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The League will never forget, and its members look back with feelings of elation and pride at the honours part they played. Within the time has melted the agony of suffering and they recognise that after all there is no substitute for trial by suffering and travail whether by man or nation in the creation of character and depth of soul.

Would we as a nation be stronger by the forgetting of the wonderful deeds and sacrifices of Gallipoli, France and Palestine?

Should we wish to forget because we played our part with shame and discredit to ourselves and our nation? Because we fought wantonly and cruelly for a selfish and shameful ideal? "Spare no digger holds such views? Then why wish to forget?"

It is obvious to a keen observer that many self-seeking and disloyal civilians and politicians would have us forget and are ever ready to fan the flame of resentment if they encounter a discontented digger. "The war is over five years," they counsel, "and there is now no need for the R.S.L.

Harken not to these self-interested and false prophets! Yes, the war is over, but the ideals for which the soldier consciously or sub-consciously fought still stand and League mates are continuing to wage a peace time fight for war-time ideals and are thus capitalising their wonderful experiences and character gained during the danger years.

Why try to forget? The pleasures were many and real, and even though the sorrows were also real, they should now be valued and cherished memories. To forget is a desecration of the memories of thousands of comrades who lie so silently in the many beautiful gardens of sleep over yonder.

What a ghastly failure the World War would have it seem.

Thank God for the Returned Soldiers' League, which exists because of it, and which stands as a living witness to the fact that it and its lessons will never be allowed to fade from memory.
STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

6/12/24.

Present.—Messrs. Freedman, Isaac, Collett, Morrell, Philip, MacDonald, Humphrey, Pady, Bateman, Watts, Zeffert, McCarthy, Egan, Bolton, Cooke, Tyler and Butler.

An apology was received from Mr. Cornew.

Caretaker Kalgoorlie School.—The Secretary stated that no reply had been received from the Premiers Department to the letter which had been written.

Moved by Mr. Morrell, seconded by Mr. Pady that the President visit upon Mr. Shapcott or if possible the President at the earliest possible moment and request a reply.—Carried.

An amendment was moved. Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Cooke that failing a satisfactory reply being received from the Premiers Department a committee consisting of Messrs. Zeffert, Isaac and Watt be formed to endeavour to obtain greater satisfaction in regard to the position of a non-soldier to the position of caretaker of the Kalgoorlie School.—Lost.

Leave of Absence.—A letter was read and received from Mr. A. H. Priestly stating that in the request of the Executive he would accept the extended leave suggested.

It was decided that a further two months be granted.

Soldier Mental Patients.—A letter from the Commission which had been placed before the Executive on a previous occasion was again read.

The President then dealt at length with his visit to the Eastern States and reported on conditions there as compared with Western Australia.

It was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Morrell that this State Branch strongly urged the Federal and State Governments to proceed without delay with the erection of a mental home for all the ex-soldier patients.—Carried.

It was further decided that the old Mental Patients Committee continue to function.

Listening Post.—The Secretary submitted a draft of an agreement between the League and “Listening Post” as prepared by Mr. T. A. L. Davy, and it was resolved that a Committee of three consisting of Messrs. Zeffert, Isaac, and the President be appointed to consider the matter and report to the Executive.

Reports.—Anzac Day and War Patriotic Funds.—The President submitted his report in connection with his visit in company with Colonel Collett to Parliament House, where he met Returned Members of Parliament and discussed Anzac Day and War Patriotic Funds. The report was received and adopted.

It was decided that Soldiers Members of Parliament be thanked for the interest shown in this matter.

Kalamunda Home.—The President reported on the work of the Kalamunda Home Committee which was held on 12th December. The report was received.

Finance Committee.—Messrs. Isaac and Collett submitted a report of the meeting held on the 3rd December in connection with finance. They requested a ruling as to the period for which expenses are to be charged under the rule 30 of the W.A. Constitution. It was ruled that expenses provided by the constitution shall be calculated on the following basis. Officers or delegates traveling on League business shall leave on the last train or boat which will allow them to reach their destination in time to commence such business and shall return by the first train or boat after such business has been completed.

R.S.P.C.A.—Mr. Isaac submitted a report of the meeting held in the Soldiers’ Institute on the 8th December, at which sub-branches of the Metropolitan area were represented. The report was received.

Mr. Humphrey informed the meeting that the legal action taken against the Society had been successful and that he was now treasurer of the R.S.P.C.A.

Art Union Committee.—Mr. Bolton submitted a report of the final meeting of the Art Union Committee. In connection with the amount held for Amelioration purposes, it was moved by Mr. Isaac, seconded by Mr. Zeffert that an Amelioration Fund be formed to be operated by the Trustees of the League.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Butter, seconded by Mr. Watt, that the whole of the money be handed over to the R.S.L. Amelioration Fund.—Lost.

A further amendment was moved by Mr. Collett, seconded by Mr. Pady that the money now held by the Executive be equally divided between the R.S.L. Amelioration Fund and Returned Soldiers’ Immediate Relief Fund.—Carried.

The report was then adopted.

Amelioration Fund.—Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Pady, that a Committee of three be appointed to consider and place before the next Executive Meeting, ways and means of repaying the money now held by the Executive.—Carried.

Soldier Settlers Conference.—The Secretary read a report in connection with the proposed Conference of Messrs. Bolton, Humphrey and Watt were appointed.

Soldier Settlers Conference.—The Conference of South-West Settlers be held. It was resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to consider this matter and the advisability of a South-West Conference. Messrs. McCarthy, Bader and Bateson were appointed.

Work Co-op. Store.—A report was submitted by Messrs. Zeffert, Butler and MacDonald in connection with the production of Co-op. Settlers. It was resolved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

Visits.—The State President submitted a report of his visits to the various branches on his return from the Eastern States. This was deferred to the next meeting.

Resignation.—Mr. Butter tendered his resignation as a delegate on the Executive. This was deferred to the next Executive Meeting.

Position of Secretary.—It was resolved that the Committee already appointed consider applications and reduce them to six.

Next Meeting.—It was decided that the next meeting of the Executive be held on Monday, 22nd inst.

22/12/24.

Present.—Messrs. Freedman, Isaac, Collett, Morrell, Philip, MacDonald, Humphrey, Colvin, Bateson, Watt, McCarthy, Egan, Bolton, Cooke, Tyler and Bader.

An apology was received from Mr. A. E. Zeffert.

