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ANZAC COMMEMORATION SERVICES.

WAR VETERANS WILL PARADE.

Given fine weather, this year's Anzac memorial celebrations should surpass those of previous years in impressive and reverent solemnity. Functions throughout the country are modelled on those in the service in the capital city. This year at Perth ex-service men are asked to parade and members of famous A.I.F. and British units are urged to "fall in" behind their unit colours and march through the city streets to the Esplanade, where a memorial service commencing at 11 a.m. will be conducted by Archbishop Riley, assisted by other A.I.F. Chaplains:

War veterans are asked to assemble at the Soldiers' Institute at 10.15 a.m. Hospital patients, in motor cars, will lead off, followed by V.C. winners. Civilian dress will be worn with medals. Ex-Imperial men will march as one unit. There will also be a voluntary parade of all Citizen Forces and Senior Cadet units and kindred associations which also take part.

The ladies of the Soldiers' Welcome Committee will provide luncheon for hospital inmates at the Soldiers' Institute. During the services there will be held in practically all the suburbs State Executive members will be attending services throughout the State.

The State Government has decided that A.I.F. men on the wages staff shall not lose pay for this holiday, which congestion is respectfully submitted to the favourable notice of all leading firms employing ex-soldiers.

Sir Thomas Coombe, with his usual generosity, has kindly placed the Prince of Wales Theatre and the disposal of the Anzac Committee for a big State concert on Sunday evening, 26th April, the proceeds of which will go to swell the funds for the provision of a State War Memorial.

A small brochure will be published as a souvenir of Anzac Day, 1925, and sold in aid of Memorial funds.

The Official Party, consisting of His Excellency the Governor, Archbishop Riley, Sir Tophet Hobbs, and the State Executive Officials, have a heavy day before them on Anzac Day. Their itinerary of services is as follows:- Perth, 11 a.m.; Luncheon, Soldiers' Institute; Claremont, 2 p.m.; North Fremantle, 2.30 p.m.; Fremantle, 3 p.m.; Subiaco, 3.45 p.m.; Leederville, 4.15 p.m.

That Germans are not discontinuing military training is obvious from such reports as the collapse of a pontoon bridge between Veltheim and Klausbek (Westphalia) resulted in 84 men perishing in the River Weser. There are still another 71 men missing. The disaster is attributed to the negligence of a commanding officer in charming 150 men on a bridge intended to carry only 100 persons.
EXECUTIVE MEETING.
25/3/25.


Apologies were received from Messrs. Collett, Bolton and Tyte.

Inspector of Aborigines.-Mr. Humphrey reported that in company with Mr. Morrell, he interviewed the Public Service Commissioner in connection with the appointment of a new soldier to the position of a soldier on the South West Branch and stated that both he and Mr. Morrell were quite satisfied that due consideration had been given to soldier applicants, but that their qualifications were not satisfactory.

The Committee were thanked for their action, and it was decided that Mr. Seymour be written to and the position explained to him.

Narrengbeen.-Mr. Paddy then reported in connection with his visit to Narrengbeen, stating that owing to the opening of the railway, and the many functions in connection there with, he failed to obtain a meeting of Returned Soldiers and form a sub-branch, but he was assured by those with whom he conversed, that an opportunity would offer at a later date, and that the Executive would be advised.

Thanks were tendered to Mr. Paddy for his efforts.

School Addresses on Anzac Day.-A letter was read and received from the Perth Sub-branch showing copy of a resolution carried at the meeting held on the 24th inst.

The President and Committee then submitted their unanimous report on the deputation to the Acting Premier in connection with the addresses at the State Schools on Anzac Day, and on the motion of Messrs. Zeefert and Morrell the report was adopted.

B.E.S.L. Conference.-A letter was read and received from the Federal Executive concerning the British Empire Service League Conference, and dealing particularly with immigration and Land Settlement, and requesting opinions under various headings.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that a committee consisting of Messrs. Zeefert, McDonald, Humphrey, Watt and Waddy be formed, with a view to making the initial enquires into the headings contained in the letter from the Federal Executive, and that they report at the next meeting.-Carried.

Medals for Recipients of Certificates of Merit.-A letter was read and received from the Federal Executive submitting designs for a medal to be given to the recipients of Certificates of Merit, and requesting a recommendation as to which design was favoured by this branch.

Moved by Mr. Paddy, seconded by Mr. Philp, that design 2 be recommended.-Carried.

Medical Benefits for Children.-A letter was read and received from the Mt. Lawley Sub-branch showing copy of a resolution carried at their last meeting, requesting that the Executive approve an alteration from the Repatriation Commission in the matter of Medical Benefits to deceased soldiers' children, which now cease when the child enters hospital.

Soldier Settlers’ South-West.-A letter was read and received from the Balingup Sub-Branch, requesting that the position of a soldier on the South West Branch be placed before the W.A. Disabilities Commission.

Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Bader that the Executive request the State President to approach the authorities regarding the State Disabilities Commission as affecting the case of Returned Soldier Settlers in the South-West, and that, after investigations should he consider a proper case apparent, he be authorised to approach the Commission and put the Returned Soldier’s views before them.—Carried.

Preference Murray Sub-Branch.—The Murray Sub-branch submitted a communication urging that preference to Returned Soldiers be given by the authorities disbursing the Federal Road Grant, and also by the Postmaster General, as received and it was resolved that it be passed to the Employment Bureau for report.

Dalwallinu Sub-Branch.—The Secretary submitted a communication from the President of the Dalwallinu Sub-branch showing the progress of the branch had made since its inception. It was decided that a complimentary letter be sent to the President in reply and that communication be handed to the “Listening Post” for publication.

State Secretary’s Report.—The State Secretary submitted his report covering operations of the Executive Office since the last Executive meeting. The report was adopted.

Allocation of Art Union Profits.—In accordance with the notice of motion given at the previous meeting, the Executive, Mr. Humphrey moved the rescission of the resolution carried at the Executive meeting held on the 16th December in connection with the replenishing of the twopence relief funds. Seconded by Mr. Cooke and Carried.

Moved by Mr. Morrell, seconded by Mr. Cornell, that net proceeds of the Art Union be vested in, in equal proportions, the Immediate Relief and Amelioration Funds, and any Sub-branch may submit in writing a claim made for relief made by any individual financial member of the League, such claim to be determined on its merits by those responsible for the administration of the said funds.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. McCarthy that the net proceeds of the Art Union be vested in, and administered by Trustees to be appointed by the State Executive, and any Sub-branch may submit in writing a claim for relief made by any individual financial member of the League, such claim to be determined on its merits by those responsible for the administration of the said funds.—Lost.

Anzacs Day: Rev. Tulloch.—A letter from the Rev. G. Tulloch addressed to the State President in connection with Anzacs Day in Memoriam Service, was read and received, making enquires concerning the arrangements for this year, and pointing out that he had not been asked to take any part last year.

On the motion of Messrs. Cornell and Philp, it was resolved that the necessary explanation to Mr. Tulloch be made by the State Secretary.

Railway Workshops.—The Railway Workshops Sub-Branch submitted a letter showing copy of a resolution passed at their last meeting, and requesting that a paid holiday be given to all Returned Soldiers on Anzac Day, including Imperial men and failing that, a paid holiday in lieu thereof.

It was decided that the request be sent to the Premier.

Mr. Lawley.—A resolution was submitted by the Mr. Lawley Sub-Branch request the Executive to approach all leading firms who employ Returned Soldiers, with a view to granting Anzac Day a fully paid holiday.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Zeefert, that this matter be included in our public notification of arrangements concerning Anzac Day. Carried.

The Secretary explained that a request had been received from Mr. B. W. Kay, for a speaker to attend the Anzac Day Service at Bassendean. Mr. Zeefert signified his willingness to represent Executive.

Northam.—An invitation was received from the Northam Sub-Branch for a representative of the Executive to attend their Smoke Social to be held on the eve of Anzac Day, and it was decided that the sub-branch be advised that the matter is receiving attention, and that a speaker will be sent, and ample notification given.

