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LEST WE FORGET!

11th ANNIVERSARY OF A GLORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT ON ANZAC BEACH.

Blow out, you bugles, over the rich dead!

There's none of these so lonely or poor of old,
But, dying, has made us rarer gifts than gold.

These laid the world away; pour out the red
Sweet wine of youth; gave up the years to be.

Of work and joy, and that unloved serene,
That much call age; and those who would have been,
Their sons, they gave, their immortality.

Blow, bugles, blow! They brought for us our dearth,
Holliness, lacked long, and Love and Pain.
Honor has come back as a King to earth,
And paid his subjects, with a royal wage;
And nobleness walks in our ways again;
And we have come into our heritage.

—Rupert Brooke.

It is now eleven years since the convoy left Gaba Tepe in the dull rays of the waning Aegean moon. Wrought with tangible suspense, the landing forces found a measure of relief by the sounding of the whispered word "Forward," which passed around at 3.30 am Emma. The silence was not slightly disturbed by the approach of the boats to that precipitous shore. When that narrow fringe of sand was close at hand the calm of silence was shattered by a rapid outburst of rifle fire, and men pitched forward from their places in the boats and moved no more. The preface to the Anzac epic was inscribed in characters of blood.

Thus in her childrens blood Australia received her fonsal sacrament as a fellow of the community of nations. The whole world rang with the story of the heroism of the sons of the Commonwealth, and the gloom of the price of that noble achievement has not yet been wholly dispersed. The cost was immeasurable, the valour, self-sacrifice and heroism displayed was boundless, and the achievement was wondrous. These are commemorated each year on Anzac Day and are as keenly appreciated by those members of the nation who count, as they were over a decade ago.

Whether or not the campaign, from a strategic point of view, was successful, is a matter of keen debate, it being popularly supposed that although the enterprise ultimately failed, the holding up of the attention of the Turkish forces at such critical junctures rendered the loss commensurable with the gain. This concerns not the commemoration held annually, for that which is of moment now is the glorious phase, the greater things which came forth from the desolation of war, and the spirit which flourished above the stricken flesh.

The brief but compelling order issued by General Sir Ian Hamilton, from British Headquarters, on April 21, 1915, to the forces—soldiers of France and of the King—was couched in the following terms—

"Before us lies an adventure unprecedented in modern history. Together with our comrades of the Fleet, we are about to force a landing on an open beach, in the face of positions which have been vaunted by our enemies as impregnable. The landing will be made good by the help of God and of the Navy. The position will be stormed, and the war will be brought one step nearer a glorious close. Remember, said Lord Kitchener, when bidding adieu to your commander, 'once you set foot on Gallipoli Peninsula, you must fight the thing through to a finish.' The whole world will be watching our progress. Let us prove ourselves worthy of the great feat of arms entrusted to us."

The Epic of Anzac may be set out in diary form, each item of which could unfold its long chapters of adventure.
ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS AT THE CAPITAL.

Enthusiastic responses are coming in from all organisations and institutions which had been asked to co-operate in ensuring a successful commemoration of Anzac Day. Several Government departments have signified their willingness to facilitate the attendance of returned soldiers and members of the Government service at the parade and commemoration service, which is to take place on the Esplanade at 3.30 p.m. The Defence Department has announced that a voluntary parade of Citizen Forces would be held, and the Base Commandant (Colonel Hardie) has also consented to do everything possible in conjunction with the R.S.L. in furtherance of the arrangements made.

Loud speakers will be installed on the Esplanade for the convenience of those attending the service, as previous years have proved that those on the outskirts of the enormous crowd hear very little. Arrangements are being made to obviate this difficulty at this year’s service, but the committee have not yet approved of broadcasting through GWF.

Following the practice of last year, the R.S.L. has endeavoured to provide seating accommodation for the mothers and wives of returned soldiers, together with maimed and limbless men. Difficulty, however, is being experienced in obtaining seating accommodation, but it is hoped that sufficient chairs and forms will be obtained for a limited number to include those who are unable to stand throughout the service.

General-Bessel-Browne has accepted the invitation of the R.S.L. to command the mounted detachments on parade, and Col. Pope has very kindly consented to take charge of the infantry units.

It is understood that the Railways and Tramways are making special facilities available to metropolitan and suburban residents desirous of attending the Anzac Day parade and service. Several bands have already signified their intention of being present to lead sections of troops, and it is hoped that the services of six bands will be available for the march of troops prior to the commemoration service.