Christmas Greetings.—Christmas Greetings were received from the Commandant and Staff of the 8th District Base.

Patron.—The Secretary reported that a letter had been sent to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he accept the office of Patron of the Returned Soldiers League, and a reply had been received from the Private Secretary to the effect that he had much pleasure in consenting to act in that capacity. The letter was received.

Item 6b on the Agenda Paper was then taken.

Election of State Secretary.—Candidates for the position withdrew. It was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Collett, that the Executive go into Committee.—Carried.

The report of the Committee appointed to deal with this matter was then read, submitting names in order of preference. It was moved by Mr. Morrell, seconded...
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by Mr. Philip, that the report of the Selection Committee be adopted.
The President then declared Mr. D. M. Benson duly elected State Secretary
as from the 1st January, 1925.
Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Macdonald that the new State Secre-
try be required to furnish a fidelity Bond amounting to £500 with an
approved company.—Carried.

Influx of Foreigners.—A letter was re-
ceived from the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch
drawing attention to the alarming influx
of foreigners to this State and par-
cularly the Goldfields.
It was moved by Mr. Watt seconded by Mr. Bader, that the attention of the
State and Federal Governments be drawn
to the influx of foreigners into this
State.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr.
MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Philp, that
our State and Federal Government's atten-
tion be drawn to the influx of Southern
Europeans to this State, and that until
the resumption of the immigration from
the Old Country be brought about this
influx of foreigners cease.—Lost.

A further amendment was moved by
Mr. Colvin, seconded by Mr. Humphrey,
that the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch be re-
quested to state in what way and with
what objective it is desired that action
be taken by this League, and the Sub-
branches attention be drawn to the clause
in the Constitution dealing with the
White Australia Policy.—Carried.

War Service Homes.—A letter was
read and received from the West Perth
Sub-branch in connection with the War
Service Homes as administered by the
Workers' Homes Board.
Mr. Morrell moved, Mr. Humphrey
seconded that in view of the letter from
the West Perth Sub-branch claiming that
the Workers' Homes Board at present
constituted is unsympathetic towards
Returned Soldiers, representations be
made to the Premier asking that the
R.S.L. be allowed to nominate one mem-
ber to sit upon the Workers' Homes
Board when Workers' War Service
Homes matters are being considered—
Carried.

A deputation as follows was appointed
to wait upon the Premier in connection
with the matter—The State President,
Messrs. Colvin and Humphrey.
Resignation.—The matter of Mr. J. R.
Butler's resignation which was deferred
from last meeting was again considered
and it was decided that he be written to
and asked to reconsider the matter.—
Carried.

Reports.—Visit to Sub-branches.—The
State President's report on his visit to
Kalgoorlie and Boulder which was de-
ferred from the previous meeting was
again brought forward and that part
dealing with the endowment members of
these two Sub-branches was again read
by him. The report was received.

Soldiers' Settlement Conference.—A
report of the meeting of the Soldier
Settlements Conference Committee, held
on the 22nd December, was read and
received. It recommended that a con-
ference be held on the 18th February,
1925, at 11 a.m. It also dealt with a
conference in the South-west. The re-
port was adopted.

R.S.P.C.A.—Mr. H. S. Humphrey sub-
mittted a further report in connection
with the R.S.P.C.A. Controversy.

Finance Committee.—It was moved by
Col. Collett, seconded by Mr. Colvin,
that the late Finance Committee be asked
to again function.—Carried.

T. V. Lowe, Field Supervisor of the
Manjimup Group Settlement, and ex 11th
Batt., has paid a flying visit to Perth.
It was not a joy ride and our sympathies
are with Jack, who brought Mrs. Lowe
to Perth to undergo a serious operation.
The best of luck, we unanimously wish
you.

The Repatriation Department is desir-
ous of locating Robert Beaton, ex/2119,
28th Batt. The Department have receiv-
advice from Narrogin that Mr. Beaton
is in ill health and requires treatment.
He is believed to have left Narrogin and
gone to the Williams district. Perhaps
one of our readers will know his where-
abouts.
SUB-BRANCH NOTES.

WEST PERTH SUB-BRANCH. Its Past and Present. (By B.F.E.)

Some four years ago, or more, a small body of returned soldiers in the Commonwealth Public Service, realising the disabilities under which they were labouring, formed a local R.S.L. with the view of having certain grievances adjusted through that body. Up to a point their efforts were successful, but so little interest was manifested by the majority of returned soldiers that the Sub-Section was unable to develop the requisite "punch." About the same period, their comrades in the State Civil Service were being faced with a somewhat similar position. It was recognised that the soldiers were not receiving, by any means, a fair deal and that it was necessary some serious attempt should be made in order that their rights might be protected. After negotiations, four Sub-Sections were amalgamated into the West Perth Sub-Branch, each section retaining its own identity. However, it soon became apparent that there was a lack of cohesion under the existing system, with its separate executive officers, and finally it was decided to completely amalgamate and function as one composite body.

The wisdom of that move has been proved during the past few years. The membership of the Sub-Branch has increased by leaps and bounds, until at the present time it is second only to Perth Sub-Branch in strength of numbers, and second to none in the State as an effective organisation. With H. S. Humphrey as President, A. H. Morrell, Hon. Secretary, and an able Committee drawn from both Services, the Sub-Branch is safe-guarding the interests of its members in every possible direction, and has achieved results hitherto regarded as practically impossible of accomplishment. Space precludes a detailed statement of what has been done, but from what has previously been published in these columns, and elsewhere, the digger Public Servant, whose sense of discernment is developed in true proportion, must recognise that West Perth stands for his welfare all the way. It might be mentioned, in passing, that the Sub-Branch has been the means of obtaining promotion and appointments for numerous members and has been eminently successful in retaining in employment others whose interest was endangered. It has established many principles of material benefit to the soldiers in both Services. It has striven for more equitable renumeration for temporary officers in State Departments; it has secured payment, for time lost in attending examinations (TelegraphLinesmen, P.M.G.'s Dept.), and, quite recently, obtained holiday pay for a considerable number of Linesmen in the country. It may be argued that this article breaks no new ground; that these facts are generally known amongst members. That is conceded, but it is evident that there is still a considerable number of soldiers in both Services who have not yet joined up, and to whom the Sub-Branch is but a name. Perhaps they have not required its assistance to date, but who knows what to-morrow holds? The sub-heading of this column makes no mention of the future, but that does not imply that West Perth lives only in the present. On the contrary, so long as its members are conscious, the Sub-Branch must be regarded as practically of accomplishment. Its activities become more widely known and appreciated, the accomplishments of the past and present—great as they have been and are—will seem insignificant in comparison with what will be done in the coming years. In conclusion, every digger Civil Servant who has not joined a Sub-Branch, but intends to do so, should immediately communicate with A. H. Morrell, Lands Department, Perth, furnishing particulars of Reg. No. and name of unit, and stating in which Branch of either Service he is employed. It will then be supplied with information regarding payment of subscriptions, name of Departmental Hon. Secretary (who initiates all matters directly affecting his Department), and name of collector (if any) to whom fortnightly payments may be made if desired. If you have delayed in the past, but have an eye for the future, remember—There is no time like the present. Act Now!

