 15 days' training during June-August this year. About 150,000 will serve with active army formation, 80,000 with Territorial units and 40,000 with Anti-Aircraft Command.

8. At the same time, the Royal Air Force will recall about 10,000 officers and men of its Class G reserve for a similar period of training. Some 3,300 fighter pilots and other flying reservists will be recalled for three months' refresher courses.

9. The Royal Navy will recall 6,600 officers and men for 18 months' service.

10. Britain's total defence budget is expected to amount to £41,000,000,000 sterling over the next three years. This does not include expenditure on stockpiling of strategic military materials or of food.

11. The Royal Navy has been streamlined in accordance with the lessons learned in World War II. Its programme is now largely devoted toward meeting the under-water menace of submarines and mines.

12. Production of tanks and combat planes is to be quadrupled in three years.

13. The first order has been placed for an all-jet four-engined bomber.

14. Forces from the British Isles are serving overseas in 19 different areas of the world: Aden, Austria, the Caribbean area, Ceylon, Cyprus, Eritrea, Germany, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Libya, Malaya, Malta, Sudan, Suez and Trieste.

15. Britain will have four divisions in Germany by July, 1951.

16. All R.A.F. fighter squadrons are jet-equipped, except in the Far East where squadrons are now being re-equipped with jets.

17. Civil defence, a vital factor in an emergency, now has a total of 130,000 men in its various services.

18. Industrially, Britain is in good shape, but the defence programme calls for an adequate supply of raw materials. Industrial output currently is running at about 70 per cent. above pre-war level.

19. The new defence programme will ultimately necessitate the transfer of some 500,000 workers to defence industries.

20. The Governmen has not relinquished its World War II powers to control the nation's economy. It can still direct industry and control the distribution of raw materials, imports and exports, and has the legal powers to direct labour, if necessary, although these are not being used at present.

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A Letter from the State President

Dear Fellow Members:

Jubilee Day over, we enjoy a brief respite until Congress. I should like to offer a personal note of thanks to all who helped in any way on May 9, including the women’s auxiliary folk who undertook a heavy job of catering. It might not be generally known that the League was responsible for the very long section of the pageant beginning with Mars, God of War, and ending with the Air Force units, a very big task engaging the co-operation of the armed forces and a considerable number of welfare organisations. Jim Craig piloted this effort through with commendable success.

The New Zealand delegation of four very pleasant and agreeable chaps has come and gone. They’ve gone with a most favourable impression of the Branch and State and they will, no doubt, add an extra measure of cement to the Australian-New Zealand relationship. Some of you were able to offer them hospitality. Believe me, it was thoroughly appreciated by them and by us. We in W.A. were underrepresented in the 1950 team to New Zealand. What about 1952?

This is the last issue of The Listening Post in its old form. In July you will receive it in the form of a 16-page broadsheet, the same space in a much less expensive form. You probably won’t like it, just as last year you may have resented the intrusion of a large advertisement on the front page, but it’s all a question of cost. The present form would, for the next twelve months, run us into a loss of perhaps £700. The Executive, in giving consideration to the change, were never in doubt as to the fact that we must have a Branch Journal, and that it must go on. So we cut our cloth to suit the League purse.

This, of course, leads to the whole question of League finance. It’s not a case of difficulty at this moment or the next, but an all-over position in which a constantly spiralling bill of costs is balanced by a subscription fixed in amount and inadequate in amount. And we can’t see the end of it. We on the Executive are most unhappy to see profits from our trad-

in mind. Many sub-branches are already helping Faversham, some with entertainment, some with funds, some with goods. The place is making splendid progress, with steady population from 36 to 40. It is well worth an annual gift from every sub-branch. You have no idea how much both management and veterans appreciate the gesture of remembrance.

It rather looks as if in more prosperous times people are taking for granted that there is less need for help in the educational field. The Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust is as active as ever, and financial help equally necessary. There is a group of men with children who, because of war disabilities, are not sharing the high wages of the day, nor are their pensions great enough to bring them under the Repatriation Education Board benefits. And so our bill for books and scholarships is as big as ever. The women’s units have, in the past, been particularly helpful here.

One of the conclusions of a new State President comes rather quickly in that there seem to be two clearly defined activity groups in the League ranks. In the office, one reads the positive communications from sub-branches, which seem to indicate that a good deal of meeting time goes to working out constructively how certain useful operations are to be put into effect. On the other hand, one can’t avoid a feeling of correspondence that some groups get rather more satisfaction in finding something or somebody to shoot at. No one will deny the need for vigilance, but the constructive atmosphere is certainly the more healthy and promising for sub-branch executives to cultivate. Two questions I’ve convinced must ever test our usefulness: What power are we exercising in our immediate community? What, in addition to direct League tasks, are we putting into that community?

The Minister for Lands has selected Peter Lyon as League representative on the War Service Land Settlement Board. Peter’s record and character are such as to leave no doubt in our minds as to his suitability for a most important job, and we all join in wishing him well.

Congress should be on your minds: your nominations, your resolutions, your delegates. Do try and be represented. This year’s congress must carry a Jubilee flavour and I hope that we can, through our usual good Press publicity, radiate a real note of League statesmanship. This is a year for resolutions of national import and our League must, along with the other responsible bodies of Australia, share in meeting the challenge of the next fifty years.

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Here is an article, written especially for "The Listening Post" by a member of the League, which should cause some comment among those who study the war potentialities of Australia. What have YOU to say on the matter?

From time immemorial it has been customary to think of "armies" broadly in terms of infantry. Despite the foot-slogger's lowly and arduous role a peculiar sort of glamour or romance (not readily apparent to him, however) has grown around him; he is the first and ultimate necessity in any campaign and no victory can be consolidated without him. This last is as true now as it has always been, and so it must appear as an heresy to suggest that in certain contexts our long cherished conception of "armies" in terms of infantry units must make way for services largely comprised of "specialists" with enormously increased "hitting power."

However, I do venture to propound just such an "heresy."

Though the internal combustion engine made its appearance as a new element on the battlefield in World War I, the tempo of warfare even then remained slow and in great part even static. Under the conditions which prevailed vast numbers of infantrymen were involved and destroyed, but the contributions of all combatants, however costly, were an urgent necessity.

In the case of Australia the losses in relation to the number of infantry engaged were inordinately high. Australia being a small nation and not favoured by conditions to expand her population rapidly by natural increase, could ill-afford to lose in killed alone over one-sixth of her total fighting forces. Proportionately, her total losses were greater than those of her allies with larger armies and her population recovery-potential far weaker.

The closing months of World War I, however, foreshadowed a new and quicker tempo, which would characterise future warfare, and in World War II, where mechanised and specialist units had full play, we saw the rapid immobilisation of infantry by capture in immense numbers—first on one side and then on the other.

Now it should not be presumed that I am advocating the total abolition of Australian infantry divisions, These must always have their place, particularly in the smaller theatres of war; but when we take the field in a global war we do so only as components of very much larger forces—coming from countries which can afford to contribute infantry divisions by the dozen. To them a loss of five or six such divisions may be grievous but not an irreparable disaster; to us, such a loss would be catastrophic. To weigh gallantry in the scales against a gally wasteful policy may provide a doubtful emotional consolation, but it has no practical value: we cannot afford losses out of all proportion to our resources.

Our most valuable contribution to a global force must be expressed not necessarily in manpower as in "hitting power" and the same gallantry and ability which has hitherto characterised our infantry can be quite as effectively canalised into channels where this striking force can be developed to its maximum.

We saw the tragic immobilisation of a large army in two short months at Singapore.

Now supposing the striking power of the captured Australian units alone was expressed in air power, it is reasonable to assume that very few would have been taken prisoner and also that very few, if any, enemy transports would have landed offensive forces on the islands and New Guinea.

This, of course, is only an hypothetical illustration, but we find a real one ready to hand. In the Korean war our 77th Squadron was not only able to act effectively from the very start and under its own power, as it were, but its "hitting ability, as has been proved by its record, has been worth that of two infantry divisions. At the worst, and in case of a serious reverse, or even a forced evacuation, the same unit could get away more or less intact, but ready for further action elsewhere when required.

Compare this with all the involved delay, transport arrangements, etc., etc., to get just one infantry battalion into the field, and once again, at the worst, the whole battalion can easily disappear altogether.

In the use of the term "specialist units" I, of course, refer to most military combatant units other than infantry—mechanised cavalry, A/A artillery, radar units, rocket units, paratroops, air forces, navy, etc.

We just cannot afford infantry divisions, with their necessary feeder reserves, until our population reaches the 50 million mark.

I think it will be readily conceded that though the Australian nation is small it is just this same disadvantage which has created in the Australian a genius for specialisation and improvisation. It seems a wasteful policy to fritter away these assets in the expensive roles of infantrymen. The tempo of global war will progressively increase in speed, and we have to remember that we are not striving to collect impressive "Rolls of Honour" but to develop our striking power to the maximum with our very limited resources. It is no more than the simple analogy of one efficient man with a machine gun against 20 men each armed with a rifle. If the analogy seems oversimplified, I would add that I have seen, only too often, one efficient machine-gun crew neutralise the advance of an attacking company.

Another factor which has to be considered is the shipping of infantry divisions across long distances of water. The losses of shipping in two world wars have not yet been made up; such shipping as may be available will be more urgently required by the countries contributing the most divisions; and the hazards of...