Arrangements have been made with Fullers’ representative for the service to be held in His Majesty’s Theatre should inclement weather prevent the holding of the service on the Perth Esplanade. His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Campion, has signified his intention of attending services at Fremantle, commencing at 2 p.m., and the Perth service commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The R.S.L. Executive desire to appeal to all returned men of the Great War and South African and Imperial Army veterans to assemble in St. George’s Terrace outside the Soldiers’ Institute, at 2.45 p.m. on Sunday, April 25, and march in proud memory of gallant comrades who were left on the battlefields scattered throughout the world, and for whom on the celebration of Anzac Day we mourn.

The dress for the parade is optional, and Diggers may march in either uniform or multi, but it is hoped in all cases that medals will be worn.

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SOME REFLECTIONS.

Gallipoli, the home of Anzac for just 239 days, is fraught with thrilling history. The very geographical prospect was conducive to wild adventure. The place chosen for the landing of the Australasians was a high point on the Gulf of Saros, called Gaba Tepe, opposite to the town of Mados, on the Straits. The Imperial and French troops were to force simultaneous landings on five beaches between Cape Helles, on the extreme south, and Suvla Bay, about 14 miles further north, that is, on either flank of the Anzacs. Sir Ian Hamilton describes Anzac Cove as "a very narrow strip of sand, about 1,000 yards long, bounded on the south and north by two small promontories. At its southern extremity a deep ravine, with exceedingly steep, scrub-clad sides, runs inland in a north-easterly direction to reach the northern end—a small but steep gully runs up into the hills at right-angles to the shore." In the 3rd Brigade, which formed the landing party, were battalions of men from States Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia. The unit was commanded by Col. Sinclair Maclagan and comprised some 1,500 men. The covering units were from the 1st and 2nd Brigades, 2,500 in number.

The Australian Soldier.

Before turning over in our mind the type of action which occurred at this untamed location, of which we have already conned up a mental picture, let us strive to grasp the type of actor in that great tragedy. Sir Ian Hamilton explains that an Anzac soldier would reveal himself to himself, to his own officers, and to a few of those outside who watched him closely. What manner of fighter he was. He had not yet the astonishing mastery of the soldiers' craft which marked him in 1918. But he had scattered to the winds once and for all the notion of an annihilated soldier. He was an individual, a man. His effort and determination were all that the battle would bear. His skill and his courage were not the means to victory, but the means of survival. He was a fighter, not a sacrifice. He died for a cause, not for a battle. He was a warrior, not a martyr. He was a man, not a machine.

ANZAC DAY.

Soldiers of the old Battalions
Once again we greet the Day
Which commemorates the epic
Landing on Gallipoli;
And the feats of arms Homeric,
Where in bloody battles fray
Strode Australian soldiers sturdly,
Lion-like in Picardy.

Days of terror intermingled
With the triumph of physique;
Mud and mirth were mixed together
'Neath the ashen cloud of death;
Waging war in ways Achilles
Would at least have thought unique,
Groping through the smoke of shellbursts
And the growling cannons breath.

Little know the non-combatants
Of the mud and mire and cold;
When the piercing winds of winter
Shivered men like new-born sheep;
Fringing hair with stalactitic
Ice-strung tassels; what a hold
Had the ghastly sight of dead men
On the others in their sleep.

Soldiers of the old Battalions
When your smitten comrades fell,
With a smile upon their faces,
'Though their life's blood quickly poured;
They were dying for an ideal,
And they died as you knew well—
For true liberty, their kindred,
And the Homeland they adored.

Daily ranks are being broken,
One by one our mates pass out;
And our growing population
Lettie cares and thinks about
Those grim fields of ghastly suffering,
With their sacrifices red.
Comrades, hold the League together
As Memorial to the dead.

H. S. KILPATRICK

Baywater.

held something of both; when half of each battalion had been annihilated, and there seemed no prospect before any man except that of wounds or death in the most vile surroundings: when the dead lay three deep in the rifle pits under the blue sky, and the place was filled with a stench and sickness, and reason had already straight in the hour of crucial trial, explains... "It lay in the mettle of the men themselves. To be the sort of man who would give way when his mates were trusting to his firmness; to be the sort of man who would fail when the line, the whole force, and the Allied cause required his endurance; to have it made necessary for another unit to do his own unit's work; to live the rest of his life haunted by the knowledge that he had set his hand to a soldier's task, and had lacked the grit to carry it through—that was the prospect these men could not face. Life was very dear, but life was not worth living unless they were true to their idea of Australian manhood. Standing upon that alone. They were to make war until help came and hope faded, when the end loomed clear in front of them, when the whole world seemed to crumble and the heavens to fall in, they faced this ruin undismayed."