BEVERLEY SUB-BRANCH.

Mr. George Brown, president at the Monthly Meeting of the Beverley Sub-Branch held on 13th December.

The Secretary reported having met Mr. C. P. Wansbrough, M.I.A. at evening and said he had introduced a deputation to the Minister for Agriculture on the previous day, protesting against the Avondale Estate being used as a dumping ground for dairy cattle. The deputation represented the Beverley Road Board, Agricultural Society, P.F.A., and general public, and Mr. W. A. Penny attended representing the R.S.L. Executive. However, the Minister said that the Estate would be used for the purpose named as long as it was so required, and after that it would revert to the Lands Department. No mention was made of the minister for Lands would then deal with its future.

In connection with the proposed Conference of Soldier Settlers, it was decided to support the movement, and Mr. J. J. Mann was asked to act as delegate to the conference and has since signified his willingness to do so.

It was decided to go into recess for the summer months, the next meeting to be held on the second Saturday in April, 1925.

COLLIE SUB-BRANCH.

At a recent meeting of the Branch held in the Soldiers' Hall, President F. Shannon occupied the chair. There was a good attendance of members, and as usual business was very brisk.

Amongst the correspondence dealt with was a letter from the Secretary asking the Branch to advise the Capel Branch to adopt, in connection with the holding of the recent successful "Diggers' Fair," the information was sought with the object of holding a similar event at Capel for the purpose of raising funds to build a Memorial Hall at that centre. It was therefore resolved that the Secretary write to the Capel Branch and give all available information on this subject. A further letter was received from the State Secretary dealing with the proposed conference of Soldier Settlers. It was decided to publish this matter in the local press in order that returned men of the district might attend the next meeting of the Branch and give their views regarding the necessity or otherwise of holding such a conference. It was decided to obtain from Sydney a reproduction of the picture of the landing of the Aus-

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Australian Troops at Gallipoli, same to be framed and hung in the Soldiers' Hall. The Secretary reported the action he had taken in respect of the cases of Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Swinbourne, both widows of deceased soldiers. The accounts in connection therewith were passed for payment, and the action of the Secretary endorsed. In the case of Mrs. Swinbourne, it was decided to convey to that lady the deepest sympathy of the Branch in respect to the untimely and tragic death of her husband. Arrangements were made for collections at the various Mines and Mills for the annual Xmas Tree for the children of deceased soldiers. It was resolved to request mothers of children eligible to participate in the entertainment to forward particulars to the Secretary so as to ensure that none would be overlooked. A suggestion was offered to the effect that in the future the funerals of all returned soldiers should depart from the Soldiers' Hall. It was resolved to make an endeavour to have such arrangements made, it being considered that such would be suitable to all concerned. The question of the meeting place of the next visit to Buckingham's and Bunning's Mill was discussed, and it was decided that no alteration be made for the present. The matter of the Branch making a visit to Lyall's Mill was also discussed, and it was resolved to defer action pending a report from Mr. Simpson regarding the number of returned men living in that locality. The welfare of the Branch and returned men generally, not forgetting the widows and orphans, is being well cared for at Collie, and the attention of members to Branch matters leaves nothing to be desired. All matters pertaining to the movement coming under the notice of each individual member is reported to the officials of the Branch, and consequently there is little that escapes the notice of the Branch. Generally speaking, the Branch has done much to consolidate its position during the year, and there is no doubt that this is due to the great interest that individual members have taken in regard to Branch matters. There are few returned men living in Collie who are not now members of the Branch, and there is every prospect of collecting the few who still remain outside the League into the movement during the coming year. The Branch's Cricket Club is much stronger this year than last, and there is great hopes of the Branch's team carrying off the Association's premiership.

Applications are being received at the State Executive office from ex-A.I.F. men for advances from the United Service Fund. This fund is solely for the benefit and use of ex-Imperial soldiers, and can be used for no other purpose.

When the G.P.O. was shifted into its present palatial quarters the Honour Board, which was an object of great interest in the old postal hall, was placed in an out-of-the-way spot on one of the top floors. Secretary Morrell and his West Perth branch lieutenants got to work with their heavy artillery, with the result that the board is to be shifted to a prominent position on the ground floor.

Having made a special study of the conditions existing at mental homes for ex-soldiers in the Eastern States, State President Rabbi Freedman, after a recent visit to the Claremont Hospital for the Insane, instructed the State Secretary to send to the authorities recommendations with the object of improving the conditions of the unfortunate soldier patients.

At the last Federal Congress of the League held in Adelaide, action was taken regarding the practice by which children of deceased soldiers, whose widow, owing to unfortunate circumstances, had been debarred from receiving free medical benefits, and advice has now been received from the General Secretary of the League in Melbourne that it has been decided, and instructions have been issued accordingly, to amend the act under which medical benefits are granted to widows, widowed mothers and children of deceased ex-members of the forces, in order to make the children of a widow, whose pension has been cancelled under Section 37 of the Act, eligible for these benefits.

When the scheme was first introduced, it was feared that objections would be raised by the Lodges which might perhaps refuse to accept the children of widows who were not themselves admitted to the benefits.

It having been ascertained that this difficulty can be overcome, the inclusion of the children in the benefits has now been allowed.
COMRADES OF THE A.I.F.

Through the courtesy of the "Listening Post" Editor I am permitted to address all members of the League, and I trust some of the returning men who are present are not numbered amongst the financial members of the Returned Soldiers' League.

