Parade One Of Best: Lonnie

"Considering the weather—at its most inclement during the assembly of the thousands of marchers—this year's Anzac Day parade in Perth was one of the best we have had."

The State President (Mr. Lonnie) said this in a summing-up he gave of the day's observances.

"Add to this the enthusiasm of so many ex-servicemen and of the public generally had been most inspiring."

The proportion of young people in the big gathering for the Dawn Service at the State War Memorial had been indicative of the growing interest in the day before.

Undeterred by bad weather the public lined the streets as usual for the march to the Esplanade.

shown by the younger generation.

On the previous afternoon 100,000 schoolchildren throughout the State had heard the broadcast of the special schools' service conducted at the Memorial by the Education Department. This was a clear indication that the future of Anzac Day in W.A. was in safe hands.

Mr. Lonnie said his impressions were that the day was well conducted and that the public had enjoyed the parade, which had been attended by 40,000 people present.

Arrangements generally throughout the State had been exemplary. Where adverse weather conditions had been experienced, the effect had only been to underline more the resolve of all sections of the public to pay their grateful tribute to the Anzac spirit regardless.

The enthusiasm of the veterans had been shared by the public, who had endured quite a degree of discomfiture from the rain, and who had shown their appreciation of the sacrifices made in the war.

State Executive members had participated in over 50 services associated with Anzac Day.

A feature of the parade in Perth this year was the annual guard of honour for the Governor (Sir Charles Gairdner) who took the salute in the march-past on the Plains.

The escort was provided by the 10th Light Horse Regiment.

There were 18 bands in the parade.

His Excellency officiated similarly at the splendid parade at Fremantle in the afternoon.

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Health Centre Opened At Bellevue

The new Infant Health Centre at Bellevue was officially opened by the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lonnie) on Saturday, April 25.

The clinic cost about £9,500 to build, with the Government and the State Lottery Commission contributing handsomely and the balance being raised locally in eight months by a committee from members of the local R.S.L. sub-branch.

Among the best money-raising efforts were two events—rallies and from a raffle and a sports carnival on Australia Day.

For several years the clinic had been conducted in the sub-branch rooms.

Commenting on the new quarters Mr. Lonnie said: "This is a wonderful institution—the district is to be congratulated on outstanding achievement which indicates that the League's ideal of service is being kept before the public in a most practical manner.

Following the opening Bishop C. L. Riley dedicated the Bellevue War Memorial, which consists of an obelisk, the monument being erected opposite the entrance of the clinic.

Mr. Albert Eric Goodwin (pictured above) took up his duties as State Secretary on Monday, May 5.

He was appointed by the late Mr. Godwin early in the year after the recommendation of the staff committee, which had interviewed over 20 applicants for the position.

Mr. Goodwin served for six years in the N.Z. Navy during the Pacific War, reaching the rank of lieutenant.

In 1948 he joined the Colonial Service and spent the next 10 years in Malaya and Singapore as an administrative officer. His last post in the service was as acting chairman of the Rural Board in Singapore—a local authority administering to 600,000 people.

He brought his wife and three children (two boys and a girl) to Western Australia in July last year and has been residing at South Perth. He enrolled as a member of the South Perth sub-branch, but has since transferred to the Applecross sub-branch as the family will shortly be moving into a house he is building there.

Sub-branch Move

On Ocean Contamination

Through the State Executive the Floreat Park sub-branch is seeking speedy action in the removal of the cause of pollution of the ocean in the vicinity of City Beach.

The executive has referred the sub-branch's request to the Minister for Works (Mr. Tomlin).
New Step In Move For Return Of Anzac Memorial

The League has secured the help of the Imperial War Graves Commission in investigating the practicability of bringing the Anzac Memorial to Port Said in Australia.

The memorial was damaged by mob action at the Pedestal and replaced with a statue of an Egyptian peasant woman. The State President (Mr. Lonnie) said that the executive of the League, late in April, had received an assurance that the commission would institute inquiries as to the Anzac statue with a view to its removal to Australia, and would report to the executive in due course.

Know Him?

Would anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mr. N. K. W. re- turned soldier, aged 40 years, of English origin, or any other information, please contact the State Secretary of the R.S.L., Anzac House, Perth, in relation to information received from Canberra in respect of a decoration he is about to receive.

Illness Bars Leader's Perth Visit

Sir George Holland, who was taken ill late in March, had not recovered sufficiently to visit Perth as planned for the Anzac Day observances this year.

The State branch of the R.S.L. had arranged for Sir George to return to his garden at the Anzac Sub-branches on March 27 for the annual Anzac Day luncheon given by the Returned Ex-servicemen's sub-branch to the executive members from institutions.

Anzac Day Luncheon To Maimed

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Charles Gairdner) and the Hon. Lady Gairdner were present at the annual Anzac Day luncheon given by the Returned Ex-servicemen's sub-branch to the executive members from institutions.

The President, Miss Ger- aldine Day, thanked His Excellency and Lady Gairdner for their at- tendance, and assured them that their presence was appreciated by the executive members and the veterans.

A very nice meal was enjoyed by the 150 veteran guests and their voluntary helpers.

Applause for Mrs. Sand- eron and her staff followed the excellent service for the luncheon which was given voluntarily.

This is our biggest function during the year and it always gives our members very great pleasure.

FAVYERSHAM CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Anzac Day Thoughts And Our Veterans

Anzac Day, to most of us, meant thoughts of those service chaps who had answered their final duty-call.

May I suggest that we have an ever-increasing duty towards those ex-servicemen and women who have borne the brunt of war and its vicissitudes, need shelter and food.

The W.A. branch of the League has made a large contribution to the welfare of ex-servicemen and women and the general public, making some provision at the Returned Soldiers' Anzac Day Home, Yalgoo.

Indeed, ways and means are now being made for a special committee to acquire a house and grounds for the veterans on Anzac Day, as have the following people who made donations during April:

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Dawn Service

By JIM BAKER.

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First Things First

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER of the U.S.A. might well have named his Oklahoma City speech "First Things First." While much of it was assurance-directed toward answering the outcry which has arisen since the atomics appeared in the sky, and much of it was backing up the detailed statements of his aids, Mr. Eisenhower's especial contribution lay in underlining those considerations which must be given priority.

THE FIRST of all firsts," said the President, "is our nation's security." This, of course, is axiomatic and expected. It lays out a "base line" from which to measure urgencies. Simply to get an American moon into outer space is not one of the first urgencies. And the President said so.

THE most recent technological breakthrough in certain areas, said he, have not suddenly exploded the urge to allocate increased danger." American defenses "for the conditions existing today are both efficient and adequate." It is with the nation's defenses, from here on out, that Mr. Eisenhower is concerned.

ON the military side he names first the continued strengthening of nuclear retaliatory power as a "principal deterrent to war." But he did not set this need apart from cooperation with allies, mutual defense measures, home defenses, and the building of "reserve strength to meet unforeseen emergency demands."