The nomination was left in the hands of the President.

Grass Patch.—The Grass Patch Sub-Branch request a member of the Executive attend their Sports to be held on Anzac Day, and it was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Zeefert that the Sub-Branch be advised that it is possible to arrange for representation and the Executive will send a delegate will be sent, and that the position regarding travel and loss of time be explained to the Branch.

Bridgetown.—The Bridgetown Sub-Branch requested a representative at their sports on Anzac Day, and Mr. Cornell stated that if he could put off another engagement he would represent the Executive, and it was decided that Mr. Paddy attend if Mr. Cornell could not.

Trusteeship.—Mr. Morrell tendered his resignation as “a Trustee of the League, owing to the fact that he will shortly be starting for England on long service leave, and it was decided that the resignation be returned to Mr. Morrell, and that leave of absence be granted for seven months. The best wishes of the Executive were extended to him for his holiday.

Peel Estate.—The Secretary explained that the Peel Estate Sub-Branch requested a party to visit them on Sunday the 5th April, in order to go into the may of the Richardson’s Swamp and Butter Factory.

It was decided that the President, Mr. Isaac, and Mr. Bader constitute the party.

The meeting adjourned at 10.45 p.m. and the balance of the business on the Agenda paper was left in the hands of the Secretary.
STATE WAR MEMORIAL.

The appeal has now been launched to commemorate the memories of our comrades who made the supreme sacrifice, and a big drive will be made to get into personal touch with every citizen of the State to obtain contributions for the erection of a suitable State monument. The slogan of the committee, "The Great Sacrifice deserves a great memorial," is fair to all sections of the community. The League desires that at all Anzac celebrations this year a collection be taken up for this memorial fund. Returned soldiers are asked to assist, particularly in breaking down parochial prejudices, and to those who voice the opinion that such a monument tends to glorify war, we would ask if the stones they place on the graves of their dear loved ones are erected as a tribute to the disease—venerable the border? Concerted action by sub-branches throughout the State would greatly assist.

The central committee deprecate the raising of funds by bazaars, raffles, art unions, etc., but this spirit will not be abused by the holding of concerts. We are opening a subscription fund towards this worthy objective, and as we understand that the appeal will be a short one, we appeal to our readers to be prompt with their contributions.

We are in receipt of a letter signed "Mother," which we quote:—"As the mother of four soldier sons, two of whom made the supreme sacrifice, I feel comforted to feel that at last the sacrifices of our boys will be commemorated by the erection of a State Memorial as a perpetual memorial throughout the ages of the wonderful effort of the Anzacs. I understand that the newspapers and journals throughout the State are opening subscription lists, and my preference is with the soldiers' own paper. Enclosed please find my humble contribution of £1 Is."

"LISTENING POST" STATE MEMORIAL FUND.

"Mother" 1 1 0
E. S. Watt 2 2 0

A BRAVE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIGGER.

A stirring story is told of a W.A. private in the heavy battle at Villers Bretonneux. The Australian flank on the right was obliged to retire a short distance after six hours' resistance. They tried to signal the British unit across the valley but were unable to attract attention. The digger referred to volunteered to carry a message across and ran out carrying a signal lamp. A German machine-gun fire which swept the valley cut him down, but he struggled up and ran on. Again he fell and staggered a third time. Finally he fell wounded about 100 yards from the British post. The gunners of the flank fired the flag in the air. Two British soldiers ran out and took him into their lines. The message was undoubtedly delivered, for immediately after the British post signalled and communication was re-established.

A KISS ON THE CHEEK.

(By E. St. Ives Bilton.)

How conditions have altered with the times for sure! Quite recently a picture was screened in the local Town Hall of a football match between teams representing France and Germany, and to our thinking the most strangely ludicrous part of the show was the Prelim, when, before taking the field, each skipper of the opposing teams tendered the other a kiss on the cheek. Just imagine two war-scarred veterans, possibly ex-company commanders in the recent "Armageddon," adopting a similar attitude seven or eight years ago, or even ten. The picture would draw, somehow. Germany won, of course, just as she belted the devil out of La Belle France, and would probably have wiped her off the map had not our own "Les" and young "Roo" put their chips in. We trust that in future, should any old world, pre-continental sub-mixture of intrigue, insurrection, anarchy, Bolshevism, militarism, autocracy, espionage, blood-money trafficking, etc., etc., etc., want a fly at one another's throats they will follow the example set by those footy captains in the "prelim." Such a measure adopted might have the effect of localising and making the stunts a fair go so that we may be enabled to keep well, truly, religiously, theologically, and practically out of it. We want any more of what those stout gluttons revel in. We're not so "stone nutty."

What remarkable changes in very few years.

Since our blood-spattered victory won;

For the world was o'er glutted, with sorrow
And tears,

Through the then-christened barbarous

But now we behold on the cinema screen—

Ludicrous to us and unique:

Once belligerents, but now footy skippers

To "prelim." with a kiss on the cheek.

Sincerely we trust that for all of our sakes,

They'll maintain this remarkable caper—

That rumors of carnage which rivalry

Makes

Will disperse in thin air or thin vapour,

And give us a show to keep out of the

scum.

Unless it be "dinkum oil" footy,

We don't want the music of bugle or drum,

For we're not quite so blood-lusting "nutty."

SOLDIERS TO SPEAK.

IN VICTORIAN SCHOOLS.

The Director of Education in Victoria has circulated the following instructions to be observed by 3,000 schools, 6,000 teachers, and 500,000 pupils:

"Saturday, April 25, is Anzac Day, and the public commemoration is to take place, we understand, on that day."

"Children throughout Victoria will, of course, have a part in the proceedings, but it is also desirable to hold a school commemoration so that the significance of the occasion may be made clear to them."

"Parents and friends of the pupils should be invited to present and to take part in the proceedings."

Patriotic Songs.

"The following procedure for Friday, April 24th, is recommended to teachers:"

"The morning meeting will be conducted in accordance with the timetable of the day."

"The afternoon meeting will be devoted to the singing of patriotic songs, and the giving of recitations and readings. Maps may also be displayed, and pupils may read essays they have written."

"Returned soldiers and others should be invited to give addresses."

"The flag should be saluted and the declaration made."

"The National Anthem should be sung."

"As it is desired that the ceremony should be one of commemoration, it is hoped that the addresses will dwell upon the sacrifices of our men, their loyal devotion, and their splendid achievements; upon Australia's debt and solemn responsibility to them and their families; upon our grief at the great losses suffered; and also upon our proud recognition of their splendid worth."

"The ceremony may fittingly conclude with the sounding of the Last Post. While it is being sounded, the audience should, stand reverently, and on its conclusion disperse quietly."

Wing-Commander Goble was tendered a reception in London in commemoration of his flight around Australia.
THE MEMORY OF GALLIPOLI
ANZAC DAY, 1925.
(By May Kidson.)

To my beloved Son of the "Immortal 3rd Brigade" who fell on the furthest heights of Gallipoli before noon on ANZAC Day, 1915.
And to
The youth of our land, with the plea that they ever remember that immortal landing through which Australia was born a Nation.

Gallipoli, lone grave of bravest souls, Aggean seas,
Embrace thy shores that hold proud memories
Of deathless deeds incomparable, embalmed in thy red sod.
Knowing the larger sacrifice was theirs,
hearts gave to God
Their splendid, days unborn, the warmth of home, the love of wife.

And child, Youth's dreams wiped out in the dread scourge of deadly strife,
Upon those heights "impregnable" deemed by Turk or Hunnish foe
(Not recking if those souls who stormed
their way in Dawn's first glow)
A N Z A C, the mystic script in blood
writ fast, when fonts of flame
Baptised the souls who lit the beacon of Australia's name.

Around a world: and a new Nationhood has proved her worth;
A thing complete, perfected, as she leapt the gates of birth.
Veterans in Service even "the great impossible" (taxes said)
Had done, and 'mid moon daisies blood-deep left their mighty dead.