To those who are members, I give you the assurance that by constant striving and application I shall endeavour to merit the honour bestowed upon me, and as your Secretary the interests of the League as a whole and the personal benefit of its members will not be neglected. To those who—through reasons best known to themselves—are not enrolled on our books, I would like to recall a message given to me by the Colonel of a Victorian battalion on the Tuesday night following the famous Peninsula landing: “Tell the Brigadier,” he said, “I have one man to every 4 yards of ground in shallow trenches, but we shall not fail.” That is the position to-day with the R.S.L. comrades—your members. From February to Esperance we number only 4,000 odd members. We have not skeleton battalions, we are only the formation.

Won't you make the line stronger? Will you not make the ranks deeper? The benefits you already enjoy were not won by a rabble. We were strong, solid and vigorous when governments listened and capitulated before the driving force of the League and public opinion. That same public opinion is still with us when our requirements are fairly and squarely placed before them. Our ideals and objects are the purest and noblest of any organisation in the land. We have neither politics nor creed—only those known to the A.I.F., where all parties and beliefs were submerged and loyal comradeship, duty and devotion took the forms of every day life. I appeal to all old comrades who are prospering and doing well in civilian life to help us in beating back the storms that threaten to engulf some of our less fortunate mates. Please do not stand as a spectator of our doings. Come in and help us with your counsels. There is yet much to be done, the ground won has yet to be consolidated.

With the help of all ex-service men the League will grow and prosper, and the need for its existence and usefulness will not end until the last digger receives his final movement order, and he commences his last long march for another front.

W. Benson

SIX YEARS AFTER.

The Living to the Dead.

Have we grown faithless in the work we do,
Pretting and fussing gnaw-like through the world.
Our splendid, youth and dusty banner furled.
Our friendship just a grave where comrades stare.

 Sick Memories? You, there, tumbling in the dark,
Night in your eyes, dust heavy on sealed lips!
Were all those dreams but derelict ghostships?
Where, now, the glory? Where the quenchless spark?

Peace, friend. No word of yours can dim the blaze
Of valour kindled in those braver days
In hearts of men who drew a deeper breath,
Wide as eternity and deep as death.
The men you were—the beacon and the star.

Search! You will find them in the men you are.

Something remains? It could not be that life
Should take us so, with pride and valiant pain,
Lease us to death, and cast us prone again
Untouched by pity, inscrutable strife?

Who have felt war's ruthless, shining plough?
Furrow the clods of fair and fallow breed,
Deep, deep and quicken unsuspected seed,
The hungry harrows following. And now?
Look deeply, you will find the harvest,
Under earth's darkness, under mouldering leaves,
Not as a cornland glory, not as sheaves Too countable—these burgeon, ripen,
But still as earth itself, and all earth is,
Nurturing growth amid dark silences.

Then valour lives? Beyond this tamer sun,
That fiercer sun that fired our warrior years?
Beneath this mummy, the khaki dun?
Behind these eyes: self-mockery, the tears?

Beyond this paltry quest, that splendid ring?
Beyond all this—the work of valiant men?
The dreams, the memories that live again,
The blood, the sacrifice, the nobler sharing?

All, all, are tangled in your life's mad mesh?
Soul of your soul, breadth of your very being,
Deep in the core of this deluding flesh
They serve an end beyond your mortal seeing.

Sickly, transcend. They are not things that rot
Through men, forgetting, be by men forgot.

TREVOR ALLEN
(Ex-22nd Division, B.S.F.)

WAR SERVICE HOMES.

A resolution was passed at the Annual Congress of the R.S.L. held in Adelaide recently, containing a recommendation that a system of pass books, showing allotment of capital and interest paid by purchasers or borrowers under the War Service Homes Act, be instituted, and that representations made to the Hon. Minister, a reply has now been received that prior to the meeting of Congress it had been decided to advise all applicants, who were obtaining grants under the War Service Homes Act of the position of their account with the Commission, and it had been arranged that applicants shall be made aware of the position of their account once in every twelve months.

Arrangements had been made, to forward to each applicant a letter setting out the particulars of his account with the Commission, and subsequent advice of a similar nature will be given when each audit of the applicants repayment book is completed every twelve months.

The League recently had occasion to take up the case of a country applicant in the State, when obtaining assistance to purchase an existing dwelling house in the country, but owing to the policy of the Commission in this category of assistance being restricted, the application had been disallowed on the forms of the loan.

However, upon representations being made through League channels in Melbourne, advice has been received that the proposal can be accepted and an advance made in this case.

FURNITURE GRANT.

An attempt was made at the recent Federal Congress of the League to provide that all applicants who had been prevented, through war-caused circumstances from lodging application for a furniture loan within the five years prescribed, should be received and considered in the ordinary way.

Advice has now been received from the Federal Executive that whilst the provisions of the regulations governing loans for the purchase of furniture prevent the Deputy Commissioner from granting this form of assistance to an ex-soldier who has been discharged for over five years, the Commission itself grant loans where circumstances are exceptional. For instance, where the soldier, through no fault of his own, by circumstances connecting or arising out of his service, such as prolonged treatment for a war disability, has been unable to establish or re-establish himself or set up a home, then the loan is made available, but not necessarily, because the applicant is in more or less necessitous circumstances.

It was not considered, however, that an extension of time limit was warranted or that the present practice prevailing and dealing with cases with exceptional circumstances should in any way be broadened.

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STATE PRESIDENT'S GOLD-FIELDS VISIT.

On his return from the Eastern States last month, President Rabbi Freedman visited Kalgoorlie, Boulder and Southern Cross into Branches and presented the following interesting report to the State Executive:

Arriving at Kalgoorlie on December 4th I was met on the station by representatives of the two former branches, and received a very cordial welcome. On the same evening a combined meeting of the Boulder Sub-branch and the Women's Auxiliary was held at the rooms of the R.S.L., and was well attended. The meeting which took the form of a social function was called for the purpose of my making the presentation of the League's Certificate of Merit to Mr. D. Donaldson, and to give me an opportunity of coming in touch with the members of the R.S.L. in that district and of the Women's Auxiliary. I observed amongst a number of men a warm interest in the affairs of the league, and a desire—shared by the Women's Auxiliary of the Kalgoorlie Branch. A little function that passed off very successfully. The members seemed filled with a desire to do a great deal for their branch, but notwithstanding they had a sort of idea that the Branch has not given them all the encouragement they deserved, nor afforded them a scope to develop their activities. I learnt that they were doing a considerable amount of work, which included the holding of weekly social functions at the Institute, which were very largely patronised.