The Work.

The story, told and re-told, as it has been, is never without its keen thrill; the superlative of the task will mark it as singular in our annals.

We can conjure up the prospect of the ship on which those immortal souls were carried, steering through the night towards Gaba Tepe. The landing force transferred to row-boats. The men with knowledge of handling oars, mostly Tasmanians, being singled out for that task. The waning and moon rising as the dark outline of the shore neared. We can spare a thought to the covering party forming up in six destroyers to which they now transferred from the transport. Calm and peaceful, scarcely a ripple of element. At 3.30 a.m. the move was made, but it was hours before a clear day, as the bows reached the beach about a mile north of their intended destination. So forbidding was the coastline here that the Turks had deemed it superfluous to erect serious defences. When the ribbon of sand was near at hand the silence was broken, and the Dash for the Cliffs was made under a hail of bullets, under which the attacking party soon began to loose heavily. One after another the men at the oars, for the last few yards were made by rowing—bombed up and dropped from their seats; their places being instantly taken by a comrade. Many jumped into the water, shoulder-deep and made for the sand. To many of them, their first step on European soil was their last, too.

Sir Ian Hamilton says, "Like lighting the Australasians leapt to the-shore, and each man as he did so went straight as his bayonet to the enemy." Firing for a fleeting second from exposed, the men rushed up the cliffs ayard, and so steep
was this short line that the enemy on top could not fire effectively at the khaki-clad figures clambering towards them. Most casualties to the climbers occurred from the fire of the Turks on the knolls at the flanks.

To John Masefield, we owe the following graphic description of the gorilla encounters, in his “Gallipoli,” he says: “There were isolated fights to the death, men falling into gullies and being bayonet-ed; sudden duels, point blank, where men crawling through scrub met each other, and life went to the quicker finger; heroic deaths, where some half-section which had lost touch were caught by ten times their number and charged and died.”

Elsewhere we learn that “As they went the words of their song supported them, the ribald and proud chorus of ‘Australia Will be There,’ which the men on the torpedoed ‘Southland’ sang as they fell expecting death.”

THERE IS NO DEATH.

[It is thought that comfort may be derived by many at this time by the perusal of these noble verses by J. L. McCrery.]

There is no death! The stars go down To rise upon some other shore, And bright in heaven’s jewelled crown They shine for evermore.

There is no death! The dust we tread Shall change beneath the summer showers, To golden grain, or mellowed fruit, Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

There is no death. The leaves may fall, The flowers may fade and pass away— They only wait, through wintry hours, The warm sweet breath of May.

There is no death. The choicest gifts That Heaven hath kindly lent to earth Are ever first to seek again The country of their birth;

And all things that for growth of joy Are worthy of our love or care Whose loss has left us desolate, The voice of bird-like melody That we have missed and returned too long Are safely garnered there. Now mingles with the ancient choir In everlasting song.

They are not dead! They have but passed Beyond the mists that blind us here Into the new and larger life Of that serener sphere.

And sometimes, when our hearts grow faint Amid temptations fierce and deep, Or when the wildly raging waves Of grief or passion sweep, We feel upon our fetered brow The gentle touch, their breath of balm; Their arms enfold us, and our hearts Grow comforted and calm.

And ever near us, though unseen, The dear immortal spirits tread. For all the boundless universe is life—there are no dead.

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STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS
17/3/26.

Present.—Colonel Collett, Rev. Riley, Messrs. Isaac, McDonald, McAdam, Freedman, Nye, Wedd, Bateson, Longmore, Watt, Bader, Pady and Cohen. An apology was received from Mr. M. E. Zeffert.

Federal Correspondence.—A letter was read and received from the Federal Executive concerning the formation of Sub-Branches in the Defence Department and expressing the disapproval of the Secretary of the Department of Defence at the procedure. The Federal Executive agreed to the sentiments expressed.

Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Bateson, that this Executive approves of the attitude of the Department of Defence and the Federal Executive.—Carried.

United Services Fund.—The Secretary read a communication from the Federal Executive in connexion with the United Services Fund, giving minutes of a meeting of the Federal Trustees held on the 11th instant, and showing a fresh allocation of £750, in which Western Australia did not participate.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Bader, that a protest be forwarded to the Federal Trustees on their latest allocation of funds, and that it be pointed out to them that this State is being prejudiced for its capable and economic handling of its previous payments.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Wedd, that the correspondence be referred to the State Trustees with power to act.—Carried.