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The problems of the Territory are many and varied, and in the main comprise: Administrative difficulties; defence, including formation of native battalions; land settlement; housing; shortage of native labour; war damage payments to natives; infrequent shipping contact with Australia; hospitalisation; lack of educational facilities; and the inescapable fact that Papua and New Guinea are, in many respects, treated as foreign countries.

"The foregoing problems and many others were discussed with all manner of people in all kinds of places during our visit."

"Bomanna Cemetery is in excellent condition, and is receiving the utmost attention from the staff..." The Curator and his staff are to be complimented on every detail connected with the cemetery. When completed, Bomanna should be one of the world's loveliest war cemeteries.

"... We visited the Memorial Cairn on the Kokoda Trail. At the instance of the Moreseby Sub-Branch the grass around the Cairn was being cut and the area fenced. The sub-branch is actively interested in Bomanna Cemetery, and has undertaken the preservation and maintenance of the Kokoda Cairn.

"... We inspected a collection of rapidly deteriorating hutments known as the Lae Hospital. This place just beggars description, and how people in high places can permit its continuance as a hospital passes our understanding. It is primitive and insanitary, devoid of fly- and mosquito-proof netting, and with sanitary installations of a most unhygienic type... most of the walling is of Sisalkraft—even the walls of the maternity ward. In this ward, which by ordinary European standards demands privacy, such a thing as privacy does not exist, as the building paper extends on two exterior sides less than six feet from the floor.

"Staff accommodation is appalling. Doctors, matrons and nurses live in Sisalkraft-partitioned cubicles of a definitely sub-standard character. The whole place has an indescribable smell caused by the peculiar and most disagreeable odour given off by river water, used for most purposes except drinking. This place is a centre for the treatment of Repatriation cases—there was never a front-line hospital nearly so primitive... A resident of Lae has promised to send a film to the Federal Executive. Unfortunately, the film will not be able to capture the smells associated with the place.

"The whole staff is giving magnificent service in the face of great difficulty. We were advised that Mr. Spender inspected the hospital in April, 1950, and that $75,000 would be made available for a new hospital. Nothing has yet been done.

"From the hospital we went to the school, which has nothing to recommend it as an educational centre for white pupils. Children are packed closely together, and a big-hearted teacher is fighting great odds in her task of education. The number of cubic feet of air per white child in the school building is approximately half that which employers are compelled to provide for native labour. There would be a public outcry if such conditions existed in any mainland school.

"The following extracts are made from a report following upon the visit of the Federal President and Secretary to Papua and New Guinea. It is felt by the State Executive that these extracts will prove of more than passing interest.

"Lae War Cemetery... on completion, should be up to the high standard set by the Anzac Agency of the War Graves Commission.

"Rabaul is worried about the preponderance of Chinese in the community. It is estimated that there are 4,000 Chinese in Rabaul..."

"We did not meet one sub-branch member who was not keenly aware of the grave disabilities current in this outpost of Australia. The defence position, or rather the lack of defence, worries them, for they know full well they have an even-money chance, at best, of being in the front line if communist bodies move southward. The branch has been asked to blueprint, for the information of Federal Executive, its ideas and plans for the following:

(a) Defence, including raising and arming of native battalions.
(b) Ordnance of defence units.
(c) Land settlement, including copra, coffee and fibres.
(d) Housing.
(e) Any other matters affecting ex-servicemen in the territory, and territory matters generally.

"Administrative difficulties appear to be caused mainly by distance from Canberra... another factor retarding progress appears to be the fact that Papua and New Guinea are two different areas, one under Australian care and one under a U.N.O. trusteeship... It appears that the Administrator is restricted in his actions by an apparent lack of interest at the seat of Australian government. From information supplied throughout the whole area, it appears that successive governments have given no relief in this direction.

"Many of the very ordinary amenities of life are non-existent. At Moreseby, outside of the two hotels, run by the same interests, it is impossible to buy a cup of tea. There isn't even a boot-repair shop in the town and residents are compelled to..." Continue on page 10.
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send their boots south for repairs — and then pay duty when they are returned:

"Territory residents are concerned at the lack of defensive measures being taken to protect and hold New Guinea. A start is being made in the recruitment of small defence forces — both white and native... Local residents are almost unanimous that a great percentage of the officers should be men with Territory experience. Army, on the other hand, is of the opinion that such experience is of secondary importance, and that the prime requisite of unit leaders is a knowledge of the most modern weapons and how to use them.

"In most parts of the Territory housing is of a poor character... Costs for a decent dwelling are very high. The War Service Homes Scheme or some other scheme applicable to the Territory should be instituted without delay.

"Educational facilities are sadly lacking and no provision is made for secondary education. Children, on reaching the ages of 8 to 11 years, are sent south to continue education — if the parents can afford the airfares, accommodation and other requisite expenses.

"The Territory is almost a foreign country. Almost as many forms must be filled in to enter and leave it as when visiting any foreign country. From the highest resident to the lowest, 'permits' are stamped on every visit to Australia and, in addition, luggage is subject to Customs scrutiny. Free exchange of goods, services and movements provided in the Commonwealth Constitution do not apply to the Territory.

"Our tour of the Territory has firmly convinced us that, on the mainland, there is, generally speaking, an appalling ignorance in relation to post-war conditions in the area and the disabilities suffered.

"It is our firm belief that as many Australians as possible, and ex-service men in particular, should make every effort to visit the Territory and take a personal and understanding interest in this outpost of the Commonwealth.

"All members of the Federal Parliament would benefit by a visit to the Territory and gain a deeper ap..."
Vale: Birdwood and Blamey

During the month of May death claimed two field marshals — Lord Birdwood and Sir Thomas Blamey. Both were prominent in Australia’s history.

In these columns we can give but a brief resume of the careers of these two prominent soldiers.

In December, 1914, “Birdy”, as he was soon to be affectionately known, was selected by Kitchener to command the famous Anzac Corps— Australians and New Zealanders who were to cover themselves with glory and bring the name of Australia and New Zealand to the forefront in every part of the civilized globe and after a short period on Gallipoli and in Egypt he took them to the Western Front, where he commanded them for two years.

The fact that an Englishman became so loved by hard-case Australians is in itself a tribute to Birdwood’s greatness, and when in 1917 he received the K.C.B. and was promoted full general there was no greater pride than that displayed in Australia and New Zealand.

When the Fifth Army was reconstituted after the great German push of 1918, when the Anzacs had done much towards saving the situation at Villers-Bretonneux, Birdwood was placed in charge of it and that army took a leading part in the last phases of the Allied advance in the autumn of the year.

For his war services he received a baronetcy, together with a grant of £10,000. In 1938 he became a baron, taking the title of Baron Birdwood of Anzac and Tothill. In 1920 he took command of the Northern Army in India and five years later he became field marshal and Commander-in-Chief in India.

In 1931 he was elected Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge, although he was not a university man.

Regarding his leadership and popularity with his men, the writer of a leader in The West Australian says: “When he handed over his field command to an Australian, the late Lieut.-General Sir John Monash, in 1918, the Diggers felt that they had lost a friend as well as a great and inspiring leader. He had been their commander on Gallipoli and in Flanders and was better known personally to his troops than most military leaders of equivalent rank.”

A daughter of the late Field Marshall Lord Birdwood, Mrs. Colin Craig, of Peppermint Grove, said after his death that he suffered a stroke in December last, since when there had been little hope of his recovery. At his death he was 85 years of age.

The funeral took place from Hampton Court Palace, three Australian and three New Zealand officers being pall-bearers. In the presence of many old soldiers who served with him, a memorial service was held in St. George’s Cathedral, Perth. The Anglican Archbishop of Perth (Dr. R. W. H. Moline) officiated; the Dean of Perth (the Very Rev. G. T. Berwick) attended as chaplain; and prayers were read by the Rev. L. W. Riley. Another memorial service arranged by the League, was held at Anzac House. Dr. Moline conducted this and an address was given by Acting-State President E. O. Davies.

Sir Thomas Blamey died in the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital. He was 67 years of age. He was the only Australian to become a field marshal, being promoted to that rank while in hospital last year.

After service in India and Britain he joined the Australians on Gallipoli as an intelligence officer. In 1916 he was given command of the 2nd Australian Battalion in France, and in 1918 succeeded Major-General Sir Brudenell White on the general staff. Commander-in-Chief Sir John Monash praised him highly for his work, saying that the orders which he drafted were “accurate, lucid in detail and always an exact interpretation of my intentions.”

From 1922 to 1924 Sir Thomas Blamey was Australia’s military representative in London. On his return to Australia he became Chief of the General Staff. From 1925 to 1936 he was Chief Commissioner of the Victorian Police.

At the outbreak of World War II he was appointed commander of the Australian Sixth Division and his handling of the Anzac Corps during the evacuation of Greece was hailed by Field Marshal Lord Wavell as “one of the greatest feats of generalship I have ever seen.” In 1941 he was appointed Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the British Armies in the Middle East, later being promoted to full General. Upon returning to Australia he became Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Forces.

In 1918 he was created a Companion of St. Michael and St. George, and in the following year became a Companion of the Bath. He was knighted in 1935. He won the French Croix de Guerre twice, the American Distinguished Service Cross and the first-class Military Cross of Greece. He was mentioned in despatches eight times.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) says of him: “He was a magnificent soldier,” and surely there are few greater tributes a man can receive than that.