The same evening I attended a Smoke Social at the Institute, organised by the Kalgoorlie Branch in connection with my visit. There was a fine attendance of the members; every seat provided being occupied. I gave those present a brief account of the principal subject dealt with at the Federal Congress, to which they listened with great interest. I found the branch in a healthy condition, and showing considerable progress in many directions. They were managing the affairs of the Institute with success, and trying to obtain from the Red Cross full possession of the buildings.

Both at Boulder and Kalgoorlie I was interested as well as surprised to learn that they had what they call "Endowment Members," i.e., civilian residents of the district, men and women, paid 10/- a year, which entitled them to all the privileges of the Institute, except voting at meetings of the Branch. I was informed that Boulder had 70, and Kalgoorlie 120 of these endowment members. It was explained to me that the contributions of these people were for the maintenance of the Institute, and it was in no way intended to regard them as members of the League. At the same time, by giving them opportunity of contributing to the funds, and affording them the privileges of the R.S.L. rooms, and interest in the affairs of the League was created among the citizens, which could only make for the good of the R.S.L. I consider the innovation striking enough to report it to the Executive.

I left Kalgoorlie on Sunday, December 7th, for Southern Cross, where I was met by representatives of the Southern Cross Branch, and received a very kindly welcome. On the night of the 8th December, a meeting was held at the R.S.L. Rooms, and was attended by members of the Branch, as well as by the Women's Auxiliary. One digger, a prospector, drove in with horse and buggy a distance of 66 miles, especially to attend the meeting. Another rode on his push bike from his work 14 miles away, which was good evidence of his enthusiasm, as it was a particularly hot day. After addressing the meeting and speaking to them some words of encouragement, the members were invited to ask me questions on matters relating to the League, and an interesting evening was spent in spite of the stiffness of the weather.

In Southern Cross generally there was not the liveliness and activity among members of the League that I should like to see. The Women's Auxiliary there was proving itself very helpful. On the whole, there is need for increased interest all round in that district. I had also intended visiting the Merredin and Cunderdin Sub-Branches, but very urgent private business that cropped up at the last moment compelled me to postpone my visit to them. I hope to have the opportunity of being with them in the near future.

DIGGERS!
Our Advertisers give PREFERENCE WILL YOU?

"BLUE."
(By "Camelo")

The Imperial Camel Corps, together with a section of the Light Horse, English Yeomanry, Indian Mounted Battery, and minor units, had ridden through the night and succeeded in surrounding the strong enemy positions at Rafa by daybreak. We had dismounted from our smelly beasts, were preparing to advance when I heard our Company Commander talking angrily to "Blue," his diminutive ginger batman. I heard "Blue" say: "You always keep me out of action, sir, and if the war should finish early I should be ashamed to go home without having been in at least one scrap."

The Captain eventually surrendered, saying: "I promised your mother back in the West to look after you, and look after you I will, and if I let you go to-day it will be the last time: do you hear?"

I was then called over, and the Captain remarked: "Sergeant-Major, I am leaving now with the first line; you come up with the second, and keep this young fool near you; detail someone to stay behind to look after H.Q.'s camels."

Blue was obviously excited and was jumping up and down, waving a very lovely little kid, and looked and acted like a schoolboy leaving on a vacation.

We were soon off to the attack, and at about 1,500 yards from the enemy's position stray bullets were flying past, and we deployed from echelon to extended order.

"Blue" was chatting merrily to me from about four feet on my right, when I saw him lurk forward. I rushed to the kid's assistance, and called for stretcher bearers. I soon saw that the boy was mortally wounded and before the stretcher bearers arrived he opened his eyes and smiling sweetly at me, said: "I didn't get far, did I Sergeant-Major?"

"I didn't get far, did I Sergeant-Major?"

God rest the dear kid's soul. Death was no stranger to me, but his passing affected me quietly.

DIGGERS! Our Advertisers give PREFERENCE WILL YOU?
SOLiloquy.
(By “Monoped.”)

The other day we were discussing train fares as we journeyed to the City, and of course Scotty had to put this one over us: The are like (“twa” Scogly said) small villages situated about two miles apart in the Highlands, a light railway connected them, and the return fare was threepence. The local folk agitated for a reduction of the fare, and having in mind the tourist visits, the Railway Board reduced the fare to one penny return! Scotty said that “the muckle fules grew unco’ glee’ an’ thocht it grand, but mon I used forbye ta walk the distance four times to save a bob, an’ noo it tak’s me twa’ walks to save yen!”

Scotty has been at it as usual; and although as patriotic as the next man, he seems to scorn the English. From a little town in the Highlands one of the leading business men had occasion to go right down to London. He was the only native from the town to have crossed the border and his friends on his return were anxious to know something of his experiences. “What like we,” said the Scotchman, “but mon I used forbye ta walk the distance four times to save a bob, an’ noo it tak’s me twa’ walks to save yen!”

One of my most respected friends is a Quaker. Friends comprise a Society averse to violence; but the story my Quaker friend tells, scouts the possibility of a “friend” coming off second best in all business. A Quaker was travelling through a lonely place and was hailed up by a highwayman. At the point of the pistol he was forced to hand over all his valuables. “Say friend robber,” he quoth (quoth seems apt!), “my friends may look askance at me; would you oblige me by drilling a few shot holes in my hat and coat?” Smilingly, the robber complied, and when he had exhausted his chambers in this way, the Quaker produced his own pistol and without violence retrieved his goods.

A friend of my wife’s recently called at my house and the maid proceeded to the door: “Is Mrs. Monoped in,” asked the visitor. “Yes Miss,” replied the maid and conducted the young lady to the drawing room. About half an hour passed by, and our friend’s patience began to ebb, and so when she heard the maid’s footsteps nearby she called her in: “Did you tell your mistress I was here?” she asked. “Oh, no, miss, she hasn’t returned from shopping yet.” “Not returned,” exclaimed the astonished caller. “No, she told me she was always ‘home’ to you, miss.”

A pal of mine vouches for the veracity (or otherwise) of this story:—Southall, where the Aussie amputation cases were housed, ladies of good intent but boring disposition were wont to frequent. An old lady who was hard of hearing wandered round a ward where an Aussie was just recovering from the effects of ether, and who was feeling like nothing on earth. The last thing he wanted was to be talked to, and when the aristocratic old lady came to his bedside he cut her somewhat short. She then proceeded to the Sister, incharge and said:—That poor Russian down there doesn’t seem to understand English very well: I asked him his name and he said “Hopity-bitch,” but he did not seem to follow any other remarks.