Letter of Appreciation.—The Quairading Sub-Branch forwarded a communication expressing their thanks and appreciation to the State Executive for the able manner in which activities of the League are being carried out.

New Siding Between Kalkalina and Mukenburgin.—The Perth Sub-Branch forwarded a communication from their Lake Brown Sub-Section requesting the League's assistance in having the new siding referred to Pope's Hill.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Bader, that the recommendation be endorsed, and the necessary action be taken by the State Secretary, who was also instructed to notify the Surveyor-General.—Carried.

Art Union.—The Secretary read a communication from the Commissioner of Police granting permission for the conduct by an Art Union, the issue of tickets to be limited to 50,000, and the drawing to take place in August next.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Watt, that a committee of five be appointed to be known as the Art Union Committee.—Carried.

Messrs. Longmore, Bader, McAdam, Harvey and Isaac were appointed.

Foreclosure Case.—The West Swan Sub-Branch presented the case of an ex-soldier, who had a vineyard at Portland Estate, and concerning which he had been threatened with foreclosure by the Agricultural Bank. The Secretary explained that he had visited the place and in view of its dilapidated condition had taken no action in the matter.

Moved by Mr. Bateson, seconded by Mr. Riley, that the Secretary's action be endorsed, and that no further action be taken.—Carried.

Spearwood Properties.—As a result of a resolution carried at the last Soldier Settlers' Conference, two cases were submitted to the Controller of the Soldier Settlement Scheme, where writing down had taken place for Southern Europeans who had taken over properties originally inhabited by returned soldiers.

An explanation was received from the Acting General Manager, Mr. Grogan, giving details of both cases.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Bateson, that the communication be received and a copy sent to the Spearwood Sub-Branch for their information.—Carried.

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Unsuitable Immigrant.—A letter was read and received from Mr. G. H. James concerning this man, who was an immigrant. It was pointed out by the Secretary that this was one of many cases where unsuitable migrants were sent to Australia, this man in particular being sent out by the Enfield Infirmary, which paid his passage.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Longmore, that the State Secretary obtain all particulars possible and forward the case to the Commonwealth and State Immigration Authorities.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Nye, that the Secretary get in touch with the responsible authorities, with a view to the man's repatriation to England.—Carried.

Reports—
State Secretary's Report.—The State Secretary read a report of the operations of the office for the preceding fortnight, and the report was received.

Mental Patients' Committee.—The Mental Patients' Committee reported on their visit to "Stromness" and C.H.I., and also the new buildings being erected at West Subiaco, and recommended that the Secretary get in touch with the Department concerning re more adequate segregation. The report was received and adopted.

House Committee.—The Secretary read a report of the House Committee, which embodied the recommendation that insurance on the Soldiers' Institute be transferred to Lloyds, which would result in a saving of £16 £0s. 7d. per annum in premiums.

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Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Wedd, that the report be adopted.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Isaac, seconded by Mr. Bateon, that the paragraph of the report concerning insurance be deleted, and that the House Committee be instructed to give preference to Insurance Companies who are employing proportionately the greatest number of returned soldiers.—Lost.

Anzac Day Committee.—The Secretary read a report of the Anzac Day Committee dealing with the suggested arrangements for the holding of a parade and service on the Esplanade at 5.30 p.m. on April 25th.

On the motion of Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. McAdam, the report was adopted.

A letter was then read from the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch, embodying a motion carried at their meeting requesting that a deputation wait on the Minister for Education with a view to having visits to the Schools on Anzac Day, or on the day on which Anzac Day is celebrated in the Schools, reinstated.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Wedd, that the text of this letter be forwarded to the Minister for Education.—Carried.

The President, Messrs. Longmore, Nye, Watt and the State Secretary were appointed as a deputation.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Isaac, seconded by Mr. Nye, that this League express the wish that the Minister for Education arrange for Anzac Day to be fittingly commemorated in the Schools on Friday, 23rd April.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Wedd, that the State Secretary communicate with the heads of the various Churches and ask them to arrange for the Sunday Schools to be closed early on Anzac Day, in order to allow the elder children to attend Anzac Day celebration.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Wedd, that the State Secretary be instructed to address letters to all Sub-Branches concerned in the Metropolitan Area requesting them to arrange visits to secondary schools.—Carried.

Finance Committee.—A report was submitted of the Finance Committee meeting held that evening. The report was adopted.

State War Memorial.—Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Nye, that this Executive expresses its great regret at the poor response of the citizens of the State to the appeal to nationally commemorate the sacrifices of our fallen comrades, and deplores the action of the State Government in refusing to assist.

