SPECIAL ANZAC DAY ISSUE

"We shall Remember
while the light is yet,
And in the night time
we will not forget."

LEST WE FORGET

As we remember, with deep gratitude those who suffered pain and gave their lives for us; let us resolve to do all in our power to preserve the freedom we hold today.
Some Denmark Settlers In Parlous Position

Some ex-service settlers in the Denmark district are in a parlous position and not likely to survive their troubles without special assistance.

The chairman of the land committee (Mr. J. F. Milne) visited the district in company with the State President (Mr. Deaves) and Mr. H. G. Holder recently, and in consequence of what he had seen was arranged to interview the deputy-chairman of the Land Settlement Board (Mr. Barrett) as soon as possible.

Denmark could be another Karridale, he said. Some of the settlers there were practically without food, though admittedly others were doing fairly well. The latter were mostly tradesmen who were able to get out and keep going from time to time.

Mr. Milne said that the authorities here had inspected some of the tenants and he seemed to him to be impossible without assistance of some kind.

Sub-Branch Hopes At Jerumungup

A sub-branch in the process of formation at Jerumungup should have an excellent chance of success, settlers said to a meeting of the State Executive recently.

Ex-service settlers at Jerumungup were all very keen to form a sub-branch, Mr. Freezer said, and would soon have a hall. The reason why they had not formed the sub-branch earlier was the lack of that facility.

There were 22 settlers in the district at present, with another 50 due to arrive within a month or two. Although not everyone in the district was an ex-serviceman, many were recently returned.

At the previous meeting of the executive the Mr. D. Dargie (a member of the membership committee) reported having discussed the formation of about 20 settlers in the district.

As we all went marching on with "Old Nick"

They took us out to Gypo Land, some ten thousand miles from here, And dumped us in a training camp, "called Tel-el-Kebir," Mr. Freezer said. It turned out that soldiering it wasn't "quiet warfare.

But still we marched along with "Old Nick." The job was long and weary, and the track was hot and long.

We left a lot of good old pals behind in Sinai, and little wooden crosses show the places where they fall, They may their souls go marching on with "Old Nick!"

Our ranks are getting thinner as the long years pass on. We see a lot of old men marching now on Anzac Day, but the spirit of the old Gun Squadrons still the same today.

As we marched along with "Old Nick!"

Faversham Chairmen's Notes

Continued Support For The Home

Thanks to the great generosity of country sub-branches the "Home's" need for fodder for the livestock has been supplied and, at the time of going to press, there are sufficient reserves to carry on for several months.

Once again the committee expresses its deep appreciation of the magnanimous response to the appeal to country friends, especially considering the fodder shortage owing to the weather conditions that have prevailed in the State.

On Sunday, March 25, members of the Returned Servicemen's sub-branch paid a visit to Faversham and entertained the veterans with music and card games, and supplied an excellent afternoon tea.

Donations

Sub-branches and well-wishers continue to support the "Home" and our veterans in practical ways. The March list, which follows, proves this:

Aust. Red Cross Society, Kondinin S.-branch, 12 bales hay, 20 bags grain; Dr. Munro and Misses H. Rushton and Co., Brookton, periodicals; Balgup S.-branch, Mr. Harvey S.-branch, clothing; R. Darling, Balingup, books; J. Hobby Morgan, Moora, F/5; Red Servicemen's S.-branch, cakes, cigarettes, books, playing cards; York Red Cross branch, cakes, fruit and vegetables.

Sub-Branch In Drive For Slow-Learners

Under the inspiration of its hard-working president Bill Cunningham, the Geraldton Star's sub-branch has set a date for March 28 to help the slow-learning children who, year again, very successfully made a successful function indeed.

The local M.L.A., the popular Bill Sewell, and Mrs. Sewell, made their lovely garden available for the occasion. Local organisations such as mothers and fathers' organisations, the public library and a number of business-houses rallied the round the sub-branch.

As a result of this part too, the "listening Centre" effort about 150 went to the Geraldton Slow Learners' Group towards the cost of a proposed Centre for these children.
ANZAC DAY AND THE LEAGUE

As the Anniversary of the day upon which Australia was born a nation approaches once more, our thoughts turn again to those gallant comrades who sleep upon the breezy slopes of Gallipoli, the burning sand dunes of the desert, and in the muddy fields of France, Flanders and other battle fields. We call to mind those hosts of gallant fellows who fought so well and fell, in the heat of battle, to their death, and we feel that this day should be, for ever kept sacred to their memory, to be a day, not so much of sorrow (though that is ever present) but of pride in their achievements, when by dying they wrote upon the Scrolls of Time the name of Australia in its splendid letters.

We feel that a sacred charge is laid upon us to keep the memory of their deeds for ever green, and at the same time to do all in our power to see that those who returned to Australia, disabled by wounds and sickness have meted out to them, that good treatment which they were promised when going upon Service.

We know that nothing that can be done for the men who lost their health and strength at the war, will ever compensate them fully for their loss.

Although we may be receiving pensions we must not forget the long fight we have had to get these pensions assessed on a reasonable scale. We must remember that eternal vigilance is, in our case, the price not of liberty alone, but of our very existence. Only by unity can we hope to achieve our ends. Every member of the League can help, no matter what his ability or disability may be, to do honour to our fallen comrades and to let the public know that we are still existing as a united organisation.

Some men who fought with the colours ask: "What has the Returned Servicemen's League done?" It has secured the national observance of Anzac Day; and, if it had done nothing else, this achievement alone is one that must redound to its lasting honour. The deathless valour of our comrades on that Anzac Day, and on all the long perilous and hazardous days since, have raised nationalhood upon Australia and endowed it with authority to stand as a sister sovereign state by the side of the sovereign states of the earth. When the great deed was accomplished Australia was beside itself with pride, and boundless was the honours bestowed upon its heroes and politicians. Captains of commerce and industry, the worker at the lathe and the anvil, paid to the men who fought. The deed now belongs to yesterday.

No spoken or written word can help us in our fight for remembrance of the sacrifices made, and ex-servicemen should be only too pleased to help our less fortunate comrades through the League, which has only one basic object—the proper treatment of the returned men and their dependants, and the dependants of those who will never come back.

The Anzac Day Eve Service For Children

The ceremony for school-children held at the State War Memorial last Anzac Eve for the first time is to be repeated again this year.

At a recent meeting of the State Executive permission for this was asked (by letter) and obtained by the Director of Education (Dr. P. L. Robertson). During discussion on the question the State President said: "This is one of the outstanding services in Australia. The League is highly privileged to grant authority for a similar ceremony."

Last year's ceremony was attended by several thousand metropolitan school children and broadcast to schools throughout the State. A feature of it was a 300-voice choir.

New Lighting At War Memorial

The lighting of the State War Memorial has been renewed.

The work was decided upon by the technical service of a State Electricity Commission engineer, and was commenced several weeks before Anzac Day. It was focused on to the cross on the west face of the memorial.

This was reported to the State Executive by the Assistant State Warer (Mr. E. C. Townshend), Mr. Townshend, who is also a member of the Memorial Committee, members of the League, has been set aside for the work.

Question of Honour: Service

For KelMSCOTT

Mr. E. C. Townshend, a league Trustee, will give the address at the Anzac Day service at the Kelmscott War Memorial. This has been arranged by the Kelmscott sub-branch of the State Executive. The sub-branch is attempting to persuade every eligible ex-serviceman to become a member of the League. The service is to commence at 3 p.m.

The big public observance of Anzac Day comes but once a year, but in the comrade ship of the Anzac Digress observe a little ceremony of remembrance daily by gathering reverently round the framed model of the State War Memorial that hangs on the wall in the clubroom, and reflecting quietly for a few moments. On Sundays the ceremony is held at 5.30 p.m., and on other days at 9 p.m. This picture of the observance was taken on a recent Sunday.

Anzac Day Services In Suburbs

There will be local Anzac Day observances in most suburbs this year as usual. Particulars of services supplied in time for publication in this issue were as follows:

Maylands: Fall-In at rail-station; morning service, 6.45 a.m.; wreath-laying at memorial, 7 a.m.; service in the Maylands Town Hall, 3.15 p.m.
Mosman Park (Combined Service): The combined parade and service for the Mosman Park, Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Glenmore Park districts will be held as usual with the following timetable:
- Assembly (Mosman Park R.S.L. Hall) at 2.15 p.m.; markers 2.25 p.m.; fall-in 2.30 p.m., March via Monument and Lochee streets to Memorial Park for service (3 p.m.) conducted by the Rev. Canon C. A. Walsh, City of Perth Regimental Band will participate.

The Unveiling Of The Plaque At Nealdens

The Nedlands R.S.L. Sub-Branch, in conjunction with the Nedlands Municipal Council, will hold an unveiling and wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the Anzacs War Memorial (corner of Warren St. and Birdwood Parade) at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 20.

A new plaque, in memory of district members who fell in World War II, will be unveiled by the State President, W. S. Lonnie, M.V.O., M.C.

The citizens of Nedlands, Dalkeith and Claremont are invited to attend, and after the official wreath-laying, relatives and friends are invited to lay wreaths to the fallen.

The R.S.L. band will take part in the ceremony. Ex-service men and women are asked to wear medals and decorations.

The Wearing Of Uniform On Anzac Day

Uniform of all Defence Service personnel may be worn on Anzac Day this year.

There is a standing arrangement for the wearing of uniform by ex-Naval personnel on the occasion. Permission has been obtained by the League for ex-members of the Army and Air Force to do likewise in 1958.

This was reported to the State Executive recently.
Governor Coming To Functions
The Governor (Lieut-General Sir Charles Gairdner) has signified his intention of being present at the Anzac Day parade on the Esplanade this year. His Excellency has also accepted an invitation to the Anzac Eve Dinner at Anzac House.

Honour Roll For Memorial
The Commonwealth Government has approved the erection of a Roll of Honour at the National War Memorial, Canberra. The honour roll is to include the names of the fallen of all wars. The names are to be inscribed on bronze plaques, and tenders for the work are to be called at an early date. Information to this effect has been received by the State Executive from the League's national office.

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GoOMALLING'S £25,000 Pool
Crowns Long Effort

“Without any shadow of doubt the most valuable thing to go into this pool was the voluntary effort which has made it possible.”

The Premier (Mr. Hawke) said this when opening the £25,000 Goomballing War Memorial Swimming Pool last month.

The pool was an investment in the young people of the district, he said. “Over 1,000 people gathered for the occasion.

Welcoming the visitors, who included representatives of the R.S.L., the Public Works Department and other honouring local authorities, the chairman of the Goomballing Road Board (Mr. J. W. Waterhouse) said the pool crowned the efforts of district residents over many years. Thanks were due to them, and also to the Government and officers of the P.W.D. for the considerable part they had played in the project.

The pool had its origin at a meeting called by the local R.S.L. sub-branch in 1946, which resulted in the formation of a swimming pool association which had been busy ever since the project through to its conclusion.

The pool association’s achievements over the years its president (Mr. M. B. Royall) told the gathering at the official opening that the original target had been set at £5,000.

For fund-raising the committee continued the running of speed classics. Then, in 1954, a Popular Queen competition had been held and netted £1,000. A year or so later the State Government had announced that it would subsidise swimming pools by a third up to £10,000.

Subsequently a direct approach to residents of the district for donations had brought in £5,000 within a few weeks.

The local road board and the P.W.D. had collaborated fully with the association, the P.W.D. undertaking the actual construction of the pool and the installation of the filtration plant. That had meant a big saving to both the association and the board.

Of the £25,000 represented by the completed pool, the association and the State Government had each contributed. The voluntary effort in plant hire and manpower had been estimated at £10,000.

Eighty-five per cent of the cost had been met before calling on the road board to find the balance.

The association had done a really first-class job—members had met as often as fortnightly over a long period. Many of them had neglected their homes, farms or businesses to pursue the fund-raising efforts.

Speaking on behalf of the State branch of the League’s members and also said he thought the pool must promote goodwill and was a fine memorial. He called on the people to use it to spare a thought—each time they played bowls that had made the Stadium Service. It had won for the war and its victims, he said, the pool might be able to have been completed.

The memorial was dedicated at a service conducted by the Rev. M. Kirby of the Inglis and the Rev. M. Kirby.

Naval Men Given Taste Of Country Life

Through the co-operation of League headquarters and rural sub-branches, a number of visiting personnel were given an opportunity of seeing country life in this State recently.

Six of them (from H.M.S. Cavalier) were guests of the Murray sub-branch over a period of five days. Members and residents of the district were out in force to see the way they went about their own welcome.

On arrival the visitors were met at the station and taken for a swim at Ravenswa.

From then on their itinerary was a busy one, with the following highlights: A visit to Fairbridge Farm; a trotting-meeting as guests of the Racing Club; an inspection of Brownes Ltd.; a milk treatment plant at West Coolup; a car trip through Waroona and Hamel; game of bowls as guests of the Pinejarra Bowling Club; an inspection of the Banksiaide timber

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THE P.M. TOASTS A LEAGUE

Speech made by the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister of Australia (Mr. R. G. Menzies) at the R.S.L. banquet at the Hotel Canberra in honour of British Empire Service League delegates on February 17.

Your Excellency, Sir John, Sir George, Sir, whoever you may be, and all the rest of us, I was very interested to be introduced tonight as Mr. R. G. Menzies because, as much as it may surprise you, this is not the first occasion in my life on which I have had to make a speech, and in London, as many of you know, they usually have a gentleman with a red coat who is the Master of Ceremonies and is supposed to come right through it from A to Z—you know, "Pray Silence," "My Lords," "Your Excellencies," "Your Honours," etc. etc. etc.—until they reach my own level.

One of the most popular of these people in London many years ago, being a Scot, and therefore fully persuaded that there was not a "Menzies" but "Mingies," rushed across just as he was about to call me and said: "Excuse me, Sir, but will I announce you as Sir John, or just by your proper name?"

Great Event

Sir, this is a great event most honorably and properly on this morning. Not often, it is true, that you have a gathering of delegates from different countries opened in Canberra, which was once offensively described by a visitor as "six villages in search of a city" opened by Her Majesty the Queen, and then mentioned in a British Colonial Empire, Limited, which has in our recent lifetime moved out of the Commonwealth. One of them is a preparation of this moment, and Sir George Holland, Burra, but Burra is here. There are other countries of the old Empire who have become Republics. Her Majesty the Queen still be Britain, and the Commonwealth, not only in the countries concerned, many of who are not in that great and mighty task which I have heard that the Burmese are very anxious, as no doubt they are individually as are the Australians—and the Canadians—I hope nobody will always remember, and I address myself particularly to Lord Mountbatten, who has had so much to do with this matter; I will always believe that it was a great occasion. In common with you, Sir John, I hope that it struck me most forcibly: "This is the B.E.I.S.—Not to vociferate, but to address the great phrase, a great phrase; nobody knows more about it than the President in Australia not to vociferate but to address the great phrase, a great phrase, somebody else of having written it, but one phrase in it struck me most forcibly: "This is the B.E.I.S.—Not to vociferate, but to address the great phrase, a great phrase; nobody knows more about it than the President in Australia.

Remarkable

This to me is the most remarkable Commonwealth gathering that has ever occurred in Canberra. 29 men, from 23 different countries, some of whom live in Australia, and many of you, I am sure, do not know each other. It is a remarkable journey, and I hope you will each of you take care to look at it with the eye of history, some of whom live in Australia, and many of you, I am sure, do not know each other but you will come together so that we shall close what is going on in the Commonwealth. These are tremendous things, and after this morning when we were brought round here, and we were given suitable lubricants, if that is the right word, and I argued about cricket with South Africa, who put in an extremely poor performance, a pleasant word with my friend from Trinidad about the dubious reputation of Pakistan and how we were having fun, we all got together, and I think it was something out of the box. And so it is, because we are all as a rule in this life and I say this in the presence of my distinguished opposition— we are all so busy examining our differences, and putting up rightfully, I will be convincing to our own supporters, about the things that we are all so interested in— not to forget, that on all the things we are all so interested in— not to forget, in this world matter, the great issues of freedom, and the great understanding which we have much in common, is the more time we exacerbate our differences.

A Privilege

And therefore, Sir, it was a great privilege for me, last night, to speak to an audience of men, all of them, as Sir John mentioned, and some of them, who come from 23 different countries of the old Empire who have become Republics. Sir George Holland, Burra, but Burra is here. There are other countries of the old Empire who have become Republics. Her Majesty the Queen still be Britain, and the Commonwealth, not only in the countries concerned, many of who are not in that great and mighty task which I have heard that the Burmese are very anxious, as no doubt they are individually as are the Australians—and the Canadians—I hope nobody will always remember, and I address myself particularly to Lord Mountbatten, who has had so much to do with this matter; I will always believe that it was a great occasion. In common with you, Sir John, I hope that it struck me most forcibly: "This is the B.E.I.S.—Not to vociferate, but to address the great phrase, a great phrase; nobody knows more about it than the President in Australia not to vociferate but to address the great phrase..."
P.M. TOASTS A LEAGUE—Contd.

a pressure group. It could be so easy to say: Well, we have interests, and these are contrary to the interests of the many of the people. So easy to make this matter of conflict of interest a battle, and I am bound to say for the League in Australia that I think it has handled this matter of interest to perfection. Never abating its views but never becoming a party to the battle, and I am bound to say this, I say for everybody here, because we are not. here, the representatives of militaristic countries—the soldier, the citizen, and the man who has been a soldier becomes the best kind of citizen; not a separate group but an element, an element which forms the groups of society, and through all political parities and through all political parties for the sake of honesty and service and patriotism.

Great Things

This properly considered, is the greatest thing that has happened in Australia. I am bound to say when either the R.S.L. or the R.S.A. or the R.S.M. will come to be regarded as something which makes its demand and its force on the people, if it was separate and isolated, but it is part of the people but from within them. It speaks in reality for every family, for every man, for every group of friends, it speaks for people who are the very stuff of the nation, and therefore it is an element and not a conflicting thing, an element which will not

Sir. I am proud to say that in Australia we have, what I called, the R.S.L. or the R.S.A. and the R.S.M. has been in office—they have lived on intimate terms of friendship, and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and understanding and 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Civil Defence Today

Personal Protective Measures

By H. G. Holder

In the last two articles I explained the threat of nuclear warfare, and now I will deal with personal protective measures.

I wish to emphasise that in the event of a nuclear weapon exploding in a city, although many thousands of persons will be killed there will be many thousands of casualties who will require assistance. With a properly trained competent medical staff, personal protective measures casualties will be reduced. I wish to be clear in assisting this fortunate patient.

The personal protective measures which must be carried out when there is immediate danger from a nuclear attack will now be briefly explained.

Heat Radiation

In the event of sufficient warning for people to take cover, any form of building such as a sheet of galvanised iron or a covered trench—will suffice although it should be made clear that such protection will not necessarily be of any value against the effects of blast and immediate gamma-radiation.

Since the heat rays travel in straight lines, anyone outside the direct path has complete protection from them. But the heat is capable of penetrating the rays to penetrate deeply, any form of cover—a fence, brick wall or the earth will afford excellent protection. If caught in the open and there is no cover, it is not readily possible, by facing face downwards and shielding the back of the neck with one hand one achieves a considerable degree of protection. If in the home or at a work, the glass is then a similar action should be taken, by covering it. If possible, being near a window to eliminated the danger of injury from the glass. Glass is all that follows after the heat.

Dark-coloured clothing will withstand the heat, whilst light-coloured clothing will reflect it and thus prevent the wearer of light-coloured clothing, loose-fitting and preferably of a woollen texture rather than cotton, will do much to help.

Exposed skin—hands, arms, legs, etc.—should be protected with the wearing of a hat will protect the head. It should be noted that although the heat rays last for 20 to 30 seconds, because of their intensity it is imperative that in during the "fall out" phase the concentration may be lethal.

Clothing is no protection against underground shelter and affords the best protection.

Blast

Generally speaking, blast involves a four-mile radius of Ground Zero everything is destroyed and decreases to minor damage at a radius of 30 miles.

The blast is not considered practicable, any escape screen, especially a white one will achieve the same purpose.

Wherever possible, remove all readily combustible material to be exposed to the heat rays and do not overlook any skylights which may be in the building, and the absence of or displacement of roof tiles.

Consideration should also be given to the blocking up of windows, which have a new view of the sky. This applies particularly to the inner windows of tall buildings.

Every household should have some form of simple first-aid equipment, such as a stirrup pump and a bucket of water. The garden hose is useful, but as the water supply might be damaged by blast it cannot be relied upon for fire-fighting purposes. Fires are a serious problem and must be tackled by householders as soon as possible, so as to avoid having to call on the organised fire services, which in any case will only be engaged on other fires beyond the control of individuals.

Gamma Radiation

The gamma rays produced by the explosion are very intense, but as the lethal damage is confined to the area of total destruction by blast little need be feared except that a build up of radiation in the body will occur, if more is taken into account during the "fall out".
THE STORY OF "HENRI"

Last month you read of how the war-wait "Henri" (often called "Digger") was taken "under the wing" of one Sgt. Tim Tovell (when the sergeant was serving with the famous No. 4 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps in the Allied Army of Occupation in Germany after World War I) and in due course "smuggled" by him over to England. In this second instalment of the story—as told by Norman Ellison in his recently published book "Flying Matilda"—Tovell, who has firmly decided to adopt "Henri," carries his plans a stage further.

"The plan brought us to Fovant Station, near Hur- colt, on the fringe of Salisbury Plain. When we got there, and Digger stepped out of the train, the rest of the squadron were so excited they almost mobbed the little fellow, but the Sergeant stopped them.

"This is a Tommy camp. We were not there long before I ran to the Commanding Officer, a Tommy, who wants to know what Digger is doing there. So I tell him. Then he asks, 'What a remarkable story! Are you a married man?' I say, 'Yes, sir,' and tell him about the loss of my son. He sends for Digger. I admire your great-heartedness, and, so far as I'm concerned, I won't stand in your light. I wish you luck. But I still think you're taking a great risk. I shook hands and said, 'Carry on!' and smiled.

"At Hurcott is our most difficult time with Digger. He was too darned spotty. The troops and the W.A.A.C.S. and Land Girls was all about. The matron asked me to explain briefly. The queen sent him to a wonderful story. She said she was sorry she could not stay longer and hear the full details. I think she meant it.

A Good Time

"We had a wonderful time in London. But I was glad when it was over. You see, there was a lot being published in the London papers, and I was getting wise as to where it would all end. I was getting the feeling that the old army was going to keep some control over him.'

I go, and sure enough, right in the middle of the school is Digger. I tried to get him away, but I soon gave up. Some of the mob—cousins—who had been the big, wanted Digger to stay on: he was bringing them luck, they thought. But the gang had made him a bit rough bunch; they were ready to use force. Digger didn't seem to mind. On the contrary—for bringing luck he was getting money. I think the kid had been given quite a few sovereigns. I go straight to Tovell, and tell him the sad story. He says, 'We'll get him, Tim.' He ordered an order, and when I leave the office it's with an unofficial guard of four. I think they're fixed bayonets. We go to the school. No trouble this time, as the guard tests Digger and brings him back to the camp. I let him know he's not popular, and that something serious is happening. Next morning Digger is up before the C.O. With the C.O. is Captain George Jones. Just before I enter the room his hat is pulled off his head; that's the drill. A prisoner when he comes up on a charge. I give evidence against him. The C.O. says, 'Very well, we'll send him to France.' Digger starts to cry.
Digger Goes To Sea Again

George Jones, O/you think we should give him another chance?" says Major Jones. "Yes, give him more chance." So the Major turns to the other and says, "Rightho, Tim, Send him back to France. But he must keep his temper. And you have to administer it."

"Dinkum Oil"

"I take Digger back to our hut, and when there I tell them what happened and what I have to do. I put the 'Dinkum Oil' strap and put Digger across my knee. Then I ask the boys how they feel. They say six. Digger starts to cry. He keeps on crying. And some of the boys in the hut cry, too. O/you know, I don't quite know how six whack I think the mob would have taken to me."

"Well, I'm not feeling so happy myself, a squadron chap considers," says Digger, "It's not fair, Tim. This little chap in England without the backs of his own. He doesn't know the love of a father, the mother, or the respect of his own. He doesn't know the love of a father, the mother, or the respect of his own. He doesn't know the love of a father, the mother, or the respect of his own."

"That's a popular decision."

"The mob in the hut dig into their pockets, and in time they hand me £12. But first I get to get leave and go to Salisbury. As I said, this is a Tommy camp, and special leave is hard to get."

"Anyway I managed to go along to the camp on duty room. All sorts of stories were being told by boys who had been through the, and the leave officer was asking questions. My turn comes, the officer picks up my request and says, 'Why don't you go to town to buy toys for your regimental mess?' Well, Sergeant-Major, I've read some tall ones in my life, but this is the daddy of them all. Then the officer turns to me and says, 'But aren't you chaps the little French boy here?' I say, 'Yes, sir.' He says, 'Now that's different, you get leave. How much do you want?' "Till midnight," I say, "and Give him a pass, Sergeant-Major. Away you go.'"

Digger started the train to Salisbury. While we're shopping there a chap train back to camp at half past eight that night. That was quite a vellent time choosing toys. We bought a mouth-organ, an airhorn, a tin whistle representing many Tommy units, guns, some of 'em real. When I go aboard I find out the number of my cabin and I'll write it on a piece of paper and toss it."

League Applause For Honour

An honour accorded Mr. W. C. Burgess of "Opera" near York, by the Farmers' Union of W.A. recently was passed unnoticed by the League.

Mr. E. C. Townsend said the R.S.I. State Executive subsequently that Mr. Burgess, though not a League member, had performed more for Faversham House war veterans than any other serviceman.

The executive resolved to send Mr. Burgess a letter of congratulation.

A man's Drink!
Gloucester Park Members
Given Trophies
Trophies won by members of the Gloucester Park sub-branch in last season's A.R.M.S. Games competition were presented to them at a social evening in Anzac House last month, the details being as follows:
Shooting Cup (President's trophy): Norm Bush jun.
Sub-branch Shields: Best all-rounder: Wes Pletcher.
Darts: Harry Ford.
Quoits: George Stone.
Table tennis: Jack London.
Bridge: Norm Bush sen. and Cliff Lambe.

ANZAC CLUB NOTES
By DOUG DARGIE
March was a particularly bright month, with the large number of overseas and country visitors the club has had since commencement of the season. Among those who signed the visitors' register were Messrs. G. Thomas of Kent (Eng.), and F. S. Voller of the Swan Brewery
Shield the club held a further meeting on April 10 to select teams for a competition commencing on April 10. We wish to congratulate all those who entered their intention to play this season, including nine new members. Among these is popular club barman Jack Hovey who seems destined to be among the top-ranked players before long.

Sub-Branch Officials
Sub-branch presidents and secretaries recently confirmed in office by the State Executive are as follows, the president being named first in each instance:
Bellevue: R. McInerney,
H. Read,
Boddington: R. Fearman,
G. Shaw.
City of Perth: H. Holder,
J. R. Keen (temporary),
Dalwallinu: R. J. Bosses,
J. L. Saxon.
Dongara: J. P. Dempster,
G. A. Pearson.
Dodging Corner: Yallingup:
F. H. Jolliffe, J. D. Brown,
Ex-Servicemen: Miss G. Smith, Miss E. Currie,
Floreat Beach: S. R. King, F. W. Bowen.
Geraldton: C. H. Tomlinson,
E. Fullarton.
Geraldton: W. Canningham,
J. F. Bickle.
Graysville: Mt. Claremont:
J. L. Phillips, J. Mitchell,
B. W. Price, E. W. May, E. Pennington.
Kensington: H. C. Lee,
(No3.)
Kojonup: L. MacBride, L.
R. O'Connell.
Narembeen: L. Martin, H.
R. Smith.
North Perth: W. C. O'Connel,
W. J. O'Shea, G. J. Rankin.
Perth St. Kilda: E. Shaddock.
Winfield: M. J. Cornish,
Shackleton: H. S. Faile,
H. C. Edward.
South Perth: R. Cleave,
A. Alderson.
Upper Swan: K. Symes,
G. Price.
Wesleyo: R. A. Price,
P. L. Jennings.
Waroona: Camel: C.
J. Wood, R. E. Hardly.
Wittenoom: P. McGouna,
L. C. Goodman.
Too Much Apathy, Says Katanning President

While the Katanning sub-branch had done much over the previous 32 months it could have achieved much more with greater support from its members, the retiring president (Mr. F. Seaton) said at the annual general meeting recently.

With a membership of 200 and an average attendance at meetings held during the year was only 20, Mr. Seaton said. It was very discouraging to any organisation when the majority of members were not interested in the meetings held.

On the other hand the attendance at committee meetings was excellent, with an average of nine out of 11 members present for the meetings held.

The best attended function for the year had been the annual dinner, with 124 members and visitors present. Mr. Seaton said that about 32 members had attended last year's Anzac Day service. He thanked the Katanning Rifle Club, and Mr. Hugh Mowrie, for their co-operation.

Sixty-seven members had attended the morning parade.

Diggers' Day had been an outstanding success and had shown a small profit. The War Memorial had been well kept during the year and the concrete portion had been painted.

The 42-day observance had been attended by 20 members.

Jeramungup Woman Makes History

"Mrs. Freezer, I think you are the first woman from a sub-branch to attend our meetings—you are making history," said the State President as he addressed a visitor from the Jeramungup district at the State Executive meeting on March 26.

Mrs. Freezer was present at the meeting with her husband (Mr. Alec Freezer) and another visitor for whom Mr. McKenzie of the Frankland River sub-branch had been instrumental.

Carnarvon Auxiliary Has New Officers

A complete change of office-bearers was made at the annual general meeting of the Carnarvon R.S.L. Auxiliary on March 10. The retiring president and secretary (Mesdames G. Dupre and W. Davis, respectively) had held office for three years and were commended for the capable manner in which they had carried out their responsibilities.

The financial statement for the year showed the auxiliary to be in a better position than for many years past.

The new office-bearers are: President, Miss. D. McNab; president, Miss. W. Davis; secretary-treasurer, Miss. L. Price. Letters of thanks for donations to Christmas Cheer were received from military hospitals and other institutions in the metropolitan area.

Murray Sub-Branch Notes

Latest addition to Murray sub-branch equipment is a record board containing the names and addresses of members and secretaries since the formation in 1919.

This arose from a suggestion by Ken Payne, who generously made a polished board of wood available for the purpose.

In turn State Executive member Jack Serle of the Murray Road Board, J. Simkall (ex-R.A.A.F.) of Broomfield has provided secretaries and J. Sheahan (ex-British Army) for Kondinin, as well-tender. Arrangements are well in hand for Anzac Day with only minor points to be finalised.

It will be decided at the next meeting to hold the service in Memorial Park this year. The record Anzac Day service last year found the local hall too small for the number attending, and if the weather is adverse the civic could be the answer.

A pipe band will lead the parade for the first time this year, and foundation secretary Mr. Hosgood will give the address.

Sub-branch is still actively interested in matters pertaining to the welfare of the district, latest being the inclusion of Bill Paterson on the committee formed to raise money to build a new hall in Pinjarra.

Further Stage Reached With Project

At its meeting on March 30 the State Executive gave its authority for the signing of a building contract for toilet and ablution facilities with the Rockingham Project.

It also authorised a contract for water supply. Reporting on progress with the project Mr. G. H. Hudson said that the sub-branch had been subdivided into three sections, although the final price figures had not yet been worked out. The visiting returning sub-branch was investigating the question of providing a general store for the area.

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League Flashbacks
WHAT THIS JOURNAL WAS
SAYING 35 YEARS AGO

A Capital Disgrace in The Capital City
Message To Government And Council

To have allowed the capital city of our State to remain
without a suitable memorial to the brave men
who sacrificed their lives in the Empire's hour of need,
is to say the least of it, a very serious reflection on
the Premier and the Mayor of Perth.

Western Australia can honestly lay claim to having
been foremost in the van in practical patriotism
during the course of the Great War; but that reputa-
tion is sadly sullied by gross neglect and gross
of duty in post-war times.

There is not in the whole State a town or suburb of
any importance which has failed to set an example to
this shameless neglect. Every small centre has its memo-
rial hall or monument, raised by the enthusiasm of
the inhabitants. Scarcely a church, business house,
or public school has failed to erect memorial tablets,
and in many instances beautiful monuments have
been dedicated; while, Perth, as a city, has splendidly
erected a monument to the men who helped to save it
from Kaisersdor.

In other parts of the Commonwealth of Nations
one reads of exquisite cenotaphs consecrated for
the future, monuments to be held as a silent symbol of
the unquenchable devotion on the part of their heroic
ancestors in the cause of humanity and of civilisation.
 Perth citizens have been incapable of grasping the
exasperating disgrace in allowing this progressive
capital city to fall where its honor still stands. Some
tangible expression of appreciation, any, more than
expression of mercy, is but a puny reciprocative measure.
The State and City leaders share the greatest shame in
that they should have been foremost in such a move, and
should have set active patriotism in motion by personal
example. They should have been indefatigable until the task had been
terroffly accomplished.

The men who have fallen in the line of duty are the dead are those
who, fall to honor the pre-
giveness they made to the men
who have returned mutilated
and crippled, as well as to
injuried soldiers generally.

There is no use pur-
pose served by lip-patriot-
ism. We do not ask for the
expensive formation and
maintenance of patriotic or-
ganisations where atten-
dance usurps the place of
actions; we require some-
thing more forcefully last-
Ing. Oratory will not mend
the position, although it may
sacrifice honor the dead
from the
friends
after

For the arm of the man, and the brain of the man,
and the life of the man, make way.

Let us have peace, No craven's peace,
Nor slaggard's to gape and dream.
But the strenuous peace of the land's increase,
And the heart's bevy of steam.

Let the cannon of commerce roar over the fields,
And the bugles of brotherhood play.

Let us have peace, No timid peace,
That doubles pilings to its peace,
But the free brave peace of the old-time Greece.
And the faith of a patriot race.

Let us have peace, No discouragement to the gase.
And the bolts of integrity stay:
For the arm of the man, and the brain of the man,
And the life of the man, make way.

Let us have peace, No anchored peace,
That holds like an anchor to our fate,
But the peace that sweeps the strange blue deeps
With the keels of its own great ships.

Let us have peace, No union of commanding,
And Truth at the helm,
And Beauty to weather the storm,
For the nerve and muscle and brain and brain,
For the Soul of the Man, make way.

APRIL, 1923.
Ideals Still Fresh In Mind

"The Returned Servicemen's League is a mighty organisation, sustained by a spirit of service, and the ideals for which we enlisted are still fresh in our minds."

This was said by the State President (Mr. Lomme) at the annual cnd of the Cardiff sub-branch.

Mr. Lomme stated that the R.S.I. in Western Australia was formed only 42 years ago, its origin had now the greatest number of sub-branches in the State's history—217 of them.

The eternal quality of sub-branches was brought out more clearly after 42 years, he said.

Details of several instances of heroism given by his sub-branches were given by Mr. Lomme.

Flashbacks Continued

The Old Anzac Battle-line

(By Allen Box in the "Daily Mail")

From Bolton's Ridge to the Apex the old Anzac battle-line runs 5,000 or so yards of tangled trenches and tunnels. Seven years have covered the ridge again with undergrowth.

Famous redoubts are now hidden by waving fields, while grassies have their historic spots too, though, even Nature seems to have drawn back in fear of trespass.

The Apex still lies bare as a plate. In it are outer courtains, canteens bored by machine-gun hunt into the "Liberal" and "Cooma" fragments of shrapnel, and piles of cartridge cases mark the scene of the bloodiest fighting on the peninsula.

The Lone Pine plateau nakedly exhibits the obb and flow of hand-to-hand battle.

Trenches are not breastworks, but made in mere connections of hastily dug rifle pits, as at Suvla or Helles. Here in Anzac they are narrow, deep channels cut through the chalky soil, sometimes as deep as 10-15 feet, always deeper than 6 feet. So that even now you have to run along them places the border of years before you may cross.

Out in front a perfect maze of listening posts and rifle holes can be seen through the whole of the hillside, connected by underground tunnels the officers of which were once maintaining—like a whole colony of rabbits—the apostles who spent their days and nights within ear-shot, and almost within reach of their enemy. Every now and then you come upon a tunnel which has fallen in, with the rats of several winters.

Mr. R. Spence, who said that no reunion could be a success unless the visitors were present from other sub-branches.

Mr. B. Crowley (Pinjarra) said it had been rumoured that members of the State Executive were paid expenses and returned branches. This was not so, however, as the expenses were out of their own pocket.

Representatives of other branches who responded included Mr. G. Mclmn, M.L.A., a former president of the Bunbury sub-branch, Mr. H. Harper (Darling) and Mr. K. Peak (Boyup)

The young fellows are doing a grand job and are carrying on where the old timers left off. This was said by Mr. S. Smith when replying to a toast to Old Comrades proposed by Mr. E. White. Mr. S. Budd, who also replied, said there were only four members present who served in the First World War: it seemed that they were just fading away.

Mr. J. Rolfe, who handed over the Cardiff sub-branch charter to the incoming president Mr. A. Rolfe, appealed to members to ensure that the charter remained in its true perspective.

Games Again: It was reported to the State Executive by Mr. J. B. White recently that the first round of this weekend's A.A.F.S. Games was to be completed by April 13. There were 12 branches in the competition.

And under a ledge, and not 200 feet from the old Anzac front line, is a strange relic of the war. The burnt-up grass leaves it startlingly clear to the eye. Touch it warily, for, blackened, as it is, it dozes very slowly. It may be a cricket ball—and it is.

Ordinary composition ball will not suit the men who played on the hills, the hard-bitted cricketer. It has many hard names, for it was batted in such shape more than once. Turks don't play cricket. Wherefore, it must never come from the Australian line.

Toasted about from hand to hand, and trench, it probably ended its career by being hurled on the fire. It is with me now, and the owner can have it by asking for it. It was handed south of Lone Pine plateau.

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**BATTALION ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES**

11th Battalion

On Sunday, April 20 the 11th and 2/11th Battalion Association will hold its annual church parade in conjunction with the 11/44th Battalion (City of Perth Regiment).

Members are asked to fall in at the corner of George’s terrace and Milligan-street in readiness for the march to St. George’s Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. At the March committee meeting a letter of resignation was received from the president (Lal Thomas) because of his forthcoming departure for the Eastern States.

The committee recorded its regret and its good wishes to Lal for the future, and called on the senior vice-president (Wally Blair) to fill the position until the next annual election. The committee appeals for good roll-up of members for this year’s Anzac Day parade (fall in at 10 a.m. outside Anzac House). At the conclusion of the parade members are to rendezvous at the usual meeting-place.

A quarterly general meeting will be held in the Anzac House basement on Friday, May 30, to discuss future policy and matters of benefit to members, who are requested to attend.

The hospital visitor for the association, Sam Waldeck, is continuing his good work visiting the boys at Hollywood.

There are now over 200 books in the Memorial Library at the James-street

16th Battalion

At the March committee meeting of the 16th Battalion Association it was decided that the Anzac Day arrangements would be the same as for last year.

After the parade there will be the usual get-together for members and their wives at the Railway Institute, Wellington-street.

The president appeals to all members of the old battalion to march this year.

Arrangements for the Balcourt commemoration ceremony (held on Sunday, April 13) were well on time. The Cameron Highlanders and 16th and 2/16th Battalions marched to the State War Memorial where they were addressed by Brig. Arnold Potts.

Members will be pleased to hear that Jim Curtin is out of hospital.

**MEMORIAL SITE EXTOLLED**

The site of the Bayswater War Memorial was extolled by Mr. E. C. Townsend at a recent meeting of the State Executive.

Reporting on a visit of inspection he had made to the memorial in company with the Acting-State-Secretary (Mr. Giblett) and the president and secretary of the Bayswater Road Board, Mr. Townsend said he considered the memorial particularly well situated.

The memorial faced a well-grassed oval capable of accommodating large crowds. The road had proved well to fill in a hollow at the base of the memorial with rubble and earth and to tidy up the area behind it.

**Acting-Secretary Applauded**

Mr. J. Giblett, who has been acting as State Secretary during Mr. Athley’s convalescence in hospital, was thanked at a recent executive meeting by the State President for the work he had been doing.

There was general applause when Mr. Lonnie said: “He has been doing the work of about three of our officers.”

Mr. Lonnie asked members for their co-operation over a difficult period.
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Sub-branch Activities
At Mt. Hawthorn

It is only fitting that a word of congratulation
be extended to Mr. Les Lowe, the new president
of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch, on his election
to office.

Les is gradually building up after quite a long ill-
ness, but he can be assured of all the help and support
he may require from, not only his committee, but all
members of the sub-branch.

At a meeting on March 8 there were two very wel-
come committee from the
country in Mr. Jim Buckle.
(State Country Vice-President
of the League and also secretary of the Gerald-
ton sub-branch) and Mr.
Bert Sykes, of Kountul...

Quite a pleasing feature of the meetings lately has
been the increase in attend-
ces, and a number of old
and young faces that were
becoming new members are
making their reappearance.
The sub-branch is making a special effort to help
along the League's slogan
for the year, "Enrol a mate for 2014." The
sub-branch championship games are now in full
swing under the critical eye of
sports director Mr. Ar-
thur Barron, who is very
keen to see that the
League headquarters are
available for the more
important Riley Shield games.

On Sunday, March 23 Mt.
Hawthorn and South Perth
played off the
cricket premiership at Melvista
Park. On the day Mt.
Hawthorn were battle too good
and ran out comparatively
easy winners, thanks to a
spell of inspired bowling
by Reg. Axford and Ern
Cooley sen., sound batting
by Ray Rock and the
afforesaid E. Cooley, and a
very fine exhibition of
wicket-keeping by Fred
Ward.

The scores were: South
Perth 56 (Coffey 35, Keefe
20 n.o. for 53, E. Cooley sen. 4 for 41), and
Mt. Hawthorn 7 for 23 (Cooley 33, Stock
min 68, Burne 26, Axford
21, Bliss 20).

After the match a very
pleasant entertainment
at the hall was
spent by all, including a
number of old friends
at the Bedford Morley Park
sub-branch cricket team. A
feature of this show was the
wonderful catering put
on by the ladies.

Club Twenty winners for
the season were: Batting,
A. Barron; bowling, F.
Brown; fielding, R. Coun-
lins; allround, R. Oxford;

catches, E. Cooley.

Remarkable Period For
Sub-Branch Formation

“The last year or so period for sub-branch formation,” the State
President (Mr. Lonnie) commented at a recent
executive meeting.

The executive had given its approval to the for-
mation of new sub-branches at	Hilton Pines, Pet Stockman,
and Wander-up.

Over the last two years,
Mr. Lonnie said, 12 new sub-
branches had come into be-
ing bringing the total num-
ber of sub-branches in the
State to 218.

This was the highest tally
at any time in the history of
the State, he said, and
represented an increase of
16 over the figure for three
years ago.

Mr. Lonnie said it would
be necessary to keep a run-
ing check on sub-branches for
a period after their for-
mation.

The Hilton Park sub-
branch had agreed to hold a
meeting in the district on
March 13, when the follow-
ing officers were elected:
President: Mr. Brookes;
Secretary: Mr. Hawkins;
Treasurer: Mr. R. F. Barron;
Mr. D. G. D. Henwood,
chairman of the League.

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INNOVATION IN VISITING
After reporting to the
State Executive recently on
a new Headquarters,
Mr. Lonnie reported that
the new Headquarters
were being drawn up for the
April-June period Mr. S. A.
McNabb, secretary to the
State Headquarters, for
the State Executive,
It was also mentioned
that the Executive
would be visiting the various
branch headquarters,
and also visiting the
sub-branches in the
Northern Territory.

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