I once read a story of a little girl of four years of age being called on to entertain two lady visitors while her mother finished her toilet. One of the visitors said to her companion: “Not very p-r-e-t-t-y.” The child replied, “No, but very s-m-a-r-t!” I thought that a bit tall but the other evening Mrs. Monoped was about to proceed to the little store nearby and did not wish Master Three-Year-Old Monoped to accompany her. Consequently she said, “I’m going to the s-h-o-p dear. Monoped junior scrambled out from my knees and said, “I’m going too!” Where are you going?” I asked him. “To the shop,” he said. The next time my wife wanted to doddle his lordship: “Do you want any t-o-b?” she queried; and before I could answer that my smoking mixture really wanted replacing from, Monoped piped up: “I’m going wis you, Mummy, to the shop.” Needless to say the boy had his own way on each occasion.

STROMNESS.

This Digger’s mental hospital is staffed by ex-members of the A.I.F, with Matron McDonald in charge. Matron McDonald is known to a wide circle of admiring diggers, and is assisted in her duties by Sister Tate, who shares this wide range of popularity. These ladies have done much work among newcomers in post-war days, and were recently at Kalamunda Convalescent Farm before it was closed down. A recent death at Stromness affords an opportunity of saying something about these digger nurses.

The deceased man was a sick man for a protracted period, and was so often on the point of death that many would have lost interest by so many false alarms; but not so these digger nurses. Their hours for duty were disregarded and night after night they watched the sick man to minister comforts and to alleviate his wants. On the night when the unfortunate man’s release came, they were with him until the small hours of the morning, when he passed away. The doctor in attendance (Dr. Anderson) was present also.

Hastened to the hospital were his relatives in England, it was very gratifying to notice his treatment was the best, and also that his funeral was so well attended. The Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation. Mr. Chas. Taylor, Mr. Hecking of the Medical Branch of that Department, friends from districts as outlying as Armadale, certain of the Institution attendants, and a few patients followed the remains to the graveside.

An Irish gentleman was astonished to receive the following letter from his son in London:

“Dear Father,—I am in a dive of a hole! Kindly send me £10 and oblige,—Your loving son, Pat.”

But with more astonishment when the son when he received this reply:

“Dear Son,—Your prayers are answered. The letter did not reach me,—Father.”

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R.S.L.—I would like to ask your correspondent "Camel" a question. Will you please give me the necessary space? What did the present day representatives of one of the most ancient races known—the Gippo—what did they do to you? "... traitorous, smellful scum."

Really, I rather fancy the odour of your own camel's quarters would have rendered your over-sensitive nostrils immune to the whiff of Gippos.

Badger.—Thousands of ineligible would give much to be able to wear the artistic little badge of the brotherhood of ex-fighting men, yet even prominent men in League circles are often seen without their badge. This appears to be the only State in the Commonwealth where such laxity exists. I have travelled extensively throughout the other States, where I have seldom seen a digger without a returned soldier's badge of some sort. Is the emblem something to be ashamed of that so few diggers in this State wear it? What about the League embarking on a mild "wear the badge" campaign.

Reggie.—The article "Last We Forget," which appeared in your December number, is a choice appeal for the promotion of a strong League: strong not only in numerical status, but also in moral standing. I heartily commend the study of the precepts set out by Mr. Esson to all diggers who are unattached and would suggest that members should pass on their copy for that purpose.

Rez.—One of the League's activities which does not meet with the encouragement it deserves is the dining rooms at the Institute. This, I take it, is largely due to want of knowledge. Personally, I frequented the dining room up to the time it was closed for alterations. I was surprised to learn that they were in full swing again, and as I had not seen any advertisement in the latest issue of the "L.P." I mentioned to an official that it should be given regular publicity for a protracted term, as your journal is read widely by soldiers generally. I want to say that any digger in town who is desirous of a quick deal in attention, a liberal and wholesome deal in the matter of food, and decent envoys in which to enjoy it, could go-to no place better in Perth.

It's up to the lads to stick by their organisation and this is a way in which they may benefit themselves and the League. My experience is that under the improved arrangements one trial will convince any client.

IF.

(With apologies to Mr. Rudyard Kipling.)

If you can sleep when shells are falling round you,
Nor dream that one of 'em may fall on you,
If you can act so that no man may doubt you,
But make allowance for others, too
If you can wait and see the trench walls crumbling,
Or watch your dug-out being blown to bits,
Or see your best pal killed, and, without grumbling,
Take up your gun and try to score some hits;
If you can smile when hail or rainstorm drenches,
If you can think when fever numbs the brain.

If you can meet with water in the trenches,
And take a pump and pump it out again,
If you can bear to see the high explosive
Wreck your new parapet and strip your wire,
And, without using language too corrosive,
Take up your tools and build 'em both up higher:
If you can make a heap of all your smokes
And halve it with some blighter who's got none,
And lose your half, nor cadge from other blokes,
And only chalk it up against the Hun,
If you can force your heart and nerve
And sinew,
So that they're well in hand when under fire,
And so hold on when there's nothing in you,
Except the Fear, which says to you, "Retire!"
If you can talk with fools and keep from swearing,
Or drink with men and not get over-mellow,
If, when you're hit and almost past all caring,
You've yet the strength to help some other fellow,
If you can give your flask and all that's in it,
To keep a wounded Hun from feeling sad,
Yours not the earth, nor very much that's in it,
But, which is more, you've earned your pay, my lad!


The N.S.W. Branch of the League desires to erect a tablet in the vestibule of the Sydney Town Hall to the Women War Workers of the State, in appreciation of, and thanks for their wonderful work during the war, and are approaching the Council to ask for permission. What about a similar move being made in this State by diggers in honour of the wonderful women who worked so hard and unselfishly for them during the long bitter years of strife!

In eighteen months the United States lost 48,000 killed in France; but in a corresponding period just closed, 96,000 persons (including 25,000 children) were killed there by motor cars.
The W.A. branch of the League were fortunate in securing a man as State Secretary who, in addition to the knowledge gained abroad with the A.I.F., possesses practical experience of the land and its requirements, which should considerably benefit members settled in the country, and who desire information properly placed before departments and business firms with whom the settler has business dealings. Mr. Benson was farming along the Dowerin-Merredin line and experienced the drought conditions of 1913 and 1914. In spite of the bounteous seasons since 1915 he advocates extreme caution regarding Eastern settlements opened up of late years, and counsels all ex-soldiers to conserve water and food for the lean years. Before enlisting in 1914 he remembers when every milk tin of water was jealously guarded and boiled wheat had almost become the staple diet.