ALL that the President will take more money than America's need to take. For defense costs have risen fantastically. Some of that extra money may be found by "the wringer method." It must not be found by such self-defeating expenditures as relying solely on massive retaliation or slicing off mutual aid from our allies.

IT CAN only be found by putting first things first through "cutting out, or deferring, entire categories" of the federal government's civilian activities. "This," said the President, "will be one of the hardest, and most distasteful tasks that Congress will have to face."

AS TO scientific education and basic research: Recent studies, said the President (that of the United States Office of Education), indicate that the Soviet educational system has progressed to a point at which its "gain in quantity can no longer be considered offset by a loss in quality." This is "for the American people the most critical problem of all."

CRITICAL, because its solution takes time, because no "crash" governmental programme would solve it (upon the American people rests the larger part of our responsibility critical because an amount of money can produce, automatically, discoveries in basic research."

IT IS critical also because it has aspects less tangible than laboratories and slide rules. We shall need, said the President, "not just engineers and scientists, but leaders who have the intuitive human, with wisdom and courage... not only Einsteins, but Washingtons and Emperors."

NO-ONE is likely to disagree that putting first things first is the prime need of the hour. Many will disagree, of course, on exactly how to do it. But the President has charted a certain major landmarks and laid out a general course. And that, at this point is of great importance.

State President's Address
In Perth On Anzac Day

Your Excellency, the Hon. Lady Gardner, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

Today the men of Anzac march again in solemn remembrance of the glorious valiant men who have gone marching feet will be heard in every city, town and village throughout Australia, echoing to every part of the world where the deeds of valiant men are remembered.

Forty-three years have passed since that fateful day, April 25th, 1916, upon which Australia and her gallant sons reached supreme heights of courage and endurance through the blood, sweat and tears.

In memory or her heroines who have fought as fiercely as the fallen, the passing of time must sometimes blunt the sharp edge of the pain, the sacrifice. It is fitting that we recall in all their splendour, the qualities of the flesh and the spirit which gave to the name Anzac not only the noblest of men but the ungrudging respect of those against whom they fought.

Memorable

Let the memorable words of John Masefield ring out from the parlors and the meeting places. Speaking of Gallipoli and Chunuk Bair he said:

"Our men fought for four days and nights in this bridge, in this mire of slime and muck, in this quagmire of muck and mire and muck and mire, and it is with the pride of the flesh and the spirit which gave to the name Anzac not only the noblest of men but the ungrudging respect of those against whom they fought."

Those were the men of Anzac; theirs was the unique spirit born of near-disaster and triumph of the soldiers of our country in the world's greatest war, a war which sustained us in Korea and is again binding together the loyalty of our people. Endurance, courage, determination, loyalty, self-sacrifice, love of country. These were indeed the pillars of the Anzac character comprised of victory was high. Thousands upon thousands of Australians have been foreign soldiers—thousands more were wounded or maligned. In hospitals, those who are still fighting, and battlefront. Fighting, and the men who have fought, are with them. They deserve well of our country.

To the bereaved, the widows, the orphans, the children of those who died, this Day will bring its polemics and its punishment, for the policy of our service and its ideal. May we be ever worthy of the heritage which they purchased with their lives.

Tragic

War is a tragic thing' which mocks the sanctity of human life, and sets a prize on the sacrifice of the best among men for the least among nations. Let it be said of our soldiers that they died fighting for the cause, for the cause of mankind and for justice, and from its adversities came an understanding and wisdom of human understanding.

The desire to do good, to help the poor, to give a helping hand to those who need it is inherent in us all, but it is an impulse strong and characteristic of men and women who have served in time of war.

So it is the responsibility of all who share those privileges that we take care that none be lost and all be preserved, and that every member of the Commonwealth of Nations shall have the right to live in peace and safety and to the freedom and security of their own country and the security of their own home.

Here today on this fine day and moving parade are assembled men and women who have served in all parts of the world—on sea, on land, and in the air. They come not only from Australia...

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Special Anzac Day Messages

The following special Anzac Day messages were passed on to the State branch of the League through National headquarters, Canberra.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester:

"Anzac—Day is with us once more, and it gives me great pleasure to send you my best wishes on this memorable anniversary.

"Today our thoughts irresistibly turn to all service men and women and as Patron of the R.S.S. and A.L.L.A. I wish to congratulate them, not only on the work they have done for their less fortunate comrades, but on the manner in which, year after year, they recall to the Australian nation and her Allies that spirit of sacrifice and service to which we owe our freedom and which is known throughout the world, and for all time, as the Spirit of Anzac."

The Grand President of the B.C.E.L., Earl Mountbatten:

"In my dual capacity as Grand President of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League and as an Honorary Life Member of the Returned Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia, I send your once again my best wishes for Anzac Day, 1958."

"This anniversary commemorated by you each year is also commemorated in the heart of the Commonwealth, and it will be my privilege to lay the wreath of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League at the Cenotaph ceremony on April 25th. Also, I feel it a great honour that the S.E.A.C. emblem will appear for the first time at the Anzac Day Parade in Sydney, followed by some of my old comrades."

"May this anniversary serve to remind us not only of the sacrifices made on our behalf, but also as an inspiration to future generations upon whom the maintenance of those freedoms for which we fought must ultimately depend."

Mr. K. D. Fraser, Dominion President, N.Z.R.S.A.:

"On Anzac Day, our great national day in Australia and New Zealand, our Association sends its warmest greetings to Australian ex-servicemen with whom we have shared so many great moments of peril and triumph. We are proud of our past, but we must never forget that we owe to you your past."

"We are glad to think that in 43 years since Gallipoli our comradeship has never wavered and is indeed strengthening with passage of time."

Sir George Holland, National President, R.S.S. and A.L.L.A.:

"In these difficult days of international unrest and uncertainty, Anzac Day and all that it means provides a grim reminder of the toll war takes on the lives and the happiness of the peoples of the earth."

"We remember with pride that Australia's fighting tradition was created by the original Anzacs—a tradition that has been strengthened in subsequent years. We know that should further challenges come, they will be faced as readily and fearlessly as in the early days of our country's history. Whilst we mourn the sacrifice of our forefathers, we must resolve to see that their sacrifices in the name of freedom and our democratic way of life is not lost. We must be resolute and strong, trained and ready to defend Australia against an enemy who must know that our spirit can never break."

- BELOW: Wards of Legacy took their traditional place in this year's Anzac Day parade.
Pinarra and Dwellingup

"Anzac Day should never be allowed to develop into a public holiday. Every effort should be made to ensure that it remains as a day of remembrance sacred to the memory of those who gave their lives to enable us to live in freedom."

Sir Robert Menzies said this when addressing a record attendance at the Pinarra Anzac Day Service.

The Foundation secretary (1918-1920) Mr. Murray, Sir Robert said he had never seen a larger number on parade before for the march through the town. The little mill town of Dwellingup also had a record parade and service.

For the first time, this year a full pipe band led by Mr. John Farmer, the Fremantle Junior Pipe Band, which performed its service.