An Italian-American was busy one day toiling in a trench at the side of a road. He was working so hard that the sight annoyed a man who was passing.

“Say, won, what do you think you’re doing?” he asked. “I digga de ditch,” replied the Italian.

“What do you digga de ditch for?” inquired the other. “To maka da mon,” answered the Italian.

“Why—do you want to maka de mon?” asked his interrogator. “To getta de food!”

“What do you want to getta de food for?” To maka me strong.”

“And why do you want to be strong?” “To digga de ditch.”
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preciation of its problems and see, at first hand, the need for positive action in so many respects.

"Now that the war cemeteries are taking shape, we feel that the Federal Executive should give earnest consideration to the question of organising pilgrimages to Morobe, Lae and Rabaul. With energetic sub-branches on the spot and with an enthusiastsic State Branch in operation, many of the difficulties associated with a pilgrimage to the Territory would vanish.

"Unsuccessful approaches have been made to governments in the matter, but we feel very strongly that, irrespective of whether government co-operation is extended or not, every effort should be made by the League to organise a visit."

WE LEAD IN ENLISTMENT FIGURES
Western Australia is still well ahead of all other States in recruiting for the C.M.F., enlistments totalling 2,314 in a quota of 4,098. Victoria has 4,993 enlistments in a quota of 17,647; Queensland, 3,139 in 7,647; New South Wales, 6,662 in 17,803; South Australia, 1,921 in 4,666; and Tasmania, 569 in 1,799.

YOU CAN HELP
The R.S.L. Memorial Band hopes to visit Ballarat in October, to compete in the Jubilee Band Contest. Members of the band have already raised £600 towards expenses and hope to eventually make this at least £1,000.

But more money is urgently needed. The band is not subsidised by the League, neither does it receive financial assistance generally.

The State Executive authorises an appeal for funds and it is hoped that our readers will respond to this in a generous manner.

Donations may be sent to Anzac House.

THEY SAY...
"My sincere appreciation for space in the last Listening Post."—F. J. Pearson, Bedford-Morley Parks.
"Congratulations on editing such a splendid paper, and best wishes for your continued success."—F. K. King, Bicton-Palmyra.
"Best wishes from the Albany Sub-Branch for the continued success of your excellent magazine."
**PERSONALITIES**

- Capt. H. L. Howden, R.A.N., Naval Officer-in-Charge, Fremantle, who was to have retired on July 3, will now remain at his post, it is announced, for a few more months. Acting-Capt. F. Bryce Morris, R.A.N., who is Captain of the Dockyard and Deputy Superintendent, Sydney, will be Capt. Howden's successor.

- State President Tom Sten has been visiting sub-branches at Kalgoorlie, Boulder, Coolgardie, Salmon Gums, Norseman and Esperance.

- Miss Mary Meares, M.B.E., of the State Executive, told this one recently with her usual smile: "The broadcast commentator on Anzac Day," she said, "mentioned my name and said I had been attending these functions for over 50 years." To the accompaniment of loud laughter she added: "I think I should resent a remark like that."

- Mr. G. H. Yates, M.L.A., of the State Executive, recently attended, as this State's delegate, a meeting of the Federal Executive in Melbourne.

- Mr. P. W. Lyon, one of the League's country vice-presidents, was recently accepted by the Minister of Lands as the League's representative on the Land Settlement Board. Mr. Lyon is certain to do a first-class job in this post.

- Johnny Funk, who needs no introduction to our readers, is to be allowed to settle in Australia. Mrs. Funk, who has been holidaying here, recently returned to British North Borneo. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Funk is attending school in this State.

- Jack Appleby has been elected assistant secretary of the Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch—an exceedingly apt selection.

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**ON THE H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY"**

Deck handlers on board Australia's aircraft-carrier, H.M.A.S. "Sydney," rush out at the double to secure the plane, disengage the landing hook, and position it for another take-off.

- Mr. R. C. West, of the Mt. Lawley-Ingwelood Sub-Branch, was recently elected, unopposed, as the Inglewood representative on the Perth Road Board.

- John Walton has been appointed treasurer of the Kensington Sub-Branch in succession to Jim Nash who, on account of studies, had to relinquish the position.

- Cliff Sadlier, V.C., of the Subiaco Sub-Branch is, we understand, transferring to Busselton. Cliff should be a decided asset to any sub-branch.

- Mr. J. H. Fisher, publicity officer of the Maylands Sub-Branch, is at present in the Royal Perth Hospital. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery to health.

- Chas. Joyson, secretary of the Dwellington and Districts Sub-Branch, is another keen League worker who, of late, has been on the sick list. Chas. also has many friends who will wish him all the best.

- Roy Milne, of the Scarborough Sub-Branch, is, they tell us, doing a great job in keeping sub-branch members up to the scratch in sports events.

An American tourist went into a dimly-lit bar in South Africa. When his eyes became adjusted to the darkness he saw on a stool beside him a perfectly formed human being in uniform, but only six inches high. He started until the bartender spoke up in a broad Cockney accent.

"Don't you know the Mylor, sir?" he asked, reaching across the bar, picking up the little fellow and placing him on the bar. The tourist shook his head.

"Speak up, Mylor," the bartender said. "Tell the Yank about the time you called the witch doctor a bloomin' quack."
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convoying such forces may be greater in the future. Australia as a major food-producing country automatically becomes a priority target. Though actual invasion may be a very remote possibility, a submarine blockade can be a very likely probability. We may for a time have to rely entirely on our own war industries, and rather than have large numbers of men absorbed in 'infantry divisions which cannot be got away, such man-power at least cannot be absorbed by the specialised services can be diverted to war industry.

As for a "Home Defence Army," other than a sufficient force ready for dealing with enemy sponsored elements already within the realm, such an army (if we are thinking in terms of infantry) is meaningless. Australia is too vast to be effectively defended by as many such divisions as we can muster from our small population. Here again our most effective defence will devolve on the navy and air force. These two are, broadly, the two "baskets" into which we should put most of our "eggs."

We have the men, we have the quality and we have the natural conditions to create one of the world's most powerful air forces; but have we the flexibility of outlook and vision to discard archaic conceptions of what constitutes the most effective defence force, either in itself or as a powerful component of a larger allied force?

* * * Success in love consists not so much in marrying the one person who can make you happy as in escaping the many who could make you miserable.

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

CHAISITY, J., Railway Workshops Sub-Branch; late Rifle Brigade.
CLARKE, F. E., City of Perth Sub-Branch; late 12th Bn.
GILFILLAN, J., Kunnunoppin Sub-Branch.
GLEGNOR, W., Boulder Sub-Branch; late 2/28th Bn.
GREAVES, W. T., Gloucester Park Sub-Branch.
HACK, G. G., Highgate Sub-Branch.
JACKSON, A. C., South Perth Sub-Branch.
McPARLAN, F., City of Perth Sub-Branch; late 14th Bn.
MOLLER, O., Boulder Sub-Branch; late 28th Bn.
MULLIGAN, R. A., Boulder Sub-Branch; late R.A.A.F.
O'NEILL, J., North-East Fremantle Sub-Branch.
OWEN, A., Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch.
POLLARD, H. R., City of Perth Sub-Branch.
SMITH, T. E., North-East Fremantle Sub-Branch.
UREN, R. L., Boulder Sub-Branch; late 16th Bn.

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According to the 1950 World Motor Census, the number of cars, trucks and buses in actual operation in 147 countries and territories of the world reached a record high total of 62,463,794 on January 1, 1950. This is a gain of 4,100,000 vehicles over the January 1, 1949, figure.
Repatration Visits

At the May, 1950, meeting of the Federal Executive, resolution No. 18 was: "That the chairman of the Repatriation Commission be requested to approve an extension of the Commission's instruction, which allows the issue of a free travel warrant to the next-of-kin of Repatriation patients who are either seriously or dangerously ill, to include the same issue to the next-of-kin of the patient who has been an inmate of a Repatriation institution for a continuous period in excess of one calendar month, providing that such next-of-kin resides outside the recognised suburban boundaries of the capital city in which the institution is situated. That such free travel warrant be granted at monthly intervals, while ever the member is continuously an in-patient."

The Repatriation Commission now states: "For many years there has been, in the case of married men only, provision for the wife and child of a patient whose condition is such as to render it inadvisable for him to avail himself of prolonged leave privileges, to be granted free travelling facilities to visit the hospital twice yearly (one every six months), a second-class railway fare, limited to £2, being allowed for each visit for the forward and return journeys and an allowance of £1/1/0/- towards expenses—twice yearly. A child over the free-travelling age could be granted a half fare, limited to 20/-, for the forward and return journeys."

Ministerial approval has now been given for the following concessions to be granted to certain relatives of a patient whose condition is such as to render it inadvisable for him to avail himself of prolonged leave privileges, and provided the patient does not go on leave to visit relatives.

"Three times yearly (once in every four-month period) a full ordinary second-class return warrant may be granted to the patient's wife and child, or, in the case of a woman member, husband and child, or, in the case of an unmarried member (male or female), widow or widow, the father or mother or other close relative or fiancé(e) nominated by the patient, to enable them to visit the member at the institution. In addition, an allowance of £1/1/0/- (towards expenses on each occasion) may be granted.