31/3/26.

Present.—Col. Collett, Messrs. Isaac, McDonald, Nye, Yates, Bateon, Bader and Harvey. Apologies were received from Messrs. Watt and Shaw.

Federal Correspondence.—A letter from the Federal Executive dealing with War Pensions was read and received.

East Fremantle Branch Enquiry.—A letter was read and received from the Federal Executive showing copy of one from the Victorian Branch dealing with an enquiry made direct to them by the East Fremantle Sub-Branch, and pointing out that all correspondence should be forwarded through the State Office and Federal Executive.

C. W. Cann.—Correspondence was read from the West Swan Sub-Branch dealing with this case and a deputation of three waited on the Executive and explained certain points which it was claimed had been overlooked. The Deputation consisted of Messrs. Adams, Rooney, and Francis.

After they had addressed delegates it was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Yeates, that a sub-committee be appointed to go into the case of Mr. Cann, with power to act.—Carried.

Messrs. Yeates, Harvey and Bateon were appointed.

Anzac Day.—Rev. Nye reported on the deputation which waited on Mr. Drew in connection with the visiting of Schools.

Moved by Mr. Isaac, seconded by Mr. Yeates, that the report be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Bateon, that it is regretted that the Hon. Minister for Education is unable to see his way clear to grant permission for representatives of the R.S.L. to visit State Schools for the purpose of delivering Anzac Day addresses.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Isaac, that the State Secretary be directed to approach the Minister for Education with a view to co-operating in the preparation of an address for Anzac Day to be read in every public school during the Anzac Day observance.—Carried.

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for the Metropolitan Seat in the Legislative Council

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The Secretary then reported on the action taken by the Committee in connection with the celebration of Anzac Day. The report was adopted.

**Peel Estate Enquiry.**—The Secretary explained that a communication had been addressed to the Hon. Minister for Lands requesting enquiry into certain matters in connection with the administration of the Peel Estate and that a reply had been received refusing the enquiry, as the whole matter had been dealt with by a Royal Commission a little over two years ago.

Moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Isaac, that the letters read be given due publicity.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. Batson, that efforts be continued to obtain a Board of Enquiry.—Carried.

Capt. Marriott.—A letter was read and received from Capt. Marriott, stating that he would be passing through Fremantle about the 21st April, and expressing the desire to meet as many of the Executive as possible.

It was suggested that a suitable entertainment be arranged, and the matter was left in the hands of the State President.

**Immigration.**—As this matter was the subject of consideration by the Finance Committee, it was decided that it be left in their hands.

**Soldiers' Settlement Board.**—A letter was read and received from the Harvey Branch stating that an invitation had been sent to the Soldier Settlement Board to visit Harvey, and asking that arrangements be made through this office.

Moved by Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that a copy of the Harvey Sub-Branch's letter be sent to the Soldier Settlement Board.—Carried.

**State Secretary's Report.**—The State Secretary read a report of the operations of the Executive Office for the preceding fortnight. The report was received.

**Finance Committee.**—A report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 29th instant was submitted and adopted with the exception of the paragraph dealing with the purchase of a motor car.

In this connection it was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bader, that the portion of the report dealing with the purchase of a motor car be deferred until next meeting.—Carried.

**Caretaking, Railway Workshops.**—Mr. Batson then delivered his report in connection with the employment of caretakers at the Railway Workshops.
The Editor received a report of a Sub-Branch Social the other week and I was so sorry to notice that he missed one of the contributor’s points. In re-arranging, this order was disturbed: “Mr. L. sang several comic songs for his number on the programme—this was followed by a humorous turn by Mr. S——.” Sometimes things other than the sun dawn on us.

The controller of the telephone service claimed the other day that “of every 100,000 calls dealt with we receive only four written complaints,” and a contemporary wonders what is wrong with the mail delivery of the Post Office. Monopoly has often met crossed lines, and has heard echoes of Pozieres and Paschendale bombardments on the wires, and although he calls a few times every day, the 100,000 calls has not yet been piped. I think, too, I have to recall the number of times I have to ring “complaints” and I suppose its certain that each complaint has been booked to my phone account.

Anzac Day recalls vividly the patriotism of our people. The passing of years gives us food to believe that patriotism is not what we thought it to be. The ready response to the appeal for funds for a State Memorial to honor our fallen comrades, fell so flat, that soldiers had to step in and they were by a large majority the subscribers who worked and dabbled up on its account. So now, as we are all more or less disposed to believe only what we see for ourselves, (having never trodden on a rake or hoe in the dark) and we are beginning to believe the North Island (N.Z.) definition of a patriot: “One of those chaps who are always ready to lay down your life for their country.”