Service this year was held in Pinarra's Memorial Park with a large crowd of locals (thanks to the local police) closed to traffic through the town.

Through the co-operation of the Women's Auxiliary, the local parents and visitors from other centres were entertained to luncheon by Murray and Dowling.

Energetic member Ken Payne who handled all arrangements for the visit overcame the problem of transport costs to the sub-centres. Funds were sponsored by prominent citizens and business houses of Pinarra. A part donation was also made by Dwellingup.

Another Big Parade At Midland Junction

This year, once again, a large attendance on parade and an excellent public response marked the Anzac Day commemoration service at the Midland Junction Town Hall.

Servicemen of the two world wars, and Korean veterans together, with many Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Cadets, members of the Volunteer Fire Brigade and St. John's Ambulance, all in full uniform, assembled at the local railway station for the Midland Junction Anzac Day service.

Mr. Andy Muir, D.C.M., M.M., the parade marshal, moved from the railway station to the service in the town hall to music supplied by the Salvation Army Band.

Mr. Cecil Day carried the Australian flag at the head of the column, followed by Mr. Muir, Dr. Roy Greenham, of the State Executive, accompanied by the sub-branch president (Mr. Tom Griggs) and secretary (Mr. Wally Doney).

On the stage at the town hall with the sub-branch executive and Dr. Greenham were the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. Wally Doney), the Minister for Justice (Mr. Brady) and Mrs. Brady, and representatives of the Salvation Army, the Church of England and the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

The Last Post and Reveille were played by Mr. Herbert Laing of the Salvation Army Band. The laying of wreaths followed as the assembly intoned "Oh, God, our help in ages past." The address was given by the sub-branch president.

The service was followed by the usual social gathering, and a splendid afternoon tea was supplied by the ladies' committee. On the stand were the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, after the service, in the garden opposite the H.S.L. Hall.

The Police Department arranged the march, during the progress of the march, were all that could be desired.

Suburban and Country Anzac Day Services

Over 1,500 Children at High School Service

For the second year in succession the Anzac Service at the Midland Districts High School on April 24 was an outstanding success, reflecting great credit on the headmaster (Mr. M. McLeod) and those who helped him with the arrangements.

Gathered together on the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. Wally Doney), Mrs. Wally Gibson and representatives of the Midland R.S.L. sub-branch in Andy Muir, Harry Kynaston and Wally Bouchford, the children of the school were entertained.

The address, dealing with Anzac Day, was given by Mr. A. E. Bowden, a past President of the Midland World War I. Mr. Tom S. Edmonds, a past State President of the R.S.L., also spoke on the headmaster. It was concise and given with much feeling, and with well chosen words for such an occasion.

The Last Post and Reveille were played by Captains Lorraine and Visitors present, included Mr. Jack Brady (the Minis for Justice), the Mayor and Mayoress of the Midland R.S.L. sub-branch in Andy Muir, Harry Kynaston and Wally Bouchford, the children of the school were entertained.

Service At Cannington

The following report has been received from Miss Mary Meares, a member of the State Executive.

"In company with Mr. E. O. Davies, a State Vice-President, I attended the Anzac Day service at the Cannington War Memorial, which was a large and colourful day and on which the memorial looked very fine in its lovely setting--green lawn and dark red roses all out in full bloom.

There was a very large attendance, not only of ex servicemen and one woman. Some of this number were from sub-branches close by which were taking part in the service.

The sub-branch president officiated at the service and the prayers were read by clergy of three denominations.

The address, given by Mr. Davies, was most inspiring and brought to a close the service on Anzac Day and what it meant to Australia and Australians. For the part they had played and appealing to the younger generation to carry on with the tradition of the future citizens of W.A. It was very pleasing to see such a large number of the younger generation present and taking an interest in this solemn service.

Beautiful wreaths were laid at the foot of the memorial by the sub-branch president, representatives of the various bodies, and the representatives of the Midland, and Lorraine Baker and Brian Luff carried out similar duties at Middle Swan.

Over 100 At Shenton Park

Over 100 people gathered at the R.S.L. Hall, Onslow-road, for the wreath-laying ceremony conducted at 10.30 A.M. on Anzac Day by the Shenton Park sub-branch.

An important part in the proceedings was played by the local Boy Scout, Cub, Girl Guide and Brownie leaders who lined both sides of the path leading to the hall to form a Guard of Honour.

Altogether 16 wreaths were laid including those laid on behalf of the sub-branch (by Mr. McLellan, vice-president), the auxiliary (by Mrs. Young) and the Subiaco City sub-branch by Mr. Bowman, president.

The ceremony concluded with the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille by Mr. Victor Court.

The arrangements were handled by the hands of Mr. Cliff Cleeman.

The Shenton Park sub-branch and Mr. Darragh provided fuller support from its members, holds its social functions on the first Thursday of each month, the next being on May 21 for which occasion are members of the Fremantle, Meltham and Rockingham suburbs.

The sub-branch officers and members are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements made, and for the fine manner in which the service was carried out with reverence.

Both Mr. Davies and I were present and were associated with such a service.

After the service afternoon tea was served in the R.S.L. hall, which was thankfully overflowing. The refreshments were served by auxiliary and other ladies who also deserved very high praise.

Several other reports were received too late for publication this month.

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Murray's policy of interesting itself in community matters advanced another step when committee man Gordon Taylor took over the job of secretary of the Pinjarra Youth Club to try and put the organisation back on its feet.

At the sub-branch meeting on April 27 members agreed to assist the club in every way possible and started it off with a cash donation from a tarpaulin muster from members. Gordon Taylor's offer as secretary followed immediately on confirmation of the appointment of sub-branch treasurer Denis Sellett as accountant of the Pinjarra troop of Boy Scouts, formed mainly through Mr Wills's efforts.

Knowing that some local ex-service men interested in war service and two were unable to get to Perth to see the War Service Homes Department, the sub-branch held a drinks in the person of Mr P. Herity was on the trip.

His visit proved most fruitful, and several ex-service men brought their names in for a home.

Members refused to accept the senior vice-president Harold Lewin, who will take over the chair if the president is unable to present, with Bert visiting Pinjarra as often as he can.

New Sub-Branch Move In Public Interest

Mr. E. Dargie and Mr. A. Hartley have resigned from state Executive.

Their resignations were accepted with regret by the executive at its meeting on March 22 when it was decided that the candidates "next in line" for appointment—Messrs. P. Pearson and W. G. Allen—be invited to take their places.

Mr. Dargie said he felt he could do a much better job for the League off the executive for the time being, and that he would like to devote more time to other aspects of the League's work.

Mr. Hartley, who has held his seat for over five years, tendered his resignation because of the infirmities of health and pressure of work.

"Red Letter" Month For Geraldton

The past month has been a "red letter" one for the Geraldton sub-branch what with the "Little Olympics" sports meeting—an overwhelming success—the R.S.I. group conference followed at night by our annual reunion, and lastly a record Anzac Day commemoration.