"The term "child" is ordinarily intended to apply only to an infant who could not be left by the mother, and consequently the amount of £1/1/0/- is the maximum amount that may be allowed towards the total expenses of both persons, except that in instances where the child is over the free-travelling age, a half fare, second-class warrant for the forward and return journey may be provided."

"The provisions abovementioned apply only to patients, relatives, etc., residing outside the metropolitan area of the capital city."

It will be seen from the above that the concessions remove the restriction "married men only" and increase the number of visits from two to three. Restrictions on the amount allowable for the cost of the rail warrant have been withdrawn.

Sub-Branch Directory

BRIDGETOWN: Secretary now H. Harmer.
BULLFINCH: President now M. Gillett; secretary, F. D. A. Reid.
CANNING DISTRICT: President now J. R. Godfrey.
CAPEL: President now N. Dyer.
CHIDLOW: President now C. E. Newman; secretary, J. N. Taylor.
DUMBLEYUNG: President now J. L. Ward.
GOOMALLING: Secretary now A. J. McGany.
KULIN: President now D. R. Francis; secretary, V. O. Williams.
MT: MAGNET: President now N. Burrows; secretary, M. McSwain.
MULLEWA: Secretary now I. T. Greive.
PITHARA: President now H. Aldridge; secretary L. Flood.
YANDANOOKA - MINGENEW: Secretary now J. W. Campbell.
YORK: Secretary now D. R. Birch.

- A pacifist is a man who can take part in a peace conference without getting into a fight.
- An ounce of suggestion is worth pounds of command.
- Germs or no germs, kissing is dangerous. It has put an end to a lot of bachelors.
We publish herewith a list of nominations for the State Executive (State President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees and Executive members). The data has been prepared by Headquarters and is so framed as to give all nominees as equal representation (and space) as possible.

Where service to League and war service particulars are not given, these were not received from the nominating sub-branches when this journal went to press.

STATE PRESIDENT

DAVIES, E. O. Service to League: Present State Vice-President; member State Executive; 7 years president North Perth Sub-Branch; 3 years president Corrigin Sub-Branch. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by North Perth.)

STEN, T., M.A. Service to League: Present State President; member State Executive many years; president York and Narrogin Sub-Branches; hon. secretary Beverley Sub-Branch. War Service: 44th Battalion, 1914-18. (Nominated by Highgate.)

VICE-PRESIDENTS

CHANLEY, F., A.F.C. Service to League: Present State Vice-President; member State Executive. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by City of Perth.)

CRAIG, J. F. Service to League: Present Chairman of Trustees; president Midland Junction Sub-Branch 4 years. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Melville.)

DAVIES, E. O. Service to League (see under nominations for State President). War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Maylands.)

KEELEY, B. Service to League: Present member State Executive; life member for services to Mt. Hawthorn/Sub-Branch; past president Mt. Hawthorn and Kensing- ton Sub-Branches. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Mt. Hawthorn.)

LONNIE, W. S., M.C. Service to League: Present member State Executive; president Subiaco Sub-Branch. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Subiaco.)

STAHL, F. J., D.C.M. Service to League: Present Trustee; member State Executive; president North Perth (2 years); past president Yannah (2 years); past president Glenoran. War Service: 1914-18, 1939-45. (Nominated by North Perth.)

STODDART, R. J. Service to League: Present member State Executive; solicitor. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Press.)

TRUSTEES

CRAIG, J. F. Service to League (see under nomination for Vice-President). War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Midland Junction.)

DAVIES, E. O. Service to League (see under nomination for State President). War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by North Perth.)

GREENHAM, Dr. J. I. Service to League: Present member State Executive; vice-president Midland Junction Sub-Branch. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Ex-Servicewomen.)


STAHL, F. J. Service to League (see under nomination for Vice-President). War Service: 1914-18, 1939-45. (Nominated by Ex-Servicewomen.)

EXECUTIVE

ANDERSON, J. M. W. Service to League: Past State President; president Nedlands Sub-Branch. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Nedlands.)


BELTON, P. Service to League: President Mt. Lawley-Inglewood Sub-Branch 3 years. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Mt. Lawley-Inglewood.)

BENSON, D. M. Service to League: Present member State Executive; ex-State Secretary. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Highgate.)

BROWN, W. R. (Nominated by Melville.)

CHANLEY, F. C. Service to League (see under nomination for Vice-President). War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Mt. Lawley-Inglewood.)

CRAIG, J. F. Service to League (see under nomination for Vice-President). War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Midland.)

COMPTON, J. H. (Nominated by Gosnells.)

DAVIES, E. O. Service to League (see under nomination for State President). War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by North Perth.)

DAVIES, R. L. (Nominated by Collie.)

EDMONDSON, T. S. Service to League: Present member State Executive; State President 1933-34; secretary Claremont - Cottesloe Sub-Branch 1918-19; president Nedlands Sub-Branch. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Nedlands.)

FERGUSON, C. G. Service to League: Present member State Executive; ex-Assistant State Secretary. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Mt. Lawley-Inglewood.)
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FITZHARDINISGE, J. B. Service to League: Late member State Executive. (Nominated by Highgate.)

GEARY, W. E. (Nominated by Carlisle.)

GORDON, G. W. Service to League: Vice-president Subiaco Sub-Branch. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Subiaco.)

GRAVES, F. N. Service to League: President Mt. Lawley-Inglewood Sub-Branch (2 years). War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Mt. Lawley-Inglewood.)

GREENHAM, Dr. J. I. Service to League (see under nomination for Trustee). War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Midland.)

HAYLES, H. B. Service to League: President Public Service Sub-Branch. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Public Service Sub-Branch.)

HOLDER, H. G. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by City of Perth Sub-Branch.)

HUCKSTEP, V. A. B. (Nominated by Carlisle.)

HULLETT, A. Service to League: Present member State Executive; president and hon. secretary Maylands Sub-Branch. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Maylands.)

HUNT, W. J., M.B.E. Service to League: Past State President; present member State Executive; president Quairading and Perth Sub-Branches. War Service: 1914-1918; 1939-43.

INMAN, R. A. Service to League: President Maylands Sub-Branch. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Maylands.)

JAMES, W. J. Service to League: Present member State Executive; president North Perth Sub-Branch. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Mt. Hawthorn.)

KEELEY, B. Service to League (see under nomination for Vice-President). War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Mt. Hawthorn.)

KLEEMAN, C. Service to League: President and vice-president Shenton Park Sub-Branch; Life Member of League. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Shenton Park.)


LINDSAY, A. H. Service to League: Secretary Maylands Sub-branch; assistant secretary Midland Workshops Sub-Branch. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Maylands.)


LONNIE, W. S. Service to League (see under nomination for Vice-President). War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Subiaco.)

MACNAMARA, S. H. Service to League: President Subiaco Sub-Branch (two periods); also secretary and treasurer. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Subiaco.)

MANSBRIDGE, W. O. Service to League (see under nominations for Trustees). War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Mt. Lawley-Inglewood.)

MEARES, MISS M., M.B.E. Service to League: Present member State Executive; first president Ex-Servicewomen's Sub-Branch. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Ex-Servicewomen.)

MOORE, R. Service to League: President Subiaco Sub-Branch. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Subiaco.)

MORRISON, J. C. Service to League: President Public Service Sub-Branch. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Public Service.)

OVERHUE, W. P. Service to League: Country Vice-President; president, vice-president Corrigin Sub-Branch. (Nominated by Corrigin.)

PARKS, L. J. Service to League: President Public Service Sub-Branch (3 years). War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Public Service.)

RILEY, Rev. W. Service to League: President Dalwallinu Sub-Branch. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Mt. Lawley-Inglewood.)

STATH, F. J. Service to League (see under nomination for Vice-President). War Service: 1914-18; 1939-45. (Nominated by North Perth.)


STODDART, R. J. Service to League (see under nomination for Vice-President). War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by Highgate.)

WALMSLEY, J. B. Service to League: Present member State Executive; vice-president South Perth. War Service: 1939-45. (Nominated by South Perth.)

WATT, E. S. Service to League: Present member State Executive; assistant secretary Mt. Lawley Sub-Branch; president Press Sub-Branch. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Highgate.)

WHITE, J. B. Service to League: Vice-President Mt. Hawthorn. War Service: 1914-18. (Nominated by Mt. Hawthorn.)

WOOD, R. D. (Nominated by Highgate.)

YATES, G. H., M.L.A. Service to League: Recent member State Executive; president South Perth Sub-Branch. War Service: 1939-45.
SUB-BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Albany

A Year's Work

In common with almost all sub-branches, Albany has very many members who live miles away from their native home. These members naturally long to hear some news of the progress of the "best sub-branch" and, when a local magazine is lacking, The Listening Post is the natural source of news.

Albany this year has shown a very progressive instinct, and under the guidance of energetic committees led by President Les Booth (reported to have originated in Kalgoorlie), have kept the Queen City of the South well on the map. One of our best efforts this year was Poppy Day, when our entire quota of 2,000 poppies and 200 stickers was sold. Surely this is a record that any sub-branch could be proud of.

Our success on Poppy Day was due in no small measure to the efforts of two suburban members, Harry Martin and Harry Timms (does anyone know them?). It is good to know that even on holidays, old Diggers will answer the call. Another good helper was a Boer War bloke (who prefers to remain anonymous), who started about 7 a.m. and knocked off when all poppies had been sold.