Perhaps it was the hard conditions of the West Australian bush that enabled him to carry on almost the full term of the Gallipoli campaign which commenced on August 8th, 1915. For special gallantry Mr. Benson was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. His four years' soldiering was then drawing to a close, for on the second party of 1914 men being selected for Aussie leave, he was offered and accepted the trip home.

With others he travelled down through France and Italy to rendezvous in Egypt again, and celebrated Armistice Day at Colombo. Mr. Benson was the first party quarantined at Woodman's when the Spanish 'flu had fanned a gentle breeze into the Port medical people.

From this time the new secretary assumed “civvies,” the advantage of ex-A.I.F. men forming an organisation and holding together has always been advocated by him, first as a member of Perth sub-branch and later as a foundation member of Mt. Lawley sub-branch. He is one who recognises that the A.I.F. brought out the best that man was capable of acting or conceiving; that the noblest ideals the most self-sacrificing spirit were the common rule, and not the exception of their army when in other lands without the inspiring surroundings of their own glorious country. He believes that by banding together again, by marching in step with old comrades now within the R.S.L., the returned man again forms part of that solid phalanx which abroad nothing could penetrate or shake and which at home should be the protecting shield for the widows and orphans of those who have gone, as well as guide, counsellor and friend to those comrades who are still with us. To this ideal let us all assist him by making the League a more vital living force within the community.

PERSONALITIES.

Leonard Gibbons, of the Repatriation Department, and co-editor of this journal, is an inmate of the Repat. Ward of the Perth Hospital. After years of front line fighting, Len, who served in Collett's 28th, had the misfortune to "stop one" just prior to the armistice which resulted in the loss of a leg. These "stumps" of ours appear to be seldom free from trials and troubles arising from their war wounds, and yet we have black hearted persons in our midst who would deny these men a mede of preference.

Jimmy Cornell, M.L.C., and his wife, are holidaying at Esperance.

Jim Coffey, as everyone knows our friend A. F. Coffey, examiner of Pensions Claims at the Repat., has been lately admitted to the Soldiers' Ward of the Perth Hospital. His wide circle of friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Captain James Rule Jones, who joined the War Graves Commission at the expiration of hostilities, and who has since been working at sacred Gallipoli, is on a visit to his parents at Subiaco.

Executive Delegate A. N. MacDonald is at present an inmate of the Repat. Ward at the Perth Hospital. "Mac," is very popular, and his host of friends wish him a speedy recovery. "Mac" was a member of Tom Todd's Tenth, who late in the war had the American Army attached to him for discipline—or vice versa, we forget which.

Glad to be back from his holiday trip to England, and dear old distressed Ireland, is "Stumpie" Harry Mahoney.

Bank Manager Reg Hemmingsway (Capt. 11th Baffin) is on a visit to this State from Victoria, where he was transferred about 12 months ago.
WEMBLEY EXHIBITION.
MR. COMPTON'S COMMENTS.

Mr. G. Spencer Compton, B.Sc., who ably represented this State's mining interests at the Wembley Exhibition, recently returned to this State. Mr. Compton, who was badly wounded when serving with Collett's 28th Bn., was nominated for the Wembley job by the League. In conversation with a representative of this journal the following interesting impressions of the wonderful Empire Exhibition were gleaned.

"General Hobbs and I reached London on Easter Sunday evening (April 20th) after travelling overland through France from Toulon. The Channel crossing was calm as a pond, and very different to some of our experiences of it during the war.

"The Easter weather in London was perfect, but it turned cold before the Exhibition opened on Wednesday, April 23rd. The opening ceremony in the large Stadium (130,000 people) was a wonderful military pageant. The speeches were rendered audible by means of loud speakers.

"Notwithstanding the huge crowd of people, one proved that the world is but small, by running into Majors Northcott and Boase (late of the Military Staff in W.A., now at Camberley Staff College) on the steps of the Stadium.

"The Exhibition was all round, a very wonderful thing. Everywhere one went was something interesting to see, and useful to study. Some times a few square or cubic yards of space contained enough to keep one's interest for hours. What hope, therefore, of 'doing the Exhibition' in a day?

"Of the Dominions, Canada and Australia seem to have run a very good race for popular favour. The spaciousness and lighting of the Australian Pavilion seemed to strike the fancy of visitors, and in the dull weather they flocked into our Pavilion. There were some wonderful crowds. On Whit Monday, there were 320,000, and it took me three hours to get to Wembley from Kensington. During this day 27 tons of fruit were sold in small lots in our Pavilion, and of this about 25 tons were Western Australian apples, etc. On no other day was the attendance so great. Out of three consecutive Saturdays had a quarter-million visitors each day; while 211,000 and 198,000 are the attendances for two other popular days.

"Taking it on the whole the weather during the Exhibition was very poor, and during the last month it was atrocious. An American visitor is inclined to have said that he was ill in bed on the day when they had summer in England in 1924. English crops of wheat and fruit were poor in consequence of the continued rains.

"The greater portion of the Staff of the Exhibition were ex-soldiers; in the Australian Pavilion there were a large number of ex-A.I.F. soldiers. During one of the visits of the Steel Works Band we were able to arrange a ceremony to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, at which Col. Snowden, the Agent-General for Tasmania was present.

"The greatest attraction during the period of the Exhibition undoubtedly was the Tattoo, which ran for a fortnight and drew crowds of 80,000 night after night. The Pageant of Empire was popular enough, but the performances in the arena were marred by rain.

"The Boy Scouts' Jamboree was very successful, but there are doubts about the one boxing match or the Rodeo. The Cup-Tie Final, played at the Stadium on the first Saturday, attracted an immense crowd.

Mr. Compton considered that this State's interests were well looked after by its representatives, an opinion which is shared by practically all West Australians who were lucky enough to visit the Exhibition. He is also strongly of the opinion that each State should always have its own representation at a show of this kind, who, however, would be worse than useless if not live and energetic personalities.

FROMELLES.
July 19, 1916.