The sports day occasion showed a net profit of £820. A big party went to the Empire Theatre in July—Herb Elliott, Kay Johnson and Ian Tomlinson.

Over 5,000 people gathered at the recreation ground for the occasion—the biggest crowd ever seen on the ground.

The Geraldton sub-branch was represented by the State President, Bill Lomax, and a number of other State Executive members. A move was instigated by our worthy State Country Vice-President, Jim Buckle, to have a statue of East erected in Geraldton for the Anzac Amateurs Athletic Club which helped the sub-branch run the sports.

A highlight was the appearance of W.A.'s three best affiliated teams going to the Empire Games in July—Herb Elliott, Kay Johnson and Ian Tomlinson.

With the support of the organised groups of schoolchildren and local authorities, the Anzac Day Parade was the biggest ever seen in Geraldton.

Our worthy parade marshals, Artie Marshall, who was runner-up, and Anzac Day parade at Geraldton, said it was without a doubt the best the committee had put on. It was a real success.

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Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Policy

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The next game is against City of Subiaco on Wednesday, May 14 in the Townshend road.
Civil Defence Today

Hazards Of Chemical Warfare

Chemical warfare was initiated in the 1914-18 war and the success which it achieved at the outset was due entirely to the fact that we were totally unprotected and, in consequence, suffered severe casualties.

As the war progressed 'defence' caught up with the 'offence,' and by the end of the war ample protective measures were available and, combined with gas discipline, reduced considerably the dangers. A great deal of knowledge was gained regarding the types of gases suitable for chemical warfare, and in the post-war years considerable strides were made both in equipment and training, not only in respect of the armed services, but also in the civilian population. The 1939-45 war saw both the armed services and the civilian population similarly equipped and trained to combat the effects of chemical warfare. Chemical warfare was not resorted to in the last war and it may well be that our preparation did much to influence the enemy's decision not to use gas.

The outstanding gas of the 1914-18 war belonged to the blister group of gases, and was known as mustard. Between the wars considerable progress was made in the development of a new type of gas, and thus it is today that we are faced with the problem of a group of gases known as the 'nerve' gases.

Nerve Gases

Nerve gases are persistent or semi-persistent, liquids which give off an invisible gas. For all practical purposes, the vapour has no smell and the liquid is, by virtue of its colour, the only indicator to detect it. Both the vapour and the liquid are capable of inflicting damage, on the body and neither has any irritant or blistering effect on the skin.

Detection: Since they are for all practical purposes without smell, and the vapour being effective in very low concentrations, one can lose the sense of smell as a reliable means of detection.

There exists a powder, similar to white pepper, known as detector powder; when this powder comes in contact with the liquid the powder turns a yellow-orange colour. It does not react to vapour—only means of detecting the presence of the vapour by means of special testing equipment which is issued to the Technical Reconnaissance section in the Australian Army.

During the 1939-45 war a substance known as detecte paint was introduced. The paint was applied to the bonnets of vehicles to detect the presence of gas sprayed from the air. It also appeared in the form of a sheet of paper intended to be used on the end of a stick or bayonet to detect the presence of liquid gas on the ground.

Effects:

(a) Vapour: Exposure to gas under conditions without protection gives rise within a few minutes to a sudden tightness of the chest with some difficulty in breathing. The condition resembles an asthma attack and may be accompanied by running of the nose and a pronounced frontal headache. This is rapidly followed by contraction of the pupils of the eye. Difficulty in focusing on near objects, and pain behind the eyes is also experienced.

In higher concentrations the symptoms above are much more severe and more rapid in onset. In addition, pronounced muscular weakness quickly develops throughout the body, with rapid and jerky movements of the limbs. If unconsciousness is soon lost and the affected person is unable to stand. This may result in convulsions—paralysis—and unconsciousness and death within 10-15 minutes of exposure. Unless treatment is very prompt.

(b) Liquid: The liquid is very rapidly absorbed by intact skin and even more rapidly through the eyes or if the patient is unconscious, in the accident and emergency rooms. All signs and symptoms will take longer after liquid exposure than after inhalation. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, grogginess, lack of faintness, and the major symptoms of tremor, convulsions or paralysis.

Protection

(a) Vapour: The modern gas mask provides complete protection to the eyes, nose and breathing passages. Since one cannot rely on the sense of smell to detect its presence, it will be necessary, if chemical warfare is used, to adjust the respirator as soon as the alarm is heard in order to fall in the vicinity.

(b) Liquid: Since the liquid rapidly penetrates the skin, it is essential that any suspect liquid be removed immediately. It be washed off with soap and water, preferably hot. Clothing which has become contaminated should be removed immediately.

Mustard Gas

This is a very persistent, heavy, oily liquid, varying in colour from dark brown to green, which gives off an invisible vapour which has a characteristically smoky or fumy smell. The smell may be faint. Being of an oily nature, it tends to accumulate into clothing and other materials. It freezes below 0°C. On application. being heavier than water, it will sink to the body's surface, and slowly broken up into harmless substances. It is lethal not as attack metals, but, as used in war, it has a marked corrosive action on iron and steel.

Detection: Although its presence can be detected from the smell of its vapour, it is not safe to use the smell as the sole method of detection because of the problem of the nerve gases. Detector powder, when in contact with the liquid will turn red. Detector paint is ineffective in detecting the liquid, while the vapour can be detected by using the special testing equipment issued to Technical Reconnaissance officers.

Effects:

(a) Vapour: Vapour, in the eyes causes no immediate discomfort, but if exposure persists for some hours with temporaryblindness for one or two weeks. On the skin the vapour will cause redness, pain, and blisters lasting from six months to a year. In the breathing passages it causes loss of voice and blindness.

(b) Liquid: Vapour in the eye causes no immediate effect. The pain in the eye may or may be two hours, and unless the eye is immediately washed in hot water for two or three minutes, blindness may result. On the skin, it will cause redness in two or three hours, and blisters immediately.

Protection

(a) Vapour: The respirator will provide complete protection to the eyes, nose and breathing passages. Since one cannot rely on the sense of smell to detect its presence, it will be necessary, if chemical warfare is used, to adjust the respirator as soon as the alarm is heard in order to fall in the vicinity.

(b) Liquid: Blister gas contamination should be removed immediately by means of a wet cloth, or by being taken into a bath to spread the contamination. Following its removal, irritation will occur and should be vigorously scrubbed with soap and water, preferably hot, which has been contaminated should be discarded at the first possible moment.

Conclusion

The main characteristics and effects of the nerve gases are that they are highly toxic, with high levels of toxicity, and are highly effective at low levels of concentration. They are lethal to man and animals alike, and their use in warfare is prohibited under international law.

This is the fourth of the series prepared by Mr. Holder who is a member of the St. George's Institute of Western Australia, and other documents issued by the Commonwealth Department of Defence and the St. George's Institute of Western Australia, which he attended recently as a special delegate of the League of Nations.