At time people will misconstrue well intended utterances and perhaps there is something after all in the attitude of some of our members of Parliament regarding the qualification of the intonation of their remarks. Some spoken just a bit flat when written and especially political ones; so that the descriptive “humbly or dryly, etc.” might sometimes save a quarrel. Here however, is an instance where in all sincerity the faux pas could not be excused by any adverse opinion. I have the speech thanking the Governor of Victoria for having planted the tree. The Mayor of the town said that he hoped the tree would have grown quite big by the time His Excellency came there again.

Scotty has been away for a holiday and so with my best welcoming smile I greeted him “Hallo, Scotty, how’s the world been treating you?” Scotty was very silent for a few moments and then said “Ver, seldom.” But Scotty soon brightened up and started to talk of Art. “Art,” said Scotty “is not all idealism; there is a good deal of realism about it. A local artist sent us in a sketch of a house, it was so realistic that when the Editor threw it into the waste paper basket, it laid there.”

My friend is a bachelor, but he knows some things about women that I, as a bachelor, have never found. He says that women, in a battle of tongues, can easily hold her own—but she seldom does. He describes a monologue as a conversation between a wife and her husband and reckons that Cupid should take a course of musketry, because in hitting the mark he generally misses it.

ANZAC DAY AT KATANNING.

Here we stand with minds deplored.
By a monument erected
To the memory of our comrades, who were not afraid to fall.
Yet through all the wave of sadness.
Looms a ray of pride and gladness.
That those heroes were our brethren,
Who so freely gave “their all.”

Two years are onward creeping,
Since the day of griefs weeping.
Sad remembrances still cling which Anzac Day doth resurrect.
Vividly the tear-stained faces,
Picture those in far-off places,
Right unselfishly performing, which earned the world’s respect.
Gathered are the sorrowing mothers,
Widows, orphans, sisters, brothers;
Of the ones who still are mourning;
Can posterity erase it?
Can our homage full appraise it?
That which they so bravely ventured,
Yielding all they had to give.

Reverend Ministers’ oration.
Stresses a full-blowen Nation
On the anniversary of this historic fateful day.
Was with loyal blood created.
With dauntless courage generated,
On that cheerless hostile “graveyard,”
Many thousand miles away.

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PRE-WAR DISABILITIES AND PENSIONS.

The Federal Secretary Mr. E. J. Dibden) recently sent the following interesting communication to the State Secretary:—

I am sending herewith copy of the letter sent by me on the 5th March, to the Minister in Charge of Repatriation, at the request of the Federal President:—

"Referring to the discussion in the House of Representatives on 25th February last, in respect to War Pensions—Disabilities of ex-soldiers from pre-war causes, moved by Dr. W. Maloney, I desire to quote an extract of the evidence given by me to the Royal Commission on the Assessment of War Service Disabilities on the 11th September last, page 124:—

"I respectfully submit that a period should be defined when a man was fit, so that any illness from which he suffers may have occurred afterwards. To make my meaning clear, a man was fit at the date of his enlistment, and I propose to say why. He was subjected to three examinations, the first being on the date of enlistment, when full particulars of his personal life, particularly as to whether he had any pre-war or congenital disability were obtained by virtue of his attestation paper. He had another examination before he embarked from Australia, and then a third examination before he was drafted to his Battalion or Unit, when he was in the training battalion in England or Egypt. These were three different and separate medical examinations before the man was pronounced fit.

"This particular portion of my evidence refers in general to soldiers suffering from disabilities, which the Repatriation Commission/considered due to pre-war causes, it was submitted in reference to the following query:—

"Is the present method adequate to decide the origin of a disability and specific cases were quoted illustrating that the method in our opinion was not adequate. It is now respectfully submitted that no soldier who was accepted after passing such examinations particularly the third and/or final medical examination, and who actually joined his Unit and satisfactorily performed his allotted duty should be refused any rights under the War Pensions Act for himself or his dependants.

"It is considered that discretionary power be vested in the Repatriation Commissioner to grant pensions and other benefits where sufficient incapacity exists, which did not appear at the time of enlistment and were not wilfully concealed, such discretionary power to be executed in the light of the character of the service rendered by the soldier.