A pulsing rose-dawn ripped in thunderous boom of death-filled guns.
Where ripples of hot rifle fire ringed as stalwart Anzac sons
"Mid cannon charges" won the cross again and yet again.
In the peal words, so very sooth spoke by those who had men
Who watched; and held their bulldogs leashed, lest they should barking smite
The Knights crusaders storming Gallipoli—our men of might
First Anzac Dawn thy cryptic name shall live past wastes of years,
The day when Pride stands at salute beside Love's font of tears
Gallipoli, the ebon-unrinded and the velvet-sheaves
Lies on thy bosom like the red of fallen autumn leaves.
Each knoll hath some revealing, and each ridge some splendour hid
In memory of some deathless deed some deathless hero did.

The landing! "History's stupendous feat."
Sir Stanley Manche had said.
(Trinity dawn-stormers, and to those who followed, one word did pass)
And Ian Hamilton: "From a full heart
I say these Anzac Men
Finest tradition of our race to-day have kept;" and then
"Audacity, dash, valour, and resource were theirs—"they bear
Record imperishable of military virtue there."
If life should strike the mighty chords that ministrels loved of yore
Fain should she travel to those heights above that beetling shore—
Her Pilgrim-soul must sense one dawn
Traveling the steps of night
That dropped her purple robes and fled before that April light,
A fairy dawn whose fingers spun each gossamer frail thread.

To bear forever on her breast the names of our great dead.

...God God of wondrous kind... tho' breathe pitty there that night
Before the dawn, when the old moon that oft had lent her light
To dwell gay, or else commune between a soul and soul.

Did shed a final benzon on some whose name would scroll
A hist'ry's page. Of stature great (so great a Bravisher
Had said that never had he seen such build of men) in clear
Lamplight of the old moon they Jeseted,
Laughed, as brave men will
At the last meal on the great battleship—when all was still.

Mayhap in some dim nook some secret eye were overcast
Thinking of bright eyes and dear lips as they had seen them last...
The ladies lay bathed in pools of light amid the silent seas:
And night kept faithful tryst with stars and souls with memories.

No breath of breeze ruffled to fan the crooning summer sea
Where they barbed teeth were bored "impregnable Gallipoli."
Starry in dews the flowers, red and white, and blue, would stand alone.
The dead to huddle deep as snowdrifts in some wintry noon...

Dawn's silenced silences sweet breathed—naught else—save pulses heat
Of stalwart men, well hammered to endure
Eager to meet the dawn. Below, the rim, the moon had left, for our own shore
And to me bears the impress of one dawn for evermore.
And now the boats dip to the tideless waters—slowly they drift
Aster—full steam ahead!—and as the roseate dawn doth lift.
Each pinnacle takes her way to heights
Loved by Aggean's blue,
And there those silences are spied—whistling a shot rips through
And splits the air—again zip, zip, zip, upon the sand,
Where men spring from each boat or swim, like Vikings may, to land.

Fête! Fête! a hillside fire of shrapnel sweeps, now here, now there.
Death-dealing through our bayonets press, and death moans fill the air.
Up! Up! with dripping blades, indomitable, fighting like hell
They spring like goats (scarce foothold there) in rain of screamiing shell
Those men awaited their first fire in splendid silence (as they led)
To wonder at—like lightning as he leapt the shore afar.
Each man, straight as his bayonet went for the foe that bore
Who died from ridge to ridge pursued—and thus were A N Z A C S born.
Gallipoli! the glory and the squallor that are thine—
No "billet" there, no woman's face, no comforts there behind the line.
A letter read, scribbling a card, unloading there a cart—
The pipe still in the mouth and a spent bullet in the heart!
Yet wif flies fast these days and bubbling over the ready jet.
If death will he—will be—so do your bit and leave the rest.

Oftimes the bath with shrapnel bursting overhead and splash
Of pellets whirring the water after each blinding flash.
Hard fare, hard work, irk not—it is the trench and sand-bag wall
With the long lovely morning lights, and dreams behind the wall.
Like limpets cling—the guns above—the sappers race below.

Nearby stilled life that once was foe or friend—as hot winds blow
The air mayhap befoul by noisome flesh, and grime, and fear.
Had feasted on unloveliness the days and nights accrued
By things unspeakable—water as 'twere some precious dote
For thrashing lips—and the rest for some sick war-wearied soul.
A death-chance, where like biting hail a sniper's bullet fell.
By glory crowned—yet this Gallipoli, in splendour and hell.

Awful thy loneliness, in the soul, remote, austere,
Yet thoughts like homing birds upon the wing are lighting there—
Gallipoli, lone grave of human souls. Ah! still thy seas shall play a rhythmic requiem and sing proud memories.
Thine honour, grim Gallipoli, to have held on that height,
Time lends her clear perspective and doth show they led the way
That other fighting souls have trod since in the path that was laid.

Thy meaning, Q! Gallipoli?—a foremost soldier of our land
In these strong words have given, that souls listening understand—
"Shall 'ring the flower of the Turkish host, that first came on
Created above all, TRADITION FOR AUSTRALIA'S NAME:
So that in France when things were black and hearts were overcast
"Remember Gallipoli!" along the line
Gallipoli! the watch rd passed
Gallipoli! how saw our race, dauntless to do or dare
Achieve or die—and we to-day by Life's
high altar stair.
Shall hold thee still a country's shrine,
(A little of the deathless years)
When Love and Pride as healing angels
stem the Font of Tears
Anzac, to-day we lay our laureled wreath
of Love and Pride
On Memory's argosy, to sail once more
no's past must wake
To those who living bear the shield
of fame—those gone West.
And serving still have found the Holy
Grail—first in the quest.
Past silence, invisible, watch there an
army mute
Of the beloved! of the Invincible our
hearts salute.
First Anzac Dawn by cryptic name—he
lived past wastes of years.
The day when Pride stands at salute
beside Love's font of tears,

SOLILLOQUY.
(Re "Monoped").

In the recent discussion on the Death
Penalty in Army Orders, Lieutenant-Col-
onel Godfrey D. White (Conservative,
Southport), said that in the Australian
camp in France, while 99 out of every
100 were magnificent men, the residue did
not consist of nervous trembling lads, as
Mr. Thurtle had described them, but of big
brawny fellows, who deserted the line and
hid in the woods, and played "Crown and
Anchor," boasting openly that it was a
better way of making money than being in
the line.

I have been in charge of numerous
guards of clinks with some of the noto-
rious deserters within their confines, and
from my 'personal experience of each of these
"birds" was not only something less than a
"brawny fellow," but played "two up" as
the most fascinating and portable, as well as
the most remunerative calling. And as
for boasting openly that Crown and
Anchor was a better way of making money
(provided one was alive) than fighting—well, who can deny it?

Then some party, Mr. Thurtle, I think,
said that not one Australian received the
death penalty during the hostilities; this
was confirmed by the Secretary of State
for War, and incidentally he trotted on the
Canadian G.O.C.'s corns by the official
revelation. However, it is wrong to say
that no Australians were executed, al-
though it may be correct to say that the
sentence was never passed. To
confirm this, I refer you to the adventures
in short of one "bird" I have mounted

French by birth, Australian by pre-war
adoption, a man enlisted early in the piece
and cleared out in Egypt. His language
he carried through in Cairo and he
evaded capture until his unit sailed to
France. He allowed himself to be pinned
by the Johns and accompanied his unit
to the land of his birth. He broke loose
this early in '16 and lived on the fat of the
land, until the Gendarmes captured him in
early '18. He told them of a strenuous
life evading justice for two years in a land
where every man of a military age was
pressed to service. When he rejoined the

unit he was under a strong military guard
and was promptly place in the wire en-
closure. He demanded an escort at dusk
for the usual promenade. The file was
armed with loaded rifles. The prisoner
escaped beyond the hessian convenience
and the shots fired in the gloaming found
no human billet.