The annual dinner was one of the best for many years and over 150 sat down to an excellent repast. Visitors from Denmark, Mt. Barker and the metropolitan area were entertained. The sub-branch charter was presented in a very moving manner by a member of the State Executive, Mr. Bradshaw. It is to be hoped that this very able speaker will be present again this year, as he reflects great credit on the League.

Another successful function was the annual Victory Ball which added substantially to the sub-branch funds. A further money-spinner, and one which is recommended to all country members, was a stall at the local show. This was our first attempt, but the results showed that the efforts are well worth while financially.

We suffered an unfortunate loss when our treasurer (Ray Ridgeway) was transferred to Perth, but we know that whoever ropes Ray in has secured a grand worker and one whose heart is in the League.

Another innovation that shocked the old-timers was a Diggers' Golf Day. This is now established as a permanent feature, especially as a slight profit was shown. It is understood that a Gallipoli-type named Metcalfe was doing well until issued with something by one known as E. (Lamb's) Fry.

Anzac Day was well up to the standard of former years, if not better, and President Les Booth's speech was outstanding. The Marshall will be known by many members of the last two wars — Arthur Wright, D.S.O., M.C.

This month we are conducting a ladies' night, and the social committee is sparing nothing to ensure the success of the evening. After all, the ladies deserve it, considering what they have to put up with all through the year!

That's all the news for now; it is hoped to make a regular feature of these notes. If you have read this far, mention the fact to the secretary when you send in your sub. (yes, 1951 subs. are overdue) and he will tell me. So long for now, and keep regards from all at Albany.

Bassendean

Anzac Day Service

"After the bugler had sounded the Last Post the Dawn Service had ushered in yet another Anzac Day, and as the first rays of the rising sun fleeingly illuminated the inscriptions on the Bassendean War Memorial before it rose clear of the horizon the stage was set for another glorious Day of Remembrance. Disburising light and warmth, the clear sun also dispelled the doubts of many of the sub-branch after the terrible weather of the previous Monday."

The Marshal (Sgt. Ross Elliot, of the Australian Regular Army) called for markers, and as the parade moved off to a stirring match played by the R.S.L. State Band, led by Drum-Major Wragg, it was indeed a glorious sight. Behind the band came the Bassendean Sub-Branch, followed in order by the Legion of Ex-Servicemen, the Bassendean Fire Brigade (known throughout Australia), Boy Scouts' Association, Cubs, Girl Guides, Brownies, Girls' Friendly Society, the Church of England Boys' Society and the Bassendean Rifle Club.

The service was opened by the chairman of the Bassendean Road Board (Mr. J. Smallman), and Mr. P. Baker (our president) gave a short address. Mr. Hubert Parker, M.A., was also present. The band accompanied the service and Mr. Baker expressed our thanks to Miss Joy Saunders for her past services and hoped she would continue in future years.

After the service in the hall the parade moved to the Monument where, after Retreat, the wreaths were laid and followed by Reveille with the honours being paid by the Colour Party of the Boy Scouts' Guard of Honour. Following the singing of the National Anthem the parade was dismissed.

From the service to the R.S.L. Hall, where the annual reunion wound up a glorious day. As mascot, the drum-major's son (Kevin Wragg) was there in all the glory of a full drum-major in miniature, and when his mother introduced him to me he was as sure-of-himself as was his father when leading the band. Kevin, by the way, is two years of age. During the reunion cornet solos were rendered by Reg. Abbott, assisted by Drummer P. Redwood.

The reunion was ably assisted to success by Joe Lamb, Doug. Henwood and Bob. Barter. Thanks, chaps, and thanks are also offered to our sergeant of police (Sgt. Adshead) who controlled the traffic, and as there were 200 in the parade and over 1,000 in the crowd gathered in and around the main road, he did a great job.

All the old-timers who have seen Anzac Day services in Bassendean for years past assured me that it was the best-conducted and most stirring service they had ever seen here.

J. THOMPSON.

Bedford-Morley Parks

The life of the sub-branch is ever showing itself in some form or other each day, each week, and as another month ends for the publication of these notes there seems so much to report to the interested Listening Post readers that it is just the question of how much time and space left to let you have it.

The mention in last issue that this sub-branch does not "camouflage its ceiling" is certainly borne out. There
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is quite sufficient scope and big field of interests within its activities to cater for all tastes, and it can only be sheer apathy or illness as causes for absenteeism. For instance, in brief: At the four past Tuesday nights since last issue: Wed., April 24 our mixed social and games night showing continuously popular. May 1 management committee whereat the business of the branch kept a dozen or more stalwarts seriously thinking (no, not drinking!) until a late hour.

May 8 annual smoke with the League presentation of the charter by Eric Davies, State V.P., and Bill James, State Executive. The occasion was fittingly described by old "Bill" when he expressed his great pleasure in experiencing the true ring of sincere fellowship throughout and this...personal atmosphere can only mean that the past and present presidents and Executive had had to be a high standard to create it such as he had felt it tonight.

On the following day was the Jubilee Day. The sub-branch had previously determined its action and with the co-ordination and personal efforts of executive of the Youth Club produced the 'float.' It was a gorgeous living effigy of God's own nature of floral life and conveyed our youth in their physical splendour.

This was followed by sub-branch A.R.M.S. games at Riley's Hall on the 16th, where we met South Perth in competitive games. Again the hall was our home for some 60 or more members of the League to meet in a fraternal contest. On the 18th May the Youth Club conducted the official raffle draw and the first prize went to a cripple boy and our thanks to all who assisted in making this effort a wonderful success.

The women's auxiliary are still anxious to join up more members.

F. J. PEARSON

Bicton-Palmyra

At the present time our proposed Memorial Hall is exercising the minds of members, particularly as some have seen the recent splendid effort of Shenton Park Sub-Branch which received a visit from us a few weeks ago.

Since the sub-branch became the proud owner of a ½ acre building site on the south-west corner of View Terrace and Point Walter Road, Bicton, a lot of thought and a little action has been given to the methods and means of constructing what is intended to be a permanent war memorial in this district where, at present, there is nothing of this nature to honour the fallen of past wars.

Not only has a sketch of the proposed building been approved by members, but preparation of the necessary plans and specifications has also been placed in the hands of a leading firm of Perth architects. Therefore members are requested to note that the time is not too distant when they will be called upon to sacrifice a few hours of their week-ends in a busy bee. This will afford an opportunity for a practical display of that keenness so apparent at our gatherings.

The healthy state of the sub-branch's finances are due to our energetic committee which is behind Secretary F. Hadden in all his money-making projects. It is also our good fortune to possess a vigorous and helpful ladies' auxiliary which is deserving of our sincerest thanks for their splendid efforts and co-operation.

Vice-President Arthur Jaggs has a bright new idea to do with making kiddies' toys, and all interested are asked to contact Arthur and help with this scheme, which promises to be a highly successful venture.

Our sick visitor (Mr. Norman Woods) is very busy at present as quite a few members are on his list, and we are sure that his visits will be of benefit and help to speed their recovery.

Remember our meeting nights. The second Tuesday of every month and at the Bicton State School. Remember, also that the ladies' auxiliary meets at the same place and the same night—after the meetings—an excellent supper; so, members, bring along your wives or lasses and enjoy a social evening after the meetings.

K. KING

Bridgetown

At a committee meeting held on February 27 it was decided to celebrate the gratuity payment in two ways. Firstly, by presenting a trophy for the local trotting meeting (held on March 3) and, secondly to turn on the refreshments at the next meeting of the sub-branch. Also all committee men were told to bring along some of our sly members. The result surpassed all expectations, as 76 members rolled up on March 6. A most enjoyable evening ensued and following an ingenious system of voluntary contribution employed by Messrs. Workman and Long, the sub-branch had its general fund showing a substantial increase.

Various meetings in Bridgetown on April 3 lowered the attendance at our own, but by the end of the evening nearly 40 members had turned up. As there was to be a bivouac for the local C.M.F. and adjoining units the following week-end, the sub-branch decided to hold a barbecue in order to entertain them. The women's auxiliary was also invited and it was a great pleasure for the sub-branch to return a little of the hospitality of which we owe so much. We were fortunate with the weather, and though the evening was a black-out to begin with, lights eventually arrived and from then on everyone appeared very happy.

Over 600 people taxed the capacity of the Bridgetown hall for the Anzac Day service. Addresses were given by the president (Mr. H. Rowan-Robinson) and Lieut.-General Sir Henry Wilcox, who both stressed the need for further training and preparation in defence. Over 100 ex-service men took part in the march and they were followed by units of the C.M.F., A.T.C., Guides, Junior Red Cross, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs.

Special thanks must go to the ladies of the Red Cross who, after the ceremony, entertained ex-service men and their relatives to afternoon tea.

We are glad to state that the extensions to the R.S.L. have commenced and are slowly but surely taking shape.

E. S. SMITHARD

Bullfitch

An election of officers was held at our last meeting. April 22. President, Merv. Gillett; vice-presidents, R. Chidgey and P. Gray; hon. secretary, F. D. A. Reid; treasurer J. McLeod; entertainment committee, G. O'Mara, T. Ward, R. Chidgey, C. Van Der Wiel and A. Hoffman.

Anzac Day: Owing to shift work on the mines no service was held, but a smoke social was held in the evening with great success.

The president opened the evening with the first toast, "The King,"

He then called on Colin Scott, who gave an outline of the ups and downs of the sub-branch and also said that...
A. REID.