Not a foot of that ground
The plough will turn to the sky,
But you may hear a sound
As of a sigh.
When a man turns to die;
Echoes of one fierce day
When our five thousand fell,
And a thousand bodies lay,
Never to come away;
Fromelles!

Twisted and torn in death,
Tangled among the wire,
With their blood went their breath
Under the fire.
Hotter than all desire;
All hope, all hate, all mirth
In a short hour of hell
Made one red clot of earth;
So much were heroes worth—
Fromelles!

But if souls live, then these,
High over creed and crime,
Sweep through all centuries
With roaring chime.
Down catacarts of Time,
Man is man's sacrifice
On altars bloody and fell;
Deathless the victim dies
Beneath yours flaming skies.
Fromelles!

—Adam McCay, in "The Guardian."
LIMELIGHT—OR SINCERITY?

In as few words as possible we would like to show our readers how eagerly the crumbs of fame are scratched for by the cackling members of the community. In the barnyard we have often noticed unseemly hustling after the scattered grain and we have been amused to hear the noisy members of the feathered department claiming credit for the discovery of provender.

It will be remembered that much publicity has been given to the question of treatment of mental soldiers. Far back in 1923 we noticed that the trend of discussion in soldier circles showed dissatisfaction with the way in which soldiers were housed in Mental Institutions. We ourselves gave the subject some thought and solicited information from C. M. Harris, Esq., one of the most qualified men in the difficult study of Phycoterapeutics. Following on advice received we prepared in September, 1923, an article for the guidance of the League's Westralian Branch Conference to be held in October of that year. A resolution suggesting improvement was sent through to the Federal Executive, and the League had set the ball rolling.

The interest then taken became general and soon we saw the segregation effected at Claremont and we saw conditions improved generally. We saw the evolutions of political gymnastics and the final adoption of plan of buildings and of the site. Everything went slowly forward, the interest generated in 1923 assuring a compelling nature with the passing of the following year. The accomplishments were important as the patients were already showing signs of improvement on account of the comforts and amusements provided; and then divers forces wished it known that they were responsible for these achievements.

We do not wish to deprive any deserving case of the credit due to it, but we deplore this haggling over an issue so all-important, and the efforts made to keep in the limelight at the expense of the success of the scheme. This moth the sickening spectacle of a deputation to Mr. Drew with this unkind object in view was witnessed. Many months ago this discussion was state-wide regarding the adoption of a suitable site and ultimately the site at West Subiaco was agreed upon to the general public satisfaction; but now that we are watching to see the foundations laid for the new homes, we find the deputation referred to wasting the minister's time and perhaps raising some doubts in his mind. They protest that they do not want to delay matters by the selection of a new site, yet they raise the question! Can they be seeking anything but limelight? They also raised the question of the type of proposed buildings and condemned them, although this type is recommended by the highest authorities. People who have studied this deep question a few months at most, are putting their new-born wisdom against the erudition of scientists with years of study and of practical experience. Now is not the time to hinder the State Government! Help it along and convince it that it has its obligation in this matter as well as the Federal Government. The latter has been willing to do its job the whole time through, and now that the State Government realises that it is wrong in asking the Federal Authorities to pay for the maintenance of civilian patients (that is, soldiers who have contracted the malady through purely non-war causes), help them forward by refraining from ridiculous and mis-timed actions.

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(By "Gosh.")

There are some diggers who have retentive memories and they will doubtless recognise this story; whilst those to whom the circumstances are unfamiliar will probably be interested.

Don Roach was a stretcher-bearer in "C" Company, and with his unit was billeted in Renescure. Close to the Company's billet was a pond, which by a strange act of Providence, was not polluted with the drainage from the yard in the farm quadrangle. Instructions were issued that the troops were not to wash at the pond, but they might take water for that purpose.

It was a wet day, and Don was walking by the pond on the slippery and muddy turf, when he slipped and fell; naturally he put his hands out to save himself, and his hands became so caked with mud that he rinsed them in the water. Just as he regained his upright position and was shaking his hands free of the dripping water, out of the billet stepped Sgt. Parnett. This Sgt. was a man who had been invalided from the Imperial Army and had later enlisted with the A.I.F.

"Washin', eh? Washin' in the pool is it?" "Well," replied Don, "not exactly that—just rinsed some mud off." That closed the incident for the time being; but next morning Don was ushered into B.O.R. and charged before the C.O. with disobeying an order—"conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, etc." Of course, Don owned to exactly what did happen and the arrogant C.O. sentenced him to 28 days No. 1 F.P.

In the clink Don was confined after a spotless record since Gallipoli, to the disgust of the Battalion. Grumblings and imprecations were continued until an climax was reached when the Battalion was lined up to leave for the forward area. The prisoners were to march under guard and were to carry full packs, rifles, etc., to which decision Roach took exception. He was stung to the quick by the unjust punishment he had received and had now grown sullen in consequence; so he refused to move out unless he was allowed to march out with his stretcher-bearers' kit only.

As soon as this was known up dashed the Adjutant and ordered Roach to "fall in" and meeting with no success he issued orders for a limber to be driven up. The C.O. then put in an appearance and with the Adjutant arranged for Don to be tied with stout rope to the back of the limber. The choice-spirited C.O. accompanied his command to the driver to move forward with a cut of his riding whip on the nearside horse. Plunging nearly out of control they dragged poor Don one seemed to vie with the previous change for expedition. The last change several yards forward until he lost his balance and fell; and by the time the horses were evened up our stretcher-bearer friend was badly bruised and grazed. The M.O. rode up at this juncture, and having the humane disposition of most members of his profession he overrode the C.O.'s objections and ordered Don to the ambulance.

The wheels of justice move slowly, so slowly that miles of red tape had to be unwoven before a plea from Roach could reach the G.O.C. In fact, the Paschendale battles were fought and won, the C.O. was invalided home severely wounded, the Adjutant was killed in the March offensive in 1918, and later the Armistice came.

Slowly through these wheels of justice turned and yet with no less unerring surety; for although the Reaper was not able to mark the progress of Justice in the Field and roap the life of the C.O., in attonement for his inhuman actions; yet the sickle garnered this noxious weed, quite soon after peace came.

SEVEN MISTAKES OF LIFE.
The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others down.
The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.

Insisting that a thing is impossible, because we ourselves cannot accomplish it.

Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.

Neglect in developing and refining the mind by not acquiring the habit of reading.

Refusing to set aside trivial preferences in order that important things may be accomplished.

Failure to establish the habit of saving money.

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