A sister battalion was promptly tele-
phoned and, as it lay in the direction of
flight, the flying bird was re-arrested. He
made another valiant run to evade reten-
tion, as perhaps he had heard what the
fighting round Albert was like in March,
1918, and had no mind to face it. His run
was cut short as the ball of a service
revolver pierced his spinal column thus
executing the death penalty which the
man so richly deserved.

The attitude of certain non-militant paci-
fists (I hope I am emphatic about their
abhorrence of war) seems to be culminating
on a point when we may expect legisla-
ture to prevent the use of terms which
con a picture of beligerant forces. Our
offsprings are to have no incentive to mag-
y the opportunities we have and their
poterity in turn will be saved the most
interesting subject in our. sweating.
for history will be taboo! There will be
a revolutionary—no that word will not do
it smacks of war—there will be a revision
of the vocabulary of the journalist to
come. Such headings as "A Freight War"
will be supplanted by "Shipping Competi-
tion." The par on "Ford's Australian
Adventure" may not be headed "Austra-
lian Operations—Ford's Motor Co.—for
operations are war-like engagements.
Again, how will this people without a
history understand Bubonic Plague—Crusade
against rats? unless the wording is "Re-
moval of Rat Pest." It is wrong for
governments to interfere with innocent
religious causes, but I foresee a reorganisation
of the Salvation Army—or rather, an
tempt to enforce it.

What has happened to the patriotic Aus-
tralians who have sent us to fight their
battles? Where is their voice in recogni-
tion of our 25,000 dead? Are these men
smoldering in Alien soil, to pass from
memory without a unanimous vote of appreci-
ation in the form of a memorial con-
tributed to by every one? The people
who conduct the country's affairs—I find
by reading the public service journals—
are the civil servants. You see they tuto-
the ministerial heads of departments and
adjust the sins of omission and commission
these temporary heads are guilty of. Well,
my point is, these virtuous folks should
work departmentally and a fund should
be inaugurated in each department, and
when it represented one day's pay for each
member of the staff, the elected Hon.
Treasurer should remit it to the Secretary
of the War Memorial Fund. Don't dally,
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Within our country's annals as the goal.
To which 'neath martial pride and honour's sway
A youthful nation moved and found its soul.
Immortal dead! sons of a chosen race,
Martyrs to life's ideals high and true;
May God this nation from the earth efface
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God is forgotten and the soldier slighted.

The ban which Cabinet placed on Anzac addresses in the State Schools, on the recommendation of Colonial Secretary Dew, following on a secret delegation of diyalists which waited on the Minister, has been removed and school teachers only are now to lecture the children. Returned soldiers other than teachers are not to be permitted to address the children and the reason for this ostracism is not apparent. We caution the Government that soldiers are not likely to forget this foolish insult. Not one scintilla of evidence has been produced in support of the original war glorification accusation. It is all "bunkum" to say that addresses were not general throughout the State in past years. The instructions to teachers issued this year are almost identical with those issued previously.

The whole object of the school addresses has been destroyed and the ceremonies without the soldier visitors will be mere unimpressive formalities.

FALLEN SOLDIERS’ MEMORIAL UNVEILED AT WAGIN.

On Sunday, 20th March, the Governor, accompanied by Lady Campion and Miss Byron and attended by Major Kerr Pearce unveiled the Fallen Soldiers’ Memorial erected in Piesse Park, Wagon by the residents of Wagon and District. Such a sacred duty as this could not be carried out without local strife. The editor of the "Wagon Argus" has carried on a bitter controversy against the site in Piesse Park, he and a few short sighted or rather small minded subscribers fought to have it erected on a 6 x 2 foot plot on railway property. They were beaten at a properly constituted meeting of subscribers but have carried on a wordy warfare since. So bitter is our editor that he refused to print a word about the ceremony in his issue of Friday the 27th inst. When asked why he had not printed copy supplied he replied to the secretary of the Memorial Committee (Mr. W. P. Edwards) "that the unveiling of a War Memorial was not of sufficient public interest to residents of the district to justify him printing it." This news soon got round and as there were a lot of country residents in town on Saturday and Sunday it was circulated far and wide. The result was upwards of 2000 people attended the ceremony on Sunday, the largest gathering ever seen in Wagon. It included returned Soldiers, Boy Scouts, Wagon Fire Brigade, Wagon Band, the children attending the Government and Convent Schools, residents from 75 miles east, 40 miles west and 25 miles north and south of Wagon. Upwards of 200 motor cars were parked round Piesse Park. So despite the local editor’s implied insult to our glorious dead and their relatives, or, rather, because of it the residents showed their contempt for him by straining every effort to attend. The ceremony was a glorious one, full of deep reverence and a solemnity not often found in open air gatherings. The monument is a noble granite one and was designed and erected by Wilson, Gray & Co., of Perth.

The Acting Mayor (Mr. Percy Howard) presided and briefly introduced the Governor. The Governor’s speech was a most impressive one and so clear was his delivery that every word was heard by the great assembly. There is no doubt he set the keynote of reverence and there was not a person present who did not feel and appreciate this.

The joint secretaries (Messrs. W. P. Edwards and J. Booth), had so perfected their arrangements that not the slightest hitch occurred. It was a triumph in organisation.

“Dad” Fanning, Secretary of the Dingup Branch, has a good crop of apples this season, and will let any of the boys have them in case lots at a reasonable price. “Dad” is a good sort, and will give a fair deal, so give him a turn.
The Lessons of Anzac

As a special supplement to this Anzac Issue, "The Listening Post" invited a message from various prominent citizens of the Commonwealth. The inspiring contributions sent in reply, and published below, will be read with interest, and we trust with profit, by our readers:

"They counted not their lives dear unto themselves, but when the sun was on their hill of life, passed into the shadow of death that we might dwell in peace."

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RT. HON. LORD FORSTER, P.C., G.C.M.G., Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

On this tenth Anniversary of Anzac Day, the thoughts of Lady Forster and myself are with those who lost their beloved in the war, and we join with the whole nation in giving thanks for the service and self-sacrifice of Australia’s sons.

His Excellency Sir William Campion, K.C.M.G., D.S.O.

We are all very proud of our Empire and of the State in which we live. We desire Peace and the opportunity of developing the resources of the Empire and the State. The services and the sacrifices of our soldiers in the Great War have given us this opportunity.

It is well that we should always remember this on Anzac Day, and that the future generation should be told of this proud page in our history, and should realise all they owe to the soldiers of the Empire. It is an example to all for future generations.

LT.-GENERAL SIR JOHN MONASH, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., V.D.

A decade has passed since that glorious day when the young manhood of Australia accomplished on the cliffs of Gallipoli a feat of arms which should remain memorable so long as our race and language endure. It was an achievement which became the inspiration of the A.I.F. throughout the war. It stands as a monument to stimulate our future manhood to patriotic endeavour and sacrifice. Anzac Day celebration means the preservation of that monument, and I believe that the men of the A.I.F., so long as any of them survive, should never allow that notable anniversary to pass unregretted. But what of the coming generation? Is a prohibition against telling our school children the story of Anzac and what the day stands for the right way to foster that spirit of civic duty without which no nation can prosper? May the “diggers” for many a year to come combine, as they will do on this tenth anniversary, to see that the people do not forget, and, when the last of them has passed to his rest, may the true spirit of Australia carry on the glorious tradition of that sacred day.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR I. TALBOT HOBBS, K.C.M.G., V.D.

We are about to commemorate the tenth anniversary of “Anzac Day,” and as the years roll on many of us, I think, more than ever realise the magnificent, dauntless courage, devotion to duty and supreme self-sacrifice of the heroes to whom we owe in very large measure our nationality, and all that is dearest in life to us. But do we remember them as we should? How have we shown our gratitude for the sacrifice they made, and how far has our conduct in life been influenced by their example?