**Dawling Range**

We are well under way with the A.R.M.S. games and members are showing a keen interest in the competition. Of the two games so far played, we have been victorious on both occasions, the results being 8 to 6 against the Midland Workshops Sub-Branch and 6 to 4 when opposed to Kensington.

On the latter occasion, interest was maintained until the very last moment, as victory for the night hinged on the final dart game (3 a side, 601 up) and it was anyone’s game (a neck-and-neck) right through, with Kensington very unlucky (missed pegging out by a wire) and Dawling Range fluking it at the death-knock.

Sub-Branch meetings are still held on the third Tuesday in each month, so come along and be in it.

E. N. WOODWARD.

**Dwellingsup and Districts**

Anzac Day march and service was held at Dwellingsup in brilliant sunshine; about 30 veterans of three wars took part in the march, with medals flashing in the sunlight. They marched with a steadiness and bearing which reflected great credit on all concerned.

Mr. A. Hills as marshal had charge of the parade.

The service was held in the hall and was conducted by the Rev. Hodgkin. President Frank Wills gave the address and Mrs. F. McSweeney kindly officiated at the piano. Wreaths were placed on the Honour Board by the sub-Branch and women’s auxiliary. About 120 citizens attended the service.

Local veterans were pleased to see Tom Rice, a veteran of the Boer War and World War I, attending.

After the service members gathered at the partly completed club rooms for a convivial glass and a yarn of days gone by.

Sub-Branch activities are generally in a healthy condition. The last meeting saw a really large amount of business transacted although we are sorry to say our popular secretary, Chas. Joynton, has not been 100 per cent lately. However, all members wish him all the very best.

Considerable hostility was expressed when it became evident that some people are contemptible enough to attempt to use the sub-Branch for political purposes.

The building of the club rooms is proceeding slowly but well, and I would like to make a sincere appeal to all members to roll up during the week-ends and lend a hand at the building. Remember, it is your own building, for your own pleasure, so come along and help those half-a-dozen really splendid members who have worked so hard and unselfishly for the benefit of all members of the sub-Branch.

**Ex-Service Women’s**

The sub-Branch has been fairly active during the past few months, and though the membership is not quite as large as last year there are still some outstanding subscriptions.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. B. Quinn as a new member, also Mrs. J. Ivimey who served with the South Africans, and Mrs. Lloyd.

Miss Birch has been ill but we are glad to report that she is on the road to recovery.

Miss Gibson is still in hospital, where she has been for many months. We trust that it will not be very long before we can welcome her back to our meetings.

We extend our deep sympathy to Miss W. Howard, whose father died recently.

The Anzac Day luncheon was a great success. We entertained 270 disabled ex-servicemen to luncheon after the parade. This luncheon allows the men to meet those they have not seen since the last parade. Sir James Mitchell and Mrs. Rae attended, also the New Zealand delegates, together with Mr. and Mrs. Sten, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Chaney.
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Every second month five of our members serve supper at the meeting of the Blinded Ex-Servicemen. Every three months we hold a social at Lemnos where supper is served by members who entertain the men who enjoy both modern and old-time dances.

On April 21 we held a most successful jumble sale, the proceeds amounting to £30/7/1.

We hope in the near future to hold a raffle (with the permission of the Lotteries Commission) and a bridge drive, and hope that other sub-branches will support us in these efforts.

To show our appreciation to the T. & P.L., who allow us to use their rooms for our meetings, Miss Meares, Miss Croxton, Miss Peers and Mrs. McQueen made new curtains for the rooms, the material being donated by the Red Cross. We are extremely grateful for the work these members did and to the Red Cross for the material.

It was unanimously decided that Miss Mary Meares, M.B.E., should be our representative to congress. In the event of her being unable to attend, Mrs. Dowson or Mrs. McMann would take her place.

M. M. FORD.

Fremantle

Anzac Day parade and service in Fremantle was held in most favoured weather and was probably the most successful effort ever.

The Dawn Service was conducted at the Memorial by Legacy and was well attended. The wreath-laying followed and continued during the day, presenting a beautiful floral picture to those who flocked to inspect them.

The main service was preceded by the parade, which was in charge of Lieut.-Commander H. B. Hatten, R.A.N. (retired), as chief marshal.

Moving off at 3 p.m., with the mounted police leading, they were followed by incapacitated men in cars. The Western Command Band, under Bandmaster James, headed the march, with the Fremantle Highland Pipe Band in an intermediate position.

The various units marched in order of precedence, with 500 Princess May High School girls bringing up the rear.

At the memorial reserve the salute was taken by His Excellency the Governor, who was received by the president and His Worship the Mayor.

The Revs. F. T. Bush, A. Stephenson, E. C. Sweetman and Major Jones (Salvation Army) conducted the religious part of the service.

The president (Alex Bracks) gave an outstanding address and was commended by Sir James Mitchell and the State President (Tom Sten) who represented the State Executive.

A guard of honour, drawn from the three services, gave the scene the martial aspect one associates with an Anzac service.

The day before, Fremantle had the pleasure of entertaining the four New Zealand delegates over for our Anzac Day services.

The Mayor of North Fremantle (Les Charlton) gave a reception in the Mayor's Parlour at 9.30 a.m., where the going was very willing. From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. the bulk handling of wheat was inspected. From 11 a.m. to noon Elder Smith's wool store was next on the list, which was much appreciated by them.

The Hon. Sir Frank Gibson then tendered a civic reception in Fremantle and the Mayor's Parlour was a very animated scene for the next hour where the usual eulogistic references were mutually offered and accepted. Our guests enjoyed luncheon at the Freemasons Hotel, where Merton Day, our oldest host, did us well. It was after 2 p.m. when we bade them cheerio, and they still had the pilgrimage to the Swan vineyards to do. But they were good men and, as good men go, they went!

H. G. WILSON

Glen Forrest

Anzac Day was fittingly solemnised by a well-attended service held in the local hall. Prior to the service, 22 members formed up and marched through the township, receiving a great ovation from onlookers who lined the route.

The Rev. J. Watts, of Mundaring, ably conducted the religious side of the service and an address most suitable to the solemn occasion was delivered by the president (Mr. E. Matthews).

Wreaths were laid on the Honour Board of World Wars I and II by representatives of the sub-branch, the women's auxiliary and several local organisations.

The service was followed by a much-appreciated buffet tea, in the preparation and serving of which the ladies played a leading part.

The sub-branch is progressing favourably, membership continues to increase and attendances at meetings are very encouraging indeed.

M. S. BARR.

Kensington

Again we report very successful meetings. Interest is still being maintained and members are very keen.

The A.R.M.S. games are now in full swing and the sub-branch teams are doing all that was expected of them. Our first engagement of the season against South Belmont resulted in a win for Kensington.

The second engagement against Darling Range was not so successful. Both teams were level at the conclusion of the games and it took a six-handed game of darts to decide the issue. After each team made several attempts to peg out Darling Range was eventually successful and thus ended a really exciting and interesting game.

By some mischance our rifle has gone astray and we are in possession of one that does not belong to us. Where our own rifle is, no-one seems to know. We are asking sub-branches to check up.

Our membership figures continue to rise and new faces continue to appear at every meeting.

The sub-branch consists of about 90 per cent. younger members and its affairs are being conducted on the right lines. President Bill Robertson is still doing an excellent job and the members are 100 per cent. behind him. Our members are all of the one class and the good fellowship and comradeship is excellent. There is a great future ahead of the sub-branch.

July meetings will be held on the 3rd and 17th.

Mandurah

Anzac Day was observed very impressively at Mandurah. As in past years our boys were honoured at the flag-staff under the shadow of our emblem, and wreaths were placed.

Between 50 and 60 returned Diggers marched and attended the ser-
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There was a large attendance, it was pleasing to note. Mr. Brian Manwaring (sub-branch president) gave the address.

In the course of his remarks he paid homage to all those who had paid the great sacrifice and spoke of the nation's effort in upholding its traditions. He also gave a very nice interpretation of three different sections of Anzac Day:

1. Remembrance to those who had lost their lives.
2. The maimed, many of whom are old Diggers still here, and the younger ones who will carry their afflictions for many years to come.
3. A way of reunion, the enjoyment of comradeship and getting together, comparing old times both good and bad.

After the service the women's auxiliary members served supper for the sub-branch members to which all visiting League members were invited.

The singing of God Save the King brought yet another Anzac Day to a close.

The monthly meeting was held on May 7 in the Road Board Hall. Only moderate attendance was there. Brian Manwaring (president) was in the chair.

Quite a lot of business was attended to including a date given for a plain and fancy dress ball run in conjunction by women's auxiliary and support from the sub-branch.

It was decided to give the women's auxiliary a social and dance as some way of showing our appreciation of the very fine manner in which they have worked during the past year. The social is to be held on June 8, ladies to be the guests of the sub-branch. Mr. Peter Hickey attended the meeting, he being out of Hollywood for a few days.

A letter of thanks is to be sent to Mr. Fitzgerald for all the good work he is doing for our comrades who are sick and not able to look after their own business. Mr. Hickey explained that nothing was as trouble for this great gentleman. "Good on you." 