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The Story of "Henri"

"We're getting along fine until this day. There's the usual daily inspection of troops' quarters, and the captain makes it with the chief military officer of the day, who is Major Ellis. I hear the story later, from Les Ellis. They're going down a companion-way, the skipper leading, when all of a sudden he says, 'My God, What's that?' And Major Ellis says, 'I think you are imagining something.' "No," says the captain, "No, I'm not. I saw a small boy. Les Ellis explains things a bit, but immediately after the inspection I'm ordered up to the captain's cabin. He's all stern and official. He wants the whole story, he says. By the time I've finished, there are tears in his eyes. He says he'll overlook the matter. 'Broken off, he says, 'you go and get Digger off that boat, and he'll be all right.' I'd already got things organized. When we reached Fremantle, one of the boys was going to get in touch with our father there, and arrange for him to come to the side of the ship at night in a launch, and then we'd lower Digger with a rope.

Afterwards, Digger was to be sent to Queensland. Only the two of us were in this scheme. Any- way, that's far ahead of us.

"In the meantime, with all the troops, the skipper, things are much easier. We didn't have to go to the mess as usual. More and more of the people on board got away about the ship, and after our call at Port Said—on 16th May—Digger got official acceptance."

"This is how it happened. At Port Said, there's no land for the mob. In shorts, just dived over the side of the ship and swam ashore. I wasn't one of them. But while I was watching them getting away, I saw a tiny little fellow dive over. It's Digger, I thought. But as soon as he came to the surface of one of the guys swam to him, tucked him on his back, and swam ashore. They were away for nearly three hours. A very human thing to do, considering. In good time, he had the ship's guns sounded. That warned the leave-breakers, and they swam back to the ship. Of course, they brought Digger with them. He's had a wonderful time. But next day he looked awful—he was terribly sunburnt. So were most of the boys who had swum ashore.

"Anyway, Digger was so much the worse for wear that I took him to the ship's doctor, and he put him straight into the ship's hospital. Matron made the kid feel special. She looked after him like a mother. She did everything to make him feel better."

After we left Port Said, it became very hot, and the troops acquired a chronic thirst. One of the canteen attendants gave Digger a bottle-opener, and quite off his own bat the lad went into the bottle-collecting business. He used the old oatmeal basket that had done the smuggling trick—and he'd go around our decks with batteries of each. Each time he did so he'd say, "Jolly good luck to you, sir!" Of course he got the empty batteries, and for each one he returned to the officer he got a sixpence.

"As soon as I saw the money was rolling in, I took the matter up with Captain Jones, and he decided to bank the money. For Digger, or whoever was putting the little rip to work. He tipped it on the crown-and-anchor in Digger's name. So when the war was over, I got two comic books, and a new outfit."

"Then, the end of the skipper's side. But how are we going to get Digger off the boat?" We thought it was a good chance to get off the boat, and at the same time, to get Digger ashore. So after our call at Port Said, I decided to take Digger out. And I got official acceptance."

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Day In Perth

"We were given a day's leave to Perth, and were all issued with disembarcatation passes. It was a good chance to give Digger and I a look at the ship's gangway. We found out how to get on and off the ship, and what to do. It's obvious I've got to fix a place to get back on the board. The best thing I can think of is to say, "Oh, here's the one the young Ryan boy is wearing; he's the same as Digger. So while we're in Perth Digger gets a change of clothes, and we can get back on the board. The guard at the ship's gangway is a chap I don't know. And he doesn't want to go. I say, "Oh, he's the son of the Premier of Queensland." He says, "Oh, yes, the lad's a fine chap."

"We took things easy after the ship left Fremantle. And when we reached Ade- laide on 14th June—the ship stayed only a few hours, and we were not al- lowed to go ashore. But a lady comes up to me there. She's very excited. She's French, she says, and she has heard of Digger. She wants him. She says, "
Settling Down In Australia...

She wants to adopt him as her son. Of course, I say no. She coaxes. Then she offers him $1,000—a thousand, fifteen hundred. I keep on saying no. Finally, she offers $1,500. I can't buy him for any money. He belongs to the Unit. In the silhouette—Daniel. Only then does she give up.

Something Big

"At Adelaide, something really big happens. Throughout the trip Digger was not allowed on the saloon deck, and he never went down. I sat and Mr. and Mrs. Ryan knew about him, and when the ship is nearing Australia, Mrs. Ryan comes up and tells me some grand news. Mr. Ryan, she says, has had official permission for Digger to land in Australia. That seemed to be good to be true. But when our ship was nearing Melbourne, I received a wireless message from the Minister for Home Affairs, saying: Permission for Digger has been given to land in Australia. You can imagine how happy we were. Mr. Ryan had been telling the story ashore, because where we go ashore in Melbourne, the newspaper placards said: "Arrived today by air and the papers were full of the story."

"After we berthed we were met by Mr. Ryan. Of course, we took Digger with us. He's in uniform, and we get him out of the taxi at Collins-street. A big crowd soon gathers around us. It got so bad that we pushed us into a jeweller's shop while they dispersed the crowd. In the shop the waiter buys a gold brooch, with the Australian coat-of-arms on it in gold and plenty of money. Digger says: 'This is for you, Mr. Ryan.' Then the police called a taxi and sent us back to the ship. That's all. We went to Mr. Ryan's: we sailed next morning.

Sydney Crowd

"When we get to Sydney there's another big crowd gathered to see us. The police has to crowd us in and put us in a taxi again. This time we go to the station. One day for the train to Brisbane.

"The night we arrived in Brisbane there were public fuses over Digger, more crowds and so forth. When we got cheap things, eight of us, Digger included, were taken to a military hospital. The whole town was hot on the Digger sore throat. I was feeling off-colour. At the hospital, we were hopped up with a medical examination, and all but Digger and I were given their discharge. I was allowed ten days' leave to go home, but I had explained to the C.O. that my son had died earlier in the year and, naturally, I wanted to go home as soon as possible.

"My family was then living in Jandowae: I was a building contractor and undertaker there when I enlisted. The people of the little town gave us a wonderful welcome. But it was a pathetic homecoming for me. My son was gone, and my little daughter—she was six—had to stay alone. You can imagine how I felt. But Digger immediately made a tremendous difference. He helped and said, 'Hello, Mum, and put his arms around her neck and turned out the cold brooch and pinned it on her coat. It's a scene I'll never forget."

Bush Township

"As the poet says, 'The tumult and the shouting cease' in a quiet bush township, and after the war all that kind of thing will pass. Digger, of course, was the idol of the town, and spent most of his time being taken around. From the start, my wife just loved Digger, and from then on he filled the place of my dead son. My little daughter loved him, too.

"Well, at the end of the ten days we reported back to the hospital in Brisbane. We were both X-rayed. The doctor said that Digger's things had him worried and that for a long time it would be wise to give him the care it was needed. I assured him this would be done. Then, at the hospital, I took out my silk sash, and in a few weeks' time he was looking in the mirror. He was operated on twice, and was a cot-case in hospital for seven months. While I was there the family moved to Brisbane."