There are few of us, I venture to say, can satisfy our conscience in this respect. Surely most of us can do something to maintain and uphold the ideals for which they gave “their all,” even if it is only by striving to keep alive the spirit of true comradeship that never was brighter than at Gallipoli, a comradeship that inspired men under the most trying and appalling conditions to stand shoulder to shoulder, play the game, and do their duty.

LT.-GEN. SIR HARRY CHAUVEL, K.C.M.G., K.C.B.

To my old comrades of the Australian Imperial Forces I send hearty greetings and best wishes on this day of remembrance. I trust that neither we nor the people of Australia will ever forget what we owe to those who sacrificed their lives that we might live in peace and prosperity.

Harry Chauvel
CHAPLAIN-GENERAL ARCHBISHOP RILEY, D.D.

When anyone says that we want war, do remind him of the words of H.M. The King when on his pilgrimage to the cemeteries on the fields of battle:

"In the course of my pilgrimage I have many times asked myself whether there can be more potent advocates of peace upon earth through the years to come than this massed multitude of silent witnesses to the desolation of war."

What our men did in the Great War was, among other things, to save Australia for the Australians. To save Australia in the future from those within and without, and from the decay which peace often brings, it will require exactly the same qualities in our men and women which they displayed in the Great War—obedience, steady and whole-hearted, to the call of duty; indomitable courage; perseverance, hardihood and patienceled to face every difficulty.

As long as our race is what it was in 1914, I have no fear for the future of our land.

C. G. R. Pat.

RABBI D. I. FREEDMAN, B.A., State President of the W.A. Branch, R.S.S.I.L.A.

Just a decade ago Australia's sons, by their deeds of heroism that thrilled the world, placed upon her head the crown of nationhood. Created, in that one day, a queen among the nations, she has understood that the only way in which she can be worthy of her new dignity is by continuing the traditions of self-sacrifice and devotion that were fashioned by her Anzac sons. Each recurring Anzac Day brings a fresh opportunity to renew her high resolve. Paying proud homage to the memory of those who fought and died for her, she will herself win the world's homage by her own true and steadfast bearing.

To those of us who were privileged to serve side by side with those siles—heroes whose name "liveth for evermore"—Anzac Day has a special appeal. It brings us the reminder that upon us the war, with its sacrifices and its trials, with its terrors and its triumphs, has placed an additional obligation—one which can only be fulfilled by maintaining and strengthening the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' League.

We were comrades in the Great War—we should continue the comradeship in a united effort to win for our land a still greater Peace.

The men and women of the A.I.F. served with a devotion that never counted the cost. In the R.S.L. they will find a continuous call to serve their country in the same spirit, in whatever path their life's work lies.

Make the R.S.L. a strong and a united body, is the consistent appeal of Anzac Day to every ex-service man and woman who are proud to call Australia their home, for thereby you will be strengthening it in each of its great purposes and in rendering it a priceless asset to the citizenship of Australia.

M. G. J. C. DYETT, Federal President, R.S.S.I.L.A.

The tenth anniversary of that memorable exploit, the "landing on Gallipoli," which originated the imperishable name of "Anzac Day," will be observed and honored throughout Australia on the 25th April. "Anzac Day," which is synonymous with courage, chivalry and heroism, means much to every citizen in Australia, because it was on that day that Australia, by virtue of that unprecedented feat and the glorious deeds of her valiant sons, became a nation.

The men who survived that unsurpassed test of bravery and endurance will again recall to mind on the 25th April the good qualities and outstanding characteristics of their departed comrades, whose supreme sacrifice on behalf of Australia and for the preservation of British Justice, Liberty and Freedom in the interests of humanity and civilisation, can never be repaid. But to that unpayable debt, we, as ex-service men and members of the Returned, Soldiers' League can subscribe, by securing the best possible conditions for the dependants of those men who fought and died on the occasion of that great and wonderful achievement.

May the present generation and also posterity be told on each anniversary of "Anzac Day" of the self-sacrifice of those whose memory is sacred to the worthy citizens of Australia.

FIELD-MARSHAL "BIRDY."

So "Birdy" has been made a Field-Marshall, and his friends of the A.I.F. are delighted. Although the new F.M. is a notorious "kidstaker," he has a wonderful fascinating personality, and is genuinely liked and admired by the diggers.

Obtaining his first commission in the Royal Scots in 1883, he saw his first service in the "little wars" on the North-West frontier of India. His first staff appointment was gained during the South African War. His ability was soon recognised by Lord Kitchener, and he soon became known as one of "Kitchener's men."

It was not Birdwood's record as a thorough and seasoned soldier, however, that brought him fame. It was his tactful and able handling of the Australians that placed him among the notable com-


The building at Kalamunda, erected by the Red Cross Society, at a cost of £20,000 as a convalescent home for returned soldiers, and recently taken over by the Perth Hospital for use as an auxiliary hospital, was officially opened by the Governor, Sir Wm. Campion, on April 4th.

Travelling Yebbeni Sub-Branch is conducting a sports meeting on April 18, to be followed by a dance in the evening. The proceeds are to be devoted towards assisting a comrade who has been having a rough spin, due to impaired health.

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Representations have been made to the Prime Minister stating that in the opinion of the League, the Federal Government should take immediate action to appoint to the positions for which they have qualified, the remaining 387 returned soldier candidates who were successful at the Commonwealth Public Service clerical examinations. Information has now been received that the appointment of returned soldiers who have qualified for the position of clerk will proceed as opportunity offers. It is necessary to explain, however, that appointments will not be made to any number until after the classification of the Service is completed. As the classification of Departments progresses, it is found that there are officers in excess of requirements, and, in the Taxation Branch in particular, alteration of administrative arrangements and other factors have resulted in surplus staff being made available for disposal elsewhere. Excess officers must be provided with positions or retired, and until they are disposed of, appointments from outside the Service can only be made to the extent that there are no excess officers suitable to fill particular vacancies. In any case, the request of the League that the qualified candidates be appointed immediately could not be complied with, as appointments can only be made to meet requirements.

THE LEAGUE'S NATIONAL POLICY.

In the past the League has "had its hands full" in largely looking after its own domestic affairs but it is now time for branches and sub-branches to do all in their power, in furtherance of the League’s National Policy which was adopted at the last Federal Conference and included in the Constitution.

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(Extracts from the Official Correspondent's Reports.)

April, 1915 was auspicious as the month of the initiation of the Anzacs and its history has been decidedly inflammatory in promoting the national status of Australia. April, 1918, was undoubtedly as great a turning point in the war as was the Anzac Day of the year of our Colonies.

The Australian position across the River Ancre to the Somme, West of Albert, crossing a series of gullies and broad spurs. The enemy had recently advanced some 30 miles and had met with a decided check. For the first week in April the enemy had made many attempts to penetrate the thickly wooded river flats with the object of turning up the gullies under cover, all of which, however, were frustrated. Concurrent with these stunts on the Somme Valley, the Hun tried unsuccessful to force the gullies around Albert. With the good observation afforded by the tablelands it was easily possible to crush these attacks by means of artillery fire.

One of the attacking parties comprised 150 men of the storm troops of the German Marine Division and managed to establish themselves in a small house on the railway embankment. Our machine gunners held their fire until the enemy presented the best target and then practically annihilated them. Six prisoners were taken; they were big intelligent men who referred to these attacks as “pig driving.” In these attacks they were not led by officers, but by junior non-commissioned officers.

The German Divisions had been sent on regardless of life, having only one set of orders and they were to proceed as far as possible.

The enemy’s intention certainly was to surround the British army by the full weight of its numbers. Prisoners were unfeignedly glad to be out of the battle. They already knew that the Australians were in against them. The German intention had been to penetrate 63 miles, when it was considered that the battle would have been decisive.

6th April.—Australian units have been involved yesterday and to-day in two separate attacks, fighting most desperately with such magnificent tenacity and fierce spirit in the counter attacks as will make one of the finest chapters in our country’s history. The story of the first of these two is as follows:

In drizzling rain the Germans returned to attack on the position in undulating country south of the Somme Valley. The battle lasted all day for possession of Villers Bretonneux and the local position which was retained after heavy fighting and a glorious defence.