P.S.—I might mention that the Federal President is inclined to believe, as a result of negotiations, that a satisfactory result in connection with the above matter will be achieved.
The Lessons of Anzac

As a special supplement to the Anzac Issue, "The Listening Post" invited a message from various prominent citizens of the Commonwealth. Some have not sent replies, but the inspiring messages published below will be read with interest and we trust with the 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 Colonel Sir WILLIAM CAMPION, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Governor of Western Australia—

On this eleventh anniversary of Anzac Day we are once again reminded of the magnificent test of bravery and endurance shown by all our soldiers.

We are all very proud of our Empire and of the State in which we live.

It is well that we should always remember Anzac Day and that future generations 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.

W.R. Campion

Lt-General Sir JOHN MONASH, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., V.D.

Fellow Diggers of the West,

I appreciate highly the invitation you have given me to forward a message to my former comrades of the A.I.F. on the anniversary of Glorious Anzac. That message will be brief, but it is sincere.

In the ranks of the A.I.F., you men from the West played a great and glorious part. Since your return many of you have played a great part in keeping alive the old comradeship and spirit of the units to which you belonged, and in caring for the dependants of fallen comrades. These aims of yours have my keenest sympathy and warmest appreciation.

The A.I.F. spirit made possible the deeds of Anzac, of Flanders and of Palestine. The same spirit and loyalty in the days of peace can do much for the up-building of a newer, a brighter, and a happier Australia. Diggers, you never let me down in the past, and I appeal to you to be never tempted to let Australia down in the present or the future. The final reaper reduces our members from Anzac Day to Anzac Day, but before our turn comes, all of us can do something to keep alive the spirit of Anzac for the betterment of our native land. To die for our country is good; to live for her best interests is better. That is the appeal I would make to you today.

John Monash

Senator the Right Hon. G. F. PEARCE, P.C., Minister for Home and Territories.

The return of the anniversary of Anzac Day should be an occasion for deep satisfaction and pride in the glorious exploits of our countrymen associated with that name and that Day, and of reverence for the memory of those who have passed beyond. It should also be an occasion when we take fresh courage and firm resolve, for the future, that our actions and motives shall be worthy of the Anzacs.

This Australia for which they fought and suffered and for which they made such a glorious name still calls for the same self-sacrificing service and heroic endeavour, and in its government and its public life we should strive to emulate those worthy sons who have made the name of Anzac stand for all that is highest and noblest and best.

G.F. Pearce

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

The approach of the 11th Anniversary of Anzac Day recalls to our minds the intrepidity, prowess, indomitable tenacity and fortitude which characterised that almost superhuman achievement, "the landing on Gallipoli" by the Australian Imperial Force on the 25th April, 1915, which won the admiration of friend and foe alike.

Although Anzac Day can rightly be considered as Australia's and New Zealand's National Day, seeing that it was on that day that they justified their claim to Nationalhood, all the great Nations of the world, no doubt, join with them in spirit in commemorating that momentous occasion and in honoring those loyal, unselfish and heroic men, who paid the supreme sacrifice during that unprecedented operation.

As their self-sacrificing act was compatible with the glorious traditions of the British Empire, it is the bounden duty of us who survived the dangers of that dreadful catastrophe, the Great World War, to render every assistance to ensure a prosperous and happy life for their dependants. With this object in view the Returned Soldiers' League has labored incessantly since its inception and in order that its strength, influence, and prestige may be maintained, it behoves every ex-member of the A.I.F. to become a member thereof. Therefore, it is hoped that those concerned will on Anzac Day resolve, as a tribute to the wonderful heroism of our departed comrades, to join the League and thus facilitate the attainment of its laudable objects and the preservation of its worthy principles.

G.J.C. Dytet
Lt.-General Sir HARRY CHAUVEL, K.C.M.G., K.C.B.
To My Old Comrades of the Australian Imperial Force.

I have been asked to send a message to my old comrades on this the eleventh anniversary of that great sacrifice which so many made for their Country and I would say to them:—"Stand by one another as you did in the great days of the War. Stick to the League and live up to its ideals. Go further and instil into your children the same spirit of loyalty and faithfulness to their comrades which you displayed so well. You can render no better service to your Country."

Harry Chauvel

Chaplain-General ARCHBISHOP RILEY, D.D.—

I am grateful to you and the R.S.L. for keeping green the memory of Anzac Day and permitting some of us who were not present to express our admiration of the wonderful courage of those who were present and did heroic deeds. I have read much about great deeds in my lifetime, and I can say without a shadow of doubt that I have never read of anything grander, in the way of courage and doggedness and devotion to duty than the landing at Anzac on April 25th.

People who did not know our men were anxious as to what would be the result of the first shock of war. Afterwards we knew that whatever happened there would be no shirking on the part of our men. Thank God those who returned are fighting the battle of life with the same courage as they displayed during the war.

My comrades are grateful for all that Australians have done and are doing for them, though may I ask you to remember that we did not all return healthy and strong, and we deserve, or think we do, the utmost consideration.

My good wishes to every Anzac.

C. P. Pat

Sir JAMES MITCHELL, K.C.M.G.—

On this the eleventh anniversary of the landing at Anzac, I join with all thinking people in admiration of the wonderful service rendered to our Empire and to civilisation by the soldiers of Australia in the great war.

J. Mitchell

Colonel H. B. COLLETT, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., State President of the W.A. Branch R.S.S.I.L.A.

The eleventh anniversary of the celebrated Landing at Anzac Cove recalls again, most vividly, to our minds those cherished comrades who took part in that great achievement and whose bodies have hallowed the soil of a land so remote to us. Anzac Day is their day. A day upon which we should do them honour that is but a small part of their due. A day upon which we should remember that for which they and, later, others died—the freedom of our country, the welfare of its people.

True patriotism is not only exemplified in war—although at that time it reaches the highest pinnacle of its development. It has also its place in calmer times. Men died in the stormy years that we might have peace within as well as without our borders. "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance" is the motto of the Returned Soldiers' League and we dare not disregard the message which came to us from Flanders' field.

"Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep."

Let Anzac Day be perpetuated. We must never desert our comrades. Remember the remark of the soldier descending from the heights of Gallipoli during the Evacuation. Hesitating in step, and glancing wistfully towards the little cemeteries that here and there dotted the slopes, he said to his General "I hope they won't hear us going down the dere."

Anzac Day should further remind us of our duty to those relatives of the fallen who were left inadequately provided for, and to those whose bodily scars have never healed. Much has been done but there is still much to do and upon every one who has served and survived there is a share of the responsibility.

Let us be determined to—Remember the Fallen, care for the Sick, Maimed and Needy, and serve our Country unselfishly and to the best of our ability, and, further, let us ensure that that determination is inherited by those who come after us.

Mr. D. M. BENSON, State Secretary, R.S.S.I.L.A.—

On April 25th, we honour the memory of heroic comrades who fell in the fullness of strength and hope throughout the terrible years of the Great War.

A grave responsibility rests on those who survived to see that men who returned disabled are not shouldered out and down-trodden in the battle of life. Also to endeavour to bring balm to the wounds of the dependents of the fallen—the bereaved wives and mothers.

The R.S.L. strive to keep true to the courage and loyalty of those who will never return. The ranks of the A.I.F. were never bent or broken in war, so the same steadfast loyalty should permeate the R.S.L. in peace.
Chaplain-Major D. I. Freedman, B.A.

When the North-Eastern State of Australia will have followed the example of the Commonwealth—and we hope she will do so very soon—Anzac Day will have become both in law and in fact the National Day of the Australian people.

It was the Returned Soldiers' League that first conceived the beautiful idea that the day on which Australia's heroes placed on her the crown of nationhood, should itself be crowned. It was the League that by its persistent efforts has caused the idea to become evermore generally adopted.

It is a noble achievement ranking among the finest standing to the credit of the League.

But this implies a very solemn obligation resting not only upon members of the R.S.L. but upon all who did their duty in the world-struggle for freedom.

It is a grand thing, certainly, to have Anzac Day a universal public holiday. But the achievement will be a vain one if every one does not do his or her part in giving to the day its true significance.

My Anzac message is a simple one and is addressed first to every ex-service man and woman and then to the rest of my fellow-citizens.

Let none allow the day to pass without making it their sacred duty to personally associate themselves with whatever service or celebration is held in their midst in commemoration of Anzac Day.

Merely to keep holiday is in no respect observing Anzac Day.

All must unite on that occasion—each in their own solemn assembly—to do homage to the heroes, who by their matchless sacrifice raised Australia to the dignity of nationhood, who helped to keep our country free and who bequeathed to us a tradition of splendid citizenship, that, maintained by us in all its glory, we must hand down to those who come after us.

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ONE-ARMED MOTOR DRIVERS.

Recently the Head of the Traffic Department in the Police Force in this State, gave an instructive and well rendered lecture on traffic matters. On the day following, some misguided fossil took up his goose quill and railed on the mismanagement of the Traffic Department, particularly emphasising the personal aspect as far as the Inspector himself was concerned. Now there is no