"After leaving hospital, I had to report to the militia barracks for my discharge from the A.I.F. and to get things finalised for small pension grants. That day, I took Digger with me. He was in uniform, and it had been the blue hospital bands on it. At the barracks I got my discharge and he got his. Unofficially, that is.

"Now I was free of the Army. I went back to my farm. That's building moved to Cooroy, a little town on the North Coast. One month I was about from Brisbane. Digger and his little sister, Nancy, went to a girls' school, and he soon became popular, not only with the kids but also with the teachers.

Born Jockey

"I knew Digger was fond of riding, and that he was becoming a good horseman, and so he showed me I got a big surprise on a big bay that Digger, all the people had a pen to office. Afterward, I learnt that one of the local jocks had been secretly training Digger, and he got his jockey's outfit.

"Well, the race is three laps of the course. The third time round Digger kept the lead. He keeps it. He wins the race by a length.

"It's mother almost has a fit—not only because of the second place, but because we're certainly not racing people. I suppose you could call us Sunday-school types. Afterward I was superintendent of a Sunday-school. Anyway, we all up to the race thing; we think it's a good joke. But the local jocks say Digger is a born jockey. He was never happier than when he was in the saddle."

"There was another unusual bit of news. The school master told me about a thing. Digger was a big lurch of a lad, and he used to go through his weight about one hundred and sixty pounds. I have a light horse, with what I use to do."

A Knock-out

"One afternoon the children were playing the boys at cricket, the girls at tennis. The ball has been hit into the cricket area. It lands near the bunny, who is batting. He picks up the bat, grins, and hits it much further away. Digger, who is a big boy, is sitting on a big chair, and says indignantly, 'What's the big deal?' I made it fun and that is there? The bully pushes Digger away and says, 'Shut up.' Then Digger offers to fight him. The bully accepts. They went into it properly. At first, Digger looks like coming off the best, but the bully's great-hearted little kid and the old squadron had taught him to fight. He's up on his head, and, finally, he got a bump under his head, and knocked out the other lad. That was the end of the idol of the school. The headmaster says this. He should know.

(To be concluded).

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Scope Seen For Sub-branches In Supplements

The State Executive is urging metropolitan sub-branches to take fuller advantage of regional weekly regional supplements conducted by the daily newspapers in Perth.

The executive sees a useful channel for sub-branch publicity. In the supplements provided the matter supplied is of general reader interest.

It is taking steps to encourage a regular supply of news from the sub-branches to the newspapers concerned.

Executive Contacts Numerous

When he attended the sub-branch meeting at Mandurah on May 5 the State President (Mr. Lonnie) was making his 100th visit to a sub-branch since the start of the Congress year last August.

On practically all his visits Mr. Lonnie is accompanied by other members of the state executive.

In addition to the personal visits of members, direct mail has been established—through the regional group meetings and the metropolitan meetings of presidents and secretaries, with the office-bearers of 100 sub-branches.

The executive hopes to rectify this in the not distant future.

League's Action At Top Level

The League has presented its 1958 Pensions Plan to the ex-service men's sub-committee of the Federal Cabinet.

The State President (Mr. Lonnie) said this on his return from Congress where he attended the meeting of the National Executive of the League of seven states which discussed the matter.

The plan, he said, was seeking substantial increases in the dependant's allowance and associated matters.

The executive had decided to press for a further £5,000,000 increase in the Federal Government's allocation of finance for war-service homes this budget year. (An increase of £2,500,000 was granted last year.)

The executive had reaffirmed the League's protest about the White Australia policy by vigorously opposing proposals made by organisations within Australia recently for promoting an intake of Asians on a quota basis.

"White Australia has been the policy of the League from the beginning, and under no circumstances will there be any departure from the traditional stand," Mr. Lonnie said.

Delegates had made it quite clear that any opposition to an Asian quota was not based on any way on racial grounds.

Mr. Lonnie said the State President of the Pappas-Neve branch at Federal Cabinet level had praised the West Australian Women's Auxiliary for its contribution through the League branch of the League of over £300 to assist the ex-service men's sub-committee to procure their own huts.

The executive had also considered the question of recovering the damaged Anzac Memorial at Port Said (reported elsewhere in this issue).

Anzac Day Address, contd.

hope that the shining loyalty of those men will gleam on the dark places of the earth and that the British Commonwealth of Nations will last as long as history lasts. To our dead are the silent guardians of the trust now in our hands.

In a troubled world where nations are sharply divided, when the lessons of the past are still unheeded, the British Commonwealth and that great continent of America have a solemn responsibility to maintain the peace of the world.

Men who have fought do desire nothing more than peace, not only in their time but for all time. When we stand in the sacred shadows of the past, it is the fervent wish of all that the sacrifice of those who died, their example and tireless efforts lead us into the kindlier paths of goodwill and international understanding.

Above all, let us resolve that this famous day, this day of Anzac, will forever remain to enrich the life of the nation. Let our hearts and minds a renewed pride of race and country, to give added impetus to the ideals of service and to keep evergreen the memory of the men and women of high resolve, of lofty ideals and of unconquerable spirit.

For this is more than a rekindling of the flames of aggression.

It is the best witness of our allegiance to the faith which drew our men to war, the faith of battle, even to the shadow of death.

To be loyal to that example, to be true to that trust, is the true homage we can pay to the men of Anzac.
Courageous Feats Remembered

175 FLORAL TRIBUTES WERE LAID

One hundred and seventy-five floral tributes were laid on the State War Memorial on Anzac Day. An increase of over twenty on last year. Congratulations to the King's Park Board gardeners on this year's floral procession in the Court of Contemplation—the best ever! War Memorial sub-wards report that a steady stream of people were viewing the floral tributes all day and there were seldom times when it was not necessary to keep the crowd moving.

The final ceremony at the State War Memorial on Anzac Day was a wreath-laying by the "Lodge of Remembrance," a very impressive and beautiful finale to this Day of Remembrance.

16th Battalion Association Notes

Attendance of members at the Bellcourt Day commemoration service at the State War Memorial on Sunday, April 18, was below that of last year. Arnold Potts gave the address. The good roll-up and performance of members for the Anzac Day parade showed the world that the 16th can still march in step.

As usual members gathered after the march at the Railway Institute for refreshment. In a speech of welcome Mr. W. Waterman said that bearing in mind the toll of the years the attendance had been well up to scratch.

Special thanks are extended to Mrs. Roper, for providing the musical side of the afternoon.

Among the country visitors were Messrs. W. Criddle, W. Wray and R. Horrocks of Bannister, Mr. H. Graham (late of Broome), and W. F. and G. Holroyd (Pickering Brook). Mr. and Mrs. H. Mitchell (S.A.) and Mr. G. Shaw (Sydney) were also visitors.

Mr. Tommy Caldwell left hospital for the day and Jacky Courtney made sure he was comfortable.

Letters expressing good wishes for the day were received from Messrs. W. Newick and T. Spencer, both holidaying in the Eastern States. A letter was also received from Stan Dolely (Gwoongawerup), enclosing his subs, and a cheque.