In the morning the enemy began the assaulting in great force, drove his troops into the line of the Australians between the Somme and the town. The big company of Australians only fell back when it was impossible to bend back the defensive flank further. That was where the New South Wales Battalion was in a trying position with constant skirmishing. These men made an indomitable resistance that lacerated the waves of attacking forces with machine gun fire. Though the Germans gained some ground against them it was only at the cost of great losses. At noon dismounted cavalry helped to restore the position in a most gallant manner.

The afternoon, to the accompaniment of a terrific bombardment of the town, which tore the streets to pieces, the enemy swept in dense waves to assault the troops on the right flank of the Australians. The shock temporarily overcame the line which bent back on the southern edge of the town. For several hours the battle raged. There was a welter of shell fire among the woods, little copse, ploughed fields, roads and embankments. The town was once deemed lost. At the end of the afternoon British was sent in reinforcements to fight with the Australians. Shortly afterwards another Australian Battalion advanced on the right. These combined forces of British and Australians seized the ground upon the southern edge of the town. In the early hours of the next morning the line was reorganised, and at one o’clock a brilliant attack was made on the south-east of town. In the early hours of the next morning the line was reorganised, and at one o’clock a brilliant attack was made on the south-east of town. The local point of vantage was captured and the enemy was driven back 600 yards, the whole line advancing. The German casualties in the twenty-four hours were exceedingly heavy.

The following day the Germans made an even more desperate assault from the sector from Albert to Dernancourt across the Ancre against another portion of the Australian force, which felled them along the railway line on the north-east side of the river. The line began at about 8 o’clock in the morning with a heavy general bombardment, gradually concentrating on the front line. Just before the enemy’s infantry advanced to the attack, the assaulting waves met with a withering fire, but opposed one part of the Australian line where all the officers and troops became casualties. The German infantry managed to penetrate the Australian front line coming on wave after wave, gradually pushing up the hills, being the while mowed down by our machine gun fire. The guns firing continuously were unable to stem the tide which flowed on to them. One group of four machine guns was seen fighting till the very last, when the German tide actually swamped them, the men dying at their guns after inflicting terrible losses.

In the early hours of the 7th the Germans, in some parts, had advanced well up the slope on our side, though the South and Western Australians on one flank and the Queenslanders on the other, were still holding out along the front line with an uninterrupted fire round to meet the attack almost from the rear. At about four o’clock in the afternoon a counter attack swept out in magnificent form over the edge of the hill down towards the valley. The Australians advanced exactly as they had done a thousand times in practice. Parts of the line which had been driven in were inclining, so that it happened that the Queenslanders found the German wave where it was weakest. Almost at first sight the Australians had gained the top of them. The Germans gave ground before our approach and no sooner was the Hun’s first wave shattered than the second was met and likewise shattered with the bayonet. Thus the Australian line had advanced to a point where the Germans were already behind the flank, and the brave advance ended. The fighting continued until dark, when the Germans almost had to admit that they had been literally fought to a standstill.

The Australians, who were still holding the hills, fought certainly at least four or five times their number. In the fight on April 5th the Australians killed and wounded about 4,000 Germans. The following day they must have accounted for far more.

Summing up the official correspondent says (and we hope Mr. Drew and his colleagues will follow through their story) “When the history of the war comes to be written, Australia and the Empire will realise what a magnificent battle the Australian Imperial Forces has been to the cause of our national and our race, of civilisation. This is its darkest hour. This week’s work, if nothing else, will give our children the right to glory in calling themselves Australians. There was never a finer fight in the history of our army than that fought by the Australians at Villers Bretonneux.”

The increase of armaments has been going on steadily and the exact state of Europe to-day was not at all wide known as it ought to be. There had been increases of forces in quarters likely to cause us to the greatest anxiety, and the state of South-Eastern and East Central Europe was very grave. Some said that the League should use only moral force but if you saw your child with a finger to the nose and you took the knife away from him, a great part of Europe to-day was living in fear, and we had got to ensure that a general reduction of armaments was carried out if we were to make any progress.”

Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice.
VARIA.

Hey!—I don't admire our politicians generally speaking, and I must confess that the progress of time with its revelations makes me think less of them. It is quite evident that they do not value my good opinion or they would change their ways. You remember that every year diggers have talked to the young people at their schools about "The Dawn of Nationhood." They have spoken of the future of the world and the glorious traditions and ideals. The present Government (I don't know that it deserves a capital initial—but as its a 'G' I'll let it stand) refused to recognise our right to talk to the children because reference in any way to "war" was taboo. One politician made a mock of Christ's words to gain his point. However, seeing how strong public opinion on the matter was, these wily birds put their heads together and saved their bacon. Yes, they devolved a scheme on the spot and arranged for the teachers to instruct the children. The teachers can and will do their job no doubt—but what a neat put-down.

5391.—I notice that the New South Wales Branch State Secretary has done the right thing in regard to the declared policy of the League. It appears that some soldier candidates for political honours gave out that they were endorsed, supported and so forth by the League—which is impossible if we are to be non-political. The Secretary said that the diggers should certainly vote for their digger candidates as they are needed in public affairs, but he is non-party and non-sectarian bodies do not have official representatives in Parliament.

R.S.L.—Camelio has a supporter in his uncharitable opinion of the Egyptian. It is very fine to flaunt the callous nature of some of our troops as a means of earning the favor of a certainrible; but it reflects badly from a moral point of view. Lance Bateman used arguments to support Camelio which go to show that some of our troops sunk to a lower depth of degradation than have these offsprings of the world's greatest craftsmen. We know of instances where Aussies have disregised themselves as Gypoes because they considered that the Gypoe's lot was more desirable than their own. I remember something of the "note in the eye" and the odiousness of comparisons. It is well to recall that history has ever repeated itself and that in the cycles to come Egypt may ascend; moreover the international relationship of units is often strained to breaking point when the little back-biting, with its far-reaching effects, is thoughtlessly given play. One is reminded of Rudyard Kipling's "Kim.

The old bird tells Kim how the stone thrown into a pool causes ever-widening circles of ripples to form: so, too, the thoughtless word grows little at first and grows ever more harmful, covering spheres of influence, even to the disruption of nations.

Hey!—In the last number of the "L.P." "Spot" chides the "wheat kings" for denying the charge of affluence, because the most staunch in his repudiation of this charge purchased an expensive new motor car. In these days, when every second family has a "bus," such a purchase does not signify affluence any more than to be without a car signifies thrift or poverty. In short, far more people without cars are more financial than those who—especially as those with cars are often mortgaged to starvation for their joy rides.

Reggi.—Has Hey! published the audacity to ask which is the most serious stunt of the war and to say in the same breath that he doesn't want to start a controversy? In my experience, every successive stunt was more serious than the previous one—while we were in it—but the most unpleasant ones were those where we were knocked back. But although "Ramrod" was the most in the matter of artillery, I give Bullecourt the pride of place for a solid infantry tussel.

Blue.—Your leader (L.P. 20/3/26) on "Soldiers and Public Life" was opportune, but I think it would be a revelation to many diggers if it were known how many of their ranks were employed by Councils and Public Bodies. My opinion is that there are more ex-service men on local governing bodies than a casual observer would credit. Take my district, for instance: there are ten members and a chairman on the Claremont Road Board, and five of this number, consisting of Messrs. Tererich, Wright, Green, Horrocks, and Allen, are diggers. It would be interesting to know if this percentage can be beaten in this State.

Camelio.—What's the matter with "R.S.L. 2.1"? Because I mildly disagree with him he accuses me of "waxing personal." The Turk is a down low beast, but he is a gentleman in comparison with the Gyppo. It's a wonder R.S.L.'s "brotherly feeling for all Good Creatures," didn't weigh with him when he was asked to try and kill his beloved human beings. Perhaps R.S.L. belongs to some uplift brotherhood society, the first plank of which is to think good of evil. Certainly I encountered the Egyptian during war time, but the snuffing race did no fighting, so how or why did they display abnormalities? My advice to R.S.L. is to indulge in a strenuous course of prohibition.

Spot.—Prohibition (hated word is free) Australia) has been carried by the State Cabinet. (Don't moan, ye thirsty bibs, your beverage shall continue to flow down your parched throats). The prohibition edict is against the men who saw their mates heroically suffering—even unto death, telling the rising generation of the spirit of self-sacrifice in their simple desire that the offering shall not have been made in vain. The insult was well camouflaged but I would remind these paltry party politicians that their edict has brought them into contempt and that in issuing it they have failed to reckon with their masters.

Semper Fidelis.—The Wagin Sub-branch has awakened from its long sleep and has started to show signs of great activity. A special meeting held on April 7th a new set of officers was elected. To those familiar with local affairs it would appear that the branch was making arrangements for a speedy demise. The chairman is the local undertaker, and the vice-chairman, one a padre and a chemist.

A. E. Pady.—I believe in telling returned men who their friends are. During my recent trip to the country on State Executive work I noticed that the barman at Tom Duff's Hotel at Merredin wore the League badge and in conversation he told me that of six employees at the pub, five were diggers and the sixth was a dinkum reject. Mr. Duff told me later that he always gave returned men preference and added with pride, "I have the best staff of any hotel in the state."

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PERSONALITIES.

Sir Neville Howse, V.C., relinquished the position of Director General of Medical Services on becoming Minister for Defence.

Miss May Holman's elevation to Parliament is merited, and although obviously strong for party we anticipate that she will be stronger for the State. Miss Holman needs no introduction to diggers, for they know her as one who worked for them and cheered them during and since the war years. Our heartiest congratulations.

Mr. Arthur Yates has been called to sit on the State Executive of the League, owing to the resignation of Mr. Priestly. Mr. Yates is the State Representative on the Federal Dried Fruits Control Board, and his assistance, particularly on all soldier settlement matters, will be of great value to the League.

At the Department of Repatriation on 9th April, the staff gathered together to present Dr. Bassett with a souvenir and to say goodbye. The Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Chas. Taylor, briefly announced the reason for the gathering and requested Dr. Beveridge, the Assistant M.O., to tell Dr. Bassett what the general sentiment was.

Dr. Beveridge explained that Dr. Bassett had secured the job of D.M.O. at Adelaide. He then told the members of the staff that his colleague was a most congenial colleague to work with and after expressing good wishes commended Dr. Bassett to the frequent use of the inkstand presented to correspond with his old branch in W.A.

Dr. Bassett, in replying said that he always tried to be conscientious in the interests of the department and of the soldiers, for the functions of the Department were to look after the soldiers.

Dr. Percy White, who was a dinkum Digger at the big war is at present assisting Dr. Beveridge to carry on the medical duties at the Repat., following on the transfer of Dr. Bassett to the Adelaide Branch.

AIF Chapman, who saw service with the A.M.C., recently received the sad news of his brother's death. Mr. Chapman attended his brother's funeral at Albany. The deceased was the member of the crew of the Eucla and it will be remembered as the victim of a drowning accident at Esperance. Diggers feel keen sympathy.

Milford Smith, one of Beverley's best Leagueites has been and got married and we are informed on reliable authority that the most important part of the marriage ceremony was the bride's promise to allow Milford to keep up his regular attendances at the sub-branch meetings. We wish them every happiness.

A noteworthy employer of returned soldiers is Mr. J. L. Thomas of Spring Dell, Beverley. Would that there were more practical patriots like him.

In Perth recently, Gordon Dann, of Traying, who pedalled his way through the war with the Cyclists Corps, (Gordon states that generally speaking, the soldier settlers in the district are prospering and that they have a strong sub-branch, including nearly all the diggers of the district, the chief credit being due to energetic and capable secretary, Jim Brown.

The State Secretary, Mr. D. M. Benson, was a welcome visitor to Wagin on April 7th. He spent the whole of the day in meeting diggers and discussing League matters. In the evening he attended a special meeting of returned men and was warmly received. He impressed all he met with his whole-hearted interest in the League and its activities. Mr. Benson was delighted with his reception and more than surprised at the signs of prosperity seen in both the town and the district.

Diggers have always had a warm friend in Colonel G. W. Barber, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and they were naturally pleased to hear that the doctor had been appointed Director-General of Medical Services in the Australian Military Forces for a period of five years at £1,500 per annum. Dr. Barber takes the place of General Howse, V.C., who is now Minister for Defence.

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SUB-BRANCH NOTES.

WEST PERTH SUB-BRANCH.

The Sub-branch held a general meeting on March 31. Secretary Morrell read a report of operations of the branch for a period of nine months. We regret being unable, through pressure on our space, to print this wonderful record of achievement. We believe there are about 200 ex-soldiers in the Commonwealth and State civil services who are not members of the League, and we feel sure that all but a few "stony hearts" would join us if they only knew of the splendid work being carried on for them and their fellow diggers by this virile sub-branch. Treasurer Williamson presented financial statements which disclosed that the branch is also sound financially.

At the close of the meeting a valedictory smoke social was held in honour of Secretary A. H. Morrell who was about to leave on a six months' trip to England and a very pleasant evening was spent, there being a large attendance of members. President H. S. Humphrey proposed the toast of the R.S.L., Rabbi Freedman responding. Both speakers impressed on the gathering the necessity of the wearing of the League badge. The guest of the evening, Mr. A. H. Morrell, was proposed by Mr. Humphrey, being supported by Vice-President A. T. Thrush and on behalf of members, Mr. Morrell was presented with a handsome travelling bag for himself and another for his wife, also a travelling rug. Mr. Morrell was highly eulogised for unselfish laborious work done for the League and was given an ovation on rising to respond. Mr. Egan proposed the toast of Visitors, Artists and Press. A happy gathering terminated with the singing of "The National Anthem." The artists included Messrs. H. G. Neate, R. C. Buchanán, Miss Melbourne, G. H. Philip, and W. E. Harcourt.

LAVERTON SUB-BRANCH REPORT.

Mr. Banks writes—This Sub-branch has been defunct for two years but recently a meeting was called by all "ex-service men in the district with the result that the branch has been reformed and it has every appearance of becoming strong and useful. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. J. McIntyre; Vice-President, Mr. D. Passey; Secretary, Mr. F. Banks. It was decided that members present constitute themselves as an executive body. It was resolved that investigations be made by the President, Secretary and Mr. R. Sullivan re the ownership of the old sub-branch hall and that if necessary it be put in order.

A dinner will be held on Anzac Day and the children of the district will be entertained as a picnic. The goldfields press and the "Listening Post" are to be asked to report all meetings. All members present promised to try and get new members and it was decided to appeal to all soldier settlers, pastoralists, sandalwooders, miners, and others in the district to come into the sheltering arms of the League. Meetings are to be held monthly on the first Thursday. Many matters were dealt with by the meeting and judging by the enthusiasm and energy displayed it augurs well for the future for the sub-branch as an agency fighting in the interests, not only of the soldier, but of the whole community.

DALWALLINU DISTRICT SUB-BRANCH.

A Splendid Achievement.

This Sub-branch held their annual gymkhana in aid of their district hospital, the result being highly creditable, as over £200 net profit was made. The State Secretary wrote to the sub-branch congratulating them on their splendid achievement and in reply received the following letter from "Lt.-Col. Fitzgerald, Branch President, which the State Executive have requested in this journal:

"It is true that the branch has now attained to a standing in this district which I aimed at when the first meeting was called, but at the same time I do not claim any personal kudos in the matter, for without the splendid co-operation and assistance of the diggers and the tommies, little could have been done. When the Committee Meeting was called to launch our last effort, the gymkhana, I named £200 as the figure to be aimed at and although this was considered high at the time, I felt that the boys would rally to a good cause and that the public would back their efforts. Of the two, I am perhaps more pleased at the public support of our efforts, showing beyond any doubt that the returned men occupy no small place in the hearts of the people of this progressive district.

"Speaking broadly, I think this is the object to be aimed at throughout Australia. Once the public are convinced that our aims and objects are not selfish and that we stand for the betterment of our respective districts in particular, and our country in general, our battle for preference, where such is justly due, is more than half won.

"Both City and Country Branches, could in my opinion, do more than is generally done in this direction. Ignorance of our general aims, and a suspicion, sometimes felt, that we are aiming at too great a power, coupled with a subtle depredation by certain ill-disposed individuals, have done much to hamper the good work of the League. Therefore, for the branches to take a lead in thoroughly altruistic fashion, in promoting functions for charities or other general good, should remove suspicion, silence slanderers, and at the same time gain increased membership, and win public support."

BEVERLEY SUB-BRANCH.

The Beverley Sub-branch held a special General Meeting on March 19th. The Beverley delegate to the Soldier Settlers' Conference, Mr. J. L. Mann, gave a very interesting report of the conference. It was decided that the arrangements for Anzac Day should be similar to last year, viz. A gathering of the school children and boy scouts at the Soldier's Memorial at 10.30 a.m., and short addresses to be delivered by chosen speakers. Then a combined religious service to be held in the Hall, followed by a distribution of sweets, fruit, etc. to the children.

Mr. Brown stated that Mr. E. G. Barret-Lennard had decided to invite all the returned soldiers resident in the Beverley district on Anzac Day, to have dinner with him after the service on Anzac Day, and asked him to reply and find out how many were likely to accept.

In view of the apathy of most of the country residents of the district regarding Anzac Day Memorial Service, it was decided that a circular should be printed and sent out to all the country landholders and citizens, urging them to attend the service if possible.
CLAREMONT-COTTESLOE SUB-BRANCH.

This Sub-branch is making a membership drive and Secretary A. Brown, would be pleased to receive the names of diggers in his district who are not in the fold, and asks members to help him in this endeavour. The branch held a very successful year during 1924; the activities were varied and numerous and many matters of concern were satisfactorily adjusted. The Secretary, however, appeals for more support and particularly urges members to attend meetings which are held in the Claremont Council Chambers at 8 p.m. on 29th April, 13th May, 10th June, and 28th June. Owing to Anzac Day falling on Saturday and also the fact that picture shows will be in evidence in the evening the branch has reluctantly been compelled to abandon the contemplated sacred concerts at Claremont and Cottesloe. Arrangements are well in hand for the Memorial Service at 2 p.m. and a record attendance is expected.

The Governor and party will attend, and the Salvation Army, City, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and Public School children of the district are specially invited.

PERTH SUB-BRANCH.

Amelioration Fund—Regulations.

(1) The fund to be known as the Perth Sub-Branch R.S.L. Amelioration Fund.

(2) The fund to be vested in three Trustees, who shall be the President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Perth Sub-Branch, R.S.L., and who shall cease functioning on vacating their office in the Perth Sub-Branch, R.S.L.

(3) All amelioration to be effected by application and order forms. No cash to be advanced from the fund, excepting by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

(4) The Secretary of the Perth Sub-Branch, R.S.L., to be eligible to advance the value of £3 for a married man, and £1 for a single man, without consulting the Trustees.

(5) All amounts over £3 for a married man, and £1 for a single man, to be approved by a full meeting of the Trustees.

(6) The limit of advances to any one person to be £10; if further advances are required the application to be placed before the general meeting of the Branch.

(7) This fund only applies to Returned Soldiers, Sailors and Nurses who were members of the R.S.L. within two years of the date of his application, and widows of returned sailors and soldiers.

(8) All accounts to be paid by cheque signed by all the Trustees.

(9) All accounts and books to be kept by the Secretary of the Perth Sub-Branch and audited by the Branch's Auditor.

(10) The Auditor's report and balance sheet to be presented to the Branch half-yearly.

WAGIN SUB-BRANCH.

After a period of inactivity during the past few months, a few earnest workers determined to make an effort to awaken the Wagin Sub-Branch from its stupor.

With this end in view, a special meeting of diggers residing in Wagin and the district was arranged for Tuesday night, the 7th inst. The response was really good, as the clubroom was crowded. Many of those present had travelled from ten to twenty miles to attend. The branch was fortunate in one essential, as the State Secretary, Mr. D. M. Benson, was able to make his meeting into his Great Southern itinerary.

Mr. Benson was heartily welcomed and in addressing the meeting gave a masterly exposition of the aims and objects of the League. He dealt fully with the activities of the executive, stressing the many victories achieved in face of direct opposition, and the hopes for future successes on behalf of the diggers, wid-
ows and dependants, and for our unfortunate cobbers who are sick in mind and body. It was welcome news to hear that the membership of the League was on the up-grade and that the future prospects were so bright.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Benson and all present pledged themselves to link up with the branch and do all in their power to increase the membership.

As the meeting was such a large and representative one, it was unanimously resolved to reform the branch and elect the officers for the ensuing twelve months. The following were elected to the various offices: Chairman, Mr. E. Walter; two Vice-Chairmen, Padre W. E. Moorhouse and Mr. Geo. Murdoch; Committee: The Executive Officers and Messrs. D. Lloyd, M. Noonan, W. Sleicher and E. Hill; Auditor, Mr. R. Gladstone; Secretary, Mr. P. H. Meeks.

Advantage was now taken to question Mr. Benson on questions that were troubling local men, and in every instance satisfactory replies were given and many misunderstandings cleared up.

A discussion on the observance of Anzac Day followed and it was resolved to follow the lines of the Executive. Padre Moorhouse was appointed to arrange for a combined open air service and it was further agreed to ask the managers of the two local picture shows to abstain from showing films at night. If found practicable, arrangements will be made to entertain soldiers' wives, widows and children.

Great indignation was expressed by all present at the editor of the "Wagin Argus" ignoring the diggers request to print any information regarding their arrangements, prior to the unveiling of the Wagon War Memorial. He, is to be asked to explain this insult to the dead and the living. After finalising a number of minor items a long, happy and enthusiastic meeting concluded.

**HARVEY SUB-BRANCH.**

Sub Clover Burr Conference to be held.

Mr. A. J. Knight, Secretary, writes: Arising from the action of the branch in publishing the methods of the Government re the purchase of sub-clover burr a meeting of delegates from the Harvey Sub-branch and the Boyanup Progress Association was held recently at Boyanup. It was resolved to organise all sub-clover growers through their local organisations by the calling of a conference of all interested throughout the south-west, at Bunbury on Saturday 2nd May next. It was decided to send no samples of burr next season and that a strong attempt be made to get the Government to send a capable officer to all burr growers to inspect and purchase same on the spot. It is claimed that by this method clover growers will get a fairer deal, and the Government would have the advantage of seeing the full consignment instead of a small sample.

The conference is very necessary to show the authorities that the growers are too strong a force to be consistently misled. Individually the growers will have no punch but organised they can compel a fair deal and to a certain extent control the market. It is hoped that all interested growers will send delegates to this conference and if local bodies have no meeting before May 2nd they should call special meetings immediately and appoint their delegation.

**C.H.I. SUB-BRANCH.**

It is pleasing to learn that this sub-branch is increasing in activity being fortunate in having a keen secretary in Mr. L. Farrington and a strong working committee. The last meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Brown, the branch's treasurer and a good muster of the returned men on the staff of the Asylum were present. Several important business matters were discussed and it was decided to support the State Executive in its stand re Anzac addresses at the state schools. Mr. G. W. Nunn was appointed as publicity officer for the branch.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley M. Bruce, has asked the Acting Premier, Mr. W. C. Angwin, to ensure that the coming Anzac Day celebrations will befit the occasion.

There will be no morning service in the Anglican Cathedral on Anzac Day, but the Archbishop will conduct a Memorial Service at 8 p.m., when the League Representatives and others will place wreaths at the War Memorial Chapel.
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