HARRY BAIRD:

Manjimup

So far 203 members of the sub-branch have become financial, 20 of whom subscribed on Anzac Day. The occasion was one of the most successful to date when following the impressive parade, a get-together was held in the R.S.L. Hall. Thanks to the unstinted generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Clowes, of the Hotel Manjimup, nothing was left to be desired. Member Dolph showed his generous hospitality in a practical way and Mrs. Clowes excelled with the food she provided for afternoon tea, so much relished by the members who had come long distances to attend the parade. The sincere thanks of the sub-branch go to these good people, and the occasion was marked with a small gift to Mrs. Clowes as a token of members' appreciation.

It has been decided that membership of the funeral fund be contingent on continuous membership of the R.S.L. and that on failure to pay membership dues fund membership lapses and is not renewable. Member subscription to this is 5/- p.a. and £15 is paid to next-of-kin on death.

Mr. H. J. Rogers, organiser of the Manjimup Easter Sports, reported that a satisfactory profit could be anticipated, from which it was decided to make a donation of £10 to the women's auxiliary for their help in catering. It was also decided to donate two guineas to the newly formed Manjimup Volunteer Fire Brigade towards its equipment appeal, so that it will quickly reach the "efficiency" stage, whereby the sub-branch will benefit from lowered fire insurance premiums on its hall.

The sub-branch is following up a line of inquiry in the hope that it will be able to introduce a miniature rifle range for members.

R. MONEHOUSE:

Maylands

This report commences with a résumé of our Anzac Day service. We had the usual large and representative gathering of all members of the community. The floral tributes were beautiful and it was pleasing to know and observe that the people—high and low—still appreciate Anzac Day and all that it stands for. Old mates met again, some, of course, not since last Anzac Day, but it was good to see them.

Arthur was missing, in a dugout of his own, somewhere with the NZ's. Joe arrived a wee bit late, due to a series of mishaps, and Tom had to leave early during the get-together, but Seph very capably wielded the gavel.

The following night, Thursday, 26th, was sparsely attended. The highlight of this evening was the good form shown by Joe and Vic in a housing debate which was very interesting but, of course, it did not produce houses.

May 10. We had a good attendance. I was late myself due to the fact that I met Jack Brown, one of our trustees, who is just out of hospital; also a mate of ours, Joe Mulhall, who went into Hollywood on Friday, May 11. Cheer up, Joe; I am writing this in bed in R.P.H. don't think I will see you this Thursday, May 26.

Ah well, I have survived the dog-watches and am now able to argue with all the little girls around me. Young Lawrence came to light with come food for thought on this night, and that is what we want—plenty of constructive criticism from you young fellows, but you must join up and come along. Remember that you are still in the minority.

Cheerio to Harold Keylock in Hollywood all this time.

J. H. FLISHER.

Moora

The sub-branch commemorated Anzac Day with a march through the streets, followed by a service at the Road Board Hall where the president of the sub-branch gave an address. After this a further short service was held at the War Memorial where wreaths were placed by the sub-branch, road board and other public bodies and also by private people. The men then marched past the Memorial, saluting it, and a short and simple but dignified service was completed.

There was a fair attendance of returned soldiers but a poor response from the public; What about it boys? Make it a 100 per cent attendance next year and bring your relatives and friends. It's a day worth remembering.

Several members of the sub-branch represented Moora at the 19th District Council reunion at Miling. This was a very pleasant and worthwhile function and Miling is to be congratulated on the show they put on.

Our annual cricket match against the Moora association is now a thing of the past. It was very much enjoyed and we would ask the younger members who made up the team to come and help us at our meetings.
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We lost a good friend and loyal helper when Mr. Timms resigned as secretary of the road board and left the district. We wish him and Mrs. Timms all happiness in their new surroundings.

The members of the recruiting committee report good progress in the forming of a militia unit in Moore.

Mr. Kuhl has been appointed our representative on the Dr. Myres Memorial Committee in place of Mr. Gardiner, who resigned the position.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Amenities Hall. Next meeting we will have to consider resolutions to be submitted to the annual League Congress.

G. L. GARDINER.

Mosman Park

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, April 24. Paddy Cowroy occupied the key position in the chair. Much good business was brought forward and many good arguments took place with satisfaction to everyone present.

Reports from the various sub-committees were submitted, the most pleasing was that by Charlie Olsen of the auxiliary fund-who, with his co-conspirator Steve Hammond, is doing a very excellent job for the sub-branch, and with a little more active assistance from some more members could again improve.

Regular sports nights are being held on the second Tuesday in the month and, by the attendances, are being appreciated by all.

The usual dart club meeting is still being held on Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

FRANK MCCORMICK.

Mt. Hawthorn

May meetings were very well attended. The sub-branch Anzac Day parade and service were again a great success.

Our thanks are extended to Rev. Coleman, Major O'Neil, Bugler G. Gilmour, Miss Nell Shortland Jones, Mrs. E. Keeley, Mrs. Deering and others who assisted. Our special thanks are due to the Perth Highland Pipe Band and the marshal of the parade (Mr. B. Keeley).

In the A.R.M.S. games we defeated Claremont on May 16. The Claremont Sub-Branch put on a really splendid show, particularly at supper time—our thanks to the Wives Auxiliary.

The following have been nominated for the State Executive: Messrs. B. Keeley, W. Jones, L. Lowe and J. White. Our membership now stands at 503. New members include A. Bowran, S. T. Dillon, B. M. Keeley and J. H. Pickering.

We regret to record the passing of Messrs. Whittley and Owen, of Glenbough; also Mrs. Willis, mother of sub-branch member Charlie Willis.

Our next visit to the Children's School will take place on Sunday, June 3. We visit Victoria Park for a social night on July 6.

Osborne Park

The Coastal Scottish Pipe Band once again headed our Anzac march from the R.S.L. hall to the Agricultural hall where our commemoration service was held. Members of the Mr. Hawthorn Boys Scouts and Cubs, the local St. John's Ambulance cads, St. John's Ambulance Brigade, the Legion of Ex-Servicemen and many members of Yokine and this sub-branch were present. The hall was packed with local residents, the service being conducted by the Rev. Sumpton, the local Anglican minister, and the address was given by Mr. Smoker of the local Baptist Church.

Mr. J. Greenshields (our president) also gave an impressive address, most fitting for such an occasion.

Wreaths were laid at the foot of the Honour Roll and Mr. Tomsitt played the Last Post and Reveille.

Mrs. D. Neil lead in singing Land of the Hope and Glory while Mrs. A. Glassboy played the piano. At the close of the service the columns reformed and marched back to the R.S.L. Hall. This was a notable occasion for Mr. Bob Baker, who was presented with a Certificate of Service in recognition of his work in the sub-branch over a number of years. This came as a complete surprise to Bob, who thanked the president and said that his efforts would continue as in the past. The guests were entertained with items from the pipe band whilst enjoying refreshments.

At the well-attended meeting on May 2 the president thanked all the members and supporters who had assisted in making our Anzac celebrations so successful. May 8 was an outstanding day for the R.S.L. ladies' committee, for on that day they became a sub-branch of the women's auxiliary. The well-attended meeting was honoured by a visit from Mrs. Stockman (State President) and Mrs. Sherlock (State Secretary), who gave those present some useful advice and stressed the benefits to be derived by forming the new sub-branch. Nominations were called and the following officers were elected: President Mrs. P. F. Stephens; senior vice-president, Mrs. K. Bradwood; junior vice-president, Mrs. J. Greenshields; secretary, Mrs. W. Sim; and treasurer, Mrs. F. White.

Meetings to be held monthly, the next meeting being May 30.

At a well-attended meeting on May 16 our secretary, Jean Hubley, was elected to represent us at congress and items for same were discussed. It was moved and carried, with aclamnation, that Messrs. F. White, W. Sim and F. Stephens be thanked for their work in sanding the floor of the hall on the 13th inst., which has greatly improved the appearance of the hall. The president welcomed Mr. Scotty Gloag, a visitor from Derby Sub-Branch, and also a new member J. Mitchell. It was decided to continue the usual Friday evening euchre parties for this month and introduce bridge next month in aid of the building fund.

There was a meeting of the Big Four at Yokine-Joondana Sub-Branch on May 23 when members competed at darts, quoits and table tennis. The results being:

Osborne Park, 4 points; Yokine and Scarborough (to play for second place), 2½ points; and North Beach, 1 point. Scarborough winning both quoits and table tennis. During the evening Mr. F. Tredway was farewelled by members of the various sub-branches. Mr. Dollard proposed a toast to the originator of the Big Four movement, stating how Mr. Tredway's idea had been the means of bringing the four sub-branches so much closer together. Messrs. Hall and Hendston, of North Beach, also said a few words and Mr. Fred Tredway suitably responded. All members present thoroughly enjoyed the evening and thanked Yokine for their wonderful hospitality.

H. S. FLOAT.

Returned Sisters

At the last meeting of this sub-branch held on May 3, Miss Clifton (vice-president) took the chair and 28
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members were present. Miss McDonald reported on the last visit of members to Lemnos and explained how much the patients appreciate our visits. Misses White, Stephenson and McDonald to visit this month.

Mrs. Potter reported on the laying of the wreath at the Dawn Service and the secretary advised that 24 Sisters marched in the parade.

Seats were reserved near the dais for members needing same.

Two committee meetings have been held in the past fortnight in order to make arrangements for the float depicting "Army Nursing Cadet" and its being organised in conjunction with the Returned Ex-Servicewomen's Sub-Branch for the Jubilee procession on May 9, Uniform worn by the A.A.N.S., V.A.D. and A.A.M.W.S. during the past half century will be on display, and the letters "R.A.A.N.C." to the fore, showing that these services are now formed into the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps. Members were also reminded of the kind invitation sent us by the Shenton Park Sub-Branch, inviting members to a social evening in their new hall on May 16, and a number of those present signified their intention of accepting this invitation.

A nice new rubbish bin, the gift of Miss Skuthorpe, was shown to members, who requested that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to the giver of such a useful gift. Mrs. Lungey reported on the fortnightly bridge parties held in the club room and it was decided that this year apart from the money needed to send 12 food parcels to England to ex-service Sisters for Christmas, this fund would be for the benefit of the club room. It was also decided to buy a Venetian blind for the window, leaving the purchase of new curtains until a later date.

At the close of the meeting our guest speaker, Miss Darbyshire, was introduced and gave us a most interesting talk on the League of Health and Beauty, at the close of which Miss Clifton moved a vote of thanks.

ENA FOLLAND

Scarborough

Once again a "successful ladies' night" was held on April 5. This function is attracting a larger attendance of men, too, and is becoming the most popular event.

The ladies' committee, led by Mesdames Bowe, Halnan and Snaden, is already arranging the annual bazaar to be held on Saturday, August 18. To attend to the outdoor side-shows, a men's committee comprising Messrs. B. Blanchard, G. Wood, V. Quayle, R. Burroughs, E. Eastwood and K. Rainer has already got cracking.

The Big Four met for the second competition at Osborne Park but once again we carried too much weight and fell back rapidly in the run to the judge. Osborne Park and North Beach tied with 7½ points, Yokin 3, Scarborough 2½. Roy Maline appears determined to bring about a change and the other night had us in solid training on bumping boards in darts and quotes.

A. W. BROWN

Shenton Park

It seems a long time since sub-branch notes have appeared, but with so many other duties to perform your scribe may appear to have been lax, but such is not the case.

On April 18 we entertained members and their wives of South Perth Sub-Branch and a most enjoyable evening was had by all, and we look forward to meeting them again. Approximately 60 to 70 attended.

Anzac Day: At 7.30 we instituted our first laying of wreath ceremony at the doors of the Memorial Hall. The president (C. Kleeman) placed a wreath on behalf of the sub-branch.

Mrs. McLellan (vice-president of women's auxiliary) on their behalf; members of outside organisations also participated.

Bugler Goff played the Last Post and Reveille and the ceremony was carried out with solemnity and dignity.

The attendance of members and the public was very gratifying indeed, and we hope for a much greater attendance next year.

Carrying out our policy of goodwill and the hand of friendship to sister sub-branches, we entertained the Returned Nurses Sub-Branch on May 16. Over 100 people attended and a marvellous evening was celebrated by dancing and musical items which gave great heart to the committee. Opportunity was taken to make presentations to the president (Cliff Kleeman) on whom the honour of life membership has been conferred. This was done by Mr. Fred Cheaney in the absence of the State President (Mr. T. Sten).

Barney Keeley (member State Executive) also hung a photo, beneath the charter, of the president in recognition of services rendered to the sub-branch by him.

Mr. W. S. Lonnie, on behalf of the State Executive presented to the sub-branch a framed photo, of the official opening of the Memorial Hall, inside of which is mounted the presentation key. Mr. Kleeman suitably responded.

We would like to point out that June 20 is the night we entertain Nedlands Sub-Branch, so book this date.

There are still a few unfinancial members. Wake up, can't you hear us calling. THE ROUND MAN.

South Perth

It is with great regret that the death of Mr. Com. Jackson is reported. Com. Jackson will be long-remembered.

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Two meetings of the executive were held in May and both were well attended.

Hospital Visiting
R.P.H.: Mrs. Young reported that 308 bedside visits have been made during the month, all ex-service men receiving comforts.

Hollywood: Hollywood Hospital has been paid bi-weekly visits by auxiliaries, accompanied by a member of the State Executive, and cakes, cigarettes and reading material distributed to patients.

All other homes and hospitals have been visited during the month and comforts distributed.

Official Visits
April 18: The State President and State Secretary attended combined social at Anzac House.
April 19: The State President and State Secretary guests of Carlisle Auxiliary at the birthday party.
April 22: The State Secretary, accompanied by members of the State Executive, visited C.H.I. and distributed comforts.
April 24: The State President and State Secretary attended civic reception for Miss Sair.
April 25: The State President and State Secretary attended Dawn Service at War Memorial and at 11 a.m. were present at the Anzac Day Service on the Esplanade.
April 29: The State President and State Secretary accompanied Diggers from C.H.I. on an outing to Mt. Helena.
May 4: The State President and State Secretary were guests of Kensington Auxiliary at the first birthday party.
May 8: The State President and State Secretary attended the first meeting of Osborne Park Auxiliary.
May 14: The State President and Mrs. Randall were guests of Northampton Auxiliary at a dinner.
May 15: The State Secretary was the guest of Katanning Auxiliary at a combined party.
May 20: The State Secretary attended Diggers’ tea at West Leederville.

In Passing
We extend a hearty welcome to new auxiliaries—Wundowie and Osborne Park. We hope that they will have a successful career.

Conference: This annual event draws near and the dates are 10th, 11th and 12th July. We look forward to meeting friends old and new.

Deductions

Glen Forrest
The R.S.L., in conjunction with the women’s auxiliary of Glen Forrest, made arrangements for our very own Anzac service on April 25.

Our men (23 in number) assembled at a given point and began marching to the Glen Forrest Hall at 2.45 p.m. The Rev. Watts opened the Anzac service at 3 p.m., and to see our hall full of people, to hear their voices rising in such unison, to sing the hymns of the service, was truly something to remember. The president of the Glen Forrest Sub-Branch (Mr. Mathews) and the president of the women’s auxiliary (Mrs. W. Wadsworth) placed wreaths on the honour roll. Private wreaths were also placed.

After the service the R.S.L. members and their families were served with a buffet tea, which was a credit to the R.S.L. and the women’s auxiliary.

It was really wonderful to see the members and their families, people of the district and some visitors from Darlington all together, paying tribute to our fallen heroes on such a glorious day.

VIDA MEREDITH.

Lake Grace
Our annual meeting took place on March 2 with a good attendance. Those elected were: President, Mrs. H. Chappell; vice-presidents, Mesdames Jennings and Walker; secretary/treasurer, Mrs. Ellis; executive committee officer-bearers, Mesdames Dyke, Walsh and Darby; auditor, Mrs. D. Elliott.

The balance sheet of the Jubilee Ball held on January 1 was read to the meeting. This showed a nett profit of £32 which went to swell the local war memorial building fund.

It was decided that auxiliary members would serve morning tea in the hall supper-room on Anzac Day following the service in the hall.

Our membership now numbers 32 and it is pleasing to note the young members joining our ranks.

Afternoon tea was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

P. I. ELLIS.

Victoria Park
Two well-attended meetings have been held since our last report, both presided over by Mrs. Ames.

Hospital Visiting: Mesdames Cassells, Tolmie and Coleman have visited Edward Millen Home with cakes, sweets and reading matter on behalf of the auxiliary.

On Monday, May 14, we drew our raffle, and the first prize went to Mrs. Lyons, Corinthian Road, River town (ticket No. 1242); second prize (ticket No. 1463) to C. H. Pass, 93 Webster Road, Nedlands.

On Wednesday, May 23, we will be the guests of the sub-branch on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of our Memorial Hall being opened. Several of our members are assisting in the afternoon with the supper arrangements.

L. A. COLEMAN.
On the preceding Sunday the impressive service at St. Colombus Catholic Church was well attended by members of the sub-branch and the women’s auxiliary. The sermon was given by the Rev. Father O’Callaghan, ex-priest of Tobruk. Monsignor McMahon was assisted by an ex-member of each of the three services in uniform. At the end of the service Monsignor McMahon graciously donated the collection to the sub-branch amelioration fund.

On Sunday, April 29, members attended St. Mary’s Anglican Church at the invitation of the Rev. Guest. The president (Mr. Walsley) laid a wreath during the service.

Sixty members attended on Thursday 26th to welcome the New Zealand delegations to the Anzac Day ceremony in West Australia. Mr. Picket, of Tasmania, who achieved his ambition to march in an Anzac Day parade in every State, was also welcomed. Members and visitors voted it a grand night. Our thanks to Mrs. P. Smith who provided an excellent supper.

The ladies’ night on May 10 was an enjoyable evening. Opportunity was taken during the evening to present to Mr. Kevin Hirst the ball with which he took 13 wickets for 24 runs. The ball was mounted on a wooden stand and had a silver shield. Our thanks to the artists and all who helped to make the show a success.

We regret to report that the following members are, or have been, in hospital: Messrs. K. R. Waters, L. P. Gentili, E. H. Mickle, S. J. Salt and T. J. Skeggs. It is hoped that all these members will soon be about again.

The following new members are welcomed: Messrs. F. W. Parker and M. Bentley.

June 14 and 28 are the next meetings. The latter is the annual general meeting.

S. WILBUR.

Subiaco

Our local Anzac Day parade was very successful; the attendance (in conjunction with Shenton Park Sub-Branch) looked good, the proportion of younger men was high and everything passed off well. The little function in the hall, a pleasant interlude in which we welcomed the Federal member for the district, the Mayor of Subiaco and State Executive representative was, as ever, well at-
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