The Fremantle boy, led by Bill McIlvray, turned up in strength.

To the women's auxiliary Mr. Waterman gave warm praise for their part in the association's affairs. It is believed that a few recruits have been added to the auxiliary as a result of the function.

Mr. Peter Buswell is an inmate of Ward 60, Royal Perth Hospital, and would be pleased to see a few of his old coppers.

Enrolments High At South Perth

Despite quite a few transfers-out on account of members leaving the district—and a few unanswerable "reminders"—membership of the South Perth sub-branch remains high.

The losses have been made up by new enrolments.

At a very pleasant evening recently the President's Trophy—awarded to the member who enrols most new members—was presented to Mr. J. B. Walmesley (a life-member and past-president—sub-branch) by the president (Mr. Eric Sangster).

Mr. Walmesley enrolled 16 new members during the year. The trophy was a beautiful, embossed tray suitably inscribed.

Mr. Sangster has announced that this year he will award two trophies.

Manning were hosts (in the new hall) for the first game of the Sydney Lambert Cup series—a keen contest with South Perth placed first with 318 points, Kentington (191) second and Como (8) third.

There are four series of games, and the host sub-branch each time does not compete.

At the South Perth sub-branch meeting on May 22 nominations for office will be received. Members are urged to be present.

Accompanied by their families members recently attended an enjoyable net court match at Pickering Brook. There are hopes of making an annual fixture of this.

The secretary (Mr. W. H. Ferrier) will be glad of any suggestions for making the sub-branch meetings even brighter.
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League Flashbacks

WHAT THIS JOURNAL WAS SAYING 35 YEARS AGO

Federal Executive Meeting

Mr. Humphrey’s Comments

The State President, Mr. H. S. Humphrey, recently
returned from Melbourne after representing this
League at a meeting of the Federal Executive of
the League.

When interviewed by our represen-
tative, Mr. Humphrey was bubbling over
with optimism regarding the future of the
League, but considers that returned
men are not going to get the
same sympathetic treat-
ment from the
Government that they
received from the
Hughes Government.

“All delegations present
were convinced that the
Federal Administration
is not going to exercise the
predominant policy as Billy
did,” said Mr. Humphrey.

This may seem a small
matter at first sight, but
State Governments and
municipalities may not
be as sympathetic in the
Commonwealth take their
case from the Federal
Government and put up at the present time
to insist that promises
made by the Hughes
Government are not
bound to be kept, and
it is up to every soldier
who is not ashamed of hav-
ing worn khaki to join up
and help in the fight.

So palms should be spared by sub-branches in
trying to double their membership this
year, for we can no longer
throw down the gauntlet to
whoever is willing to hav-
ning worn khaki to join up
and help in the fight.

“The Federal Government is
being approached on
the object of obtaining
from State Premiers a re-
duction in soldier settle-
ment interest charges in
view of the cheap money
now available. Many of these
phases of repatriation were
discussed, with, it is hoped,
some chance of benefit to
the soldier.

“Empire Conference dele-
legates were appointed; the
State President, Mr. Dy-
ett, and Mr. Loftus Hills
of Tasmania, being chosen
to represent the
Commonwealth at the great rally of
Empire soldiers to be held
in England.

“Our League is as powerful
as ever,” concluded Mr.
Humphrey, “but if we only
did not all returned men
in the movement, what a won-
derful job it would be to this fair land of
ours!”—May, 1923.

Some Chickens!

“Speaking of hens,” said
the traveller, “translates me
of an old hen my old
father once had,” said one
of his hearers. “They had
been flying her by mistake
on sawdust instead of oat-
meal. Well, she laid twelve
eggs and sat on them, and
when they were hatched
eleven of the chickens had
their wings and the twelfth
was a woodpecker.”—May,
1923.

Tom Pepper Outclassed

By E. St. Ives Bonston

The notorious Tom Pepper
was noted for his extrava-
tant utterances, but as an
unblushing prevaricator he
had a wonderful success
with the average Digger.

In July, 1918, when camped
at Abbassia, we did a route
up to the crest of the
Catalina, re· charge ·
our guns and return.

We did a route
up to the crest of the
Catalina, re· charge ·
our guns and return.

After drawing rations from
the orderly tent I was
doing a bit of hurry
down the lines, and
tried to make the
best of things.

The tins I was carrying
were a crushed rib or two
and the wires were broken.

After coming out I had to
attend sick parade every
morning for some time
and I was nearly always
the first to present myself
before the M.O. and was
thereupon ordered
“stand by” until the parade
was finished. The tales
I heard put up by “very sick
men, particularly on Mon-
day mornings after weeks
and leave to Cairo; would
make Tom Pepper’s hair
“stand up on end and
truth stunts” was entered

Theo gave an exhibition of the
dinkum Aussie pluck
And should have been a brigadier with ordinary luck
In view of the对象 of the costed “V.O.”
His presence was the signal for the enemy to flee
In actions a philosopher, a model patient too
Considerate and generous from every point of view
Who never shone diversifies the
dinkum Gospel truth
Simplicity he favours with the innocence of youth
He took his “iron ration” with a good Australian smile
This the issue which he got was full, producing torture in all
He never finished, or turned a hair, when under search-
ing fire
But is up to mud just now beside a good Australian
And yet, with all his virtues, he’s nowhere in the hunt
Since he cannot take a hand in the “exaggeration stunt”
He fell for the sake of the land that burns with brim-
stone and fire
And is therefore up to mud beside a good Australian
War.—May, 1923.
Executive To Arrange Congress Debate on Hospital Visiting

The question of hospital visiting is to be the subject of a debate at Congress this year.

This was decided by the State Executive following a report by Mr. J. B. White, on behalf of the hospital visiting committee, recommending the appointment of a few retired individuals as official hospital visitors.

Mr. White said that by way of response to circulars sent out four sub-branches had agreed to take part in the debat2ng; three had declined, and four had not paid their contribution to the future fund.

The State president (Mr. Llewellyn) said it was quite clear that hospital visiting was not getting the support it should from metropolitan sub-branches and that new room for far greater liaison from country sub-branches.

Sub-branches referred to during the debate as active:

Combined Reunion Held At Waroona

Combing their annual reunion for the first time the Waroona-Hamel and Yarloop sub-branches entertained about 100 members and guests at Waroona recently.

The evening was an undoubted success and visitors from Mandurah, Murray, Harvey and Brunswick Junction mingled with the host branches and enjoyed an excellent meal prepared by the Women’s Auxiliary.

After the chairman (Mr. C. V. Wood) had welcomed the guests, a two-minute silence followed the recital of Laurence Binyon’s ode “For the Fallen”, in an impressive ceremony.

Following the loyal toast, those present answered the traditional roll call and Mr. Harry Blackburn proposed the toast to the State Executive, who he likened to the hub of a wagon wheel, with the radiating spokes being represented by the various sub-branches.

Replying to the toast, Mr. W. T. Ferrier, who was accompanied by another State Executive member in Mr. J. D. Davie, tendered the good wishes of the State President (Mr. Lonie) who was unable to be present.

Mr. Ferrier spoke of the year’s slogan of “Enrol a Mate for 50” and urged all returned men to make that their mission for the year.

He extended a cordial invitation to all members to visit Paversham House and the Anzac Club, where he said, plans were being made to cater for non-member friends during licencing hours.

Mt. Hawthorn Sub-branch Activities

On April 9 the Mr. Hawthorn sub-branch won the first of its A.A. challenge cups of the season against Subiaco, and had a very enjoyable evening in the hotel.

The meeting on April 17 was notable for the good roll-up of members and the interest of participants in the games in the first round of the sub-branch.

Our old friend Jim White is in Royal Perth—cheer up Jim, we see you back again soon.

Incidentally, “Nobby” Clark was noticed at the meeting after a long absence.

The local commemoration of Anzac Day—held in the afternoon—was as usual a well-attended parade and march down Oxford-street, followed by the pipe band of the Cameron Highlanders, followed by the wreath-laying ceremony and a very simple, yet impressive, service in the R.S.I.L. Hall.

In addition to several old friends from neighbouring sub-branches, we had the pleasure of welcoming four guests from N.S.W., name: Trevor Miles, Bill Robinson—both of whom has decided to settle here—George Shaw from Sydney and Gordon Thomas from Belmore.

All four expressed the opinion that this was one of the finest Anzac Days they had spent anywhere, and if we assisted in any way to make this a good again, we were only too pleased to do so, and should their friends contemplate a visit to W.A. in the future, they could be assured of a welcome at Mt. Hawthorn.

The State branch of the League is supporting a move by the Merchant Service Guild for the formation of an auxiliary unit to patrol northern waters.

At the State Executive meeting on April 9 it was agreed to support a deputation in combination with the guild to the Minister concerned.

The deputation will urge the re-establishment of a coastguard service on a full-time basis with personnel seconded from other units.

Such a unit, it is claimed, could be used for fishery and oceanographic surveys, and could operate off the ports of Broome, Exmouth and Geraldton.

The executive made its decision on a recommendation of a deputation submitted by its chairman, Mr. F. C. Chaney, M.H.R.
“CAVALIER” MEN SAY THANKS

By "Ack-Willie"

“May I, on behalf of those ratings concerned, thank you very much for the hospitality they received. It is a very great thing for them, as you obviously appreciate, to get away from the sea, but rarely can they have received such lavish hospitality as at your door, for which they are most grateful.”

This was said by the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. Cavalier (Commander J. D. Cartwright) in a letter received by the secretary of the Murray branch (Mr. George Ashman). It was in appreciation of the sub-branch’s arrangements for the billeting of six members of the Cavalier during their stay at Fremantle recently.

In addition all six members have written letters of appreciation.

In part, Leading Writer Hugh Pollock, says: “I wish to thank all those who made our stay in Pinjarra something to remember for the rest of our lives.”

“I am sorry I cannot go through all their names individually, there were so many who were so good to us. We are all sincerely sorry to have left when we did.”

“Meeting the R.S.L. gave us a good insight into the League and its workings. You can rest assured that it will most certainly be known to its full advantage in most parts of the world by the time we have finished.”

Country Guest: Seated as a guest at the State Executive meeting on April 9 was Mr. G. McKinnon, M.L.C., president of the Bunbury sub-branch.

Sub-Lieutenant John Kersey briefly summed it up in his concluding paragraph: “How could we ever forget the wonderful hospitality extended to the R.S.L. and the many, many people who did so much for it. It is impossible to place in words our appreciation to your sub-branch, and all the kind acts shown are deeply grateful and indebted.”

Others spoke in the same vein.

In addition to members there were a great many residents who, we are assured, who were approached by the sub-branch, were only too pleased to do what they could to make the ratings’ stay a pleasant one.

By the hospitality shown by this sub-branch the League will be well advertised overseas.

Visiting navy personnel will also be splendid ambassadors for Australia.

Good Case Not Good Enough

The Minister for Defence said in answer to a question—"not yet" to the League’s representation for the construction of a naval base in Western Australia.

A State Congress decision to give the year to press for this objective was taken up with the Minister by the League’s National Defence Committee.

In his reply to the committee the Minister said he appreciated the interest shown by the League on the question and commended the League made out by its defence committee.

The Government, he said, was not unmindful of its obligations in the defence of this country, but in the present circumstances had concluded that the proposal should be accorded a sufficiently high priority to warrant its inclusion in the current programme.

The State Executive has decided to refer the question back to the National Defence Committee.

“For the Fallen”

By Lawrence Binyon

(This poem, which has taken a pride place among the literature of Remembrance and has a special significance for the League, is given here in full by special request.)

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums are thrummed, Death August and royal
Bands sorrow up into immortal spheres.

There is music in the midst of desolation,
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with song to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.

They were the first, who, from the end against odds uncounted,
Fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

They mingled not with their laughing comrades again;
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

As the stars are known to the Night,
As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust;
Moving in marches upon the Heavenly plain,
As the stars that are stars in time of our darkness.

To the end, to the end, they remain.
Perth Girl Does Her Backers Justice

A Perth girl who was assisted by the Repatriation Department to take up dramatic studies in London has just graduated with honours from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art—England's leading drama school.

As well as securing her diploma she was awarded a Judges' Special Medal.

She is Margaret Anketell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. and the late Lieut.-Col. M. V. Anketell (known to his many friends as "Mick").

Lieut.-Col. Anketell, who served in World War I with the 44th Battalion and then continued with the militia between the two wars, was in command of the 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion, A.I.F., and lost his life in Singapore just prior to the capitulation.

Margaret has taken a keen interest in the stage for many years, and as she wanted to take up acting as a career her mother decided she should go abroad for further study.

An application for assistance to the Repatriation Department—made on the suggestion of Senator Dorothy Tangney—was successful. In London Margaret passed an audition which gained her entry to the academy.

During her studies she was specially selected to go to Oslo (with a company of seven students) to play the second female lead in Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler." The Norwegian Government had specially requested the British Academy to send a cast to put on the play in order to judge the ability of the students.

The play was later presented in London (at the Duke of York Theatre) and both the Oslo and London performances received excellent reports.

On Margaret's graduation the director of the academy wrote to Mrs. Anketell as follows:

"I want to tell you how delighted I am that the Judges have awarded one of their special medals to Margaret. She thoroughly deserves this mark of distinction, not only for her talent but for her extremely hard work and concentration. During her time here, to the task of expressing her talent in the best and most varied way. Good luck to her!"

Margaret's success will be pleasing to her many friends and to all those who knew "Mick" Anketell.

W.B.G. 

Appointments Confirmed

The following official appointments by sub-branches were recently confirmed by the State Executive:

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Margaret Anketell

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PLASTIC COATS
18/11

PYJAMAS
19/11

FLEECE LINED SHIRT
14/11

SPORT COAT
£5

ARMY BOOTS
29/6

NICE TIES
1/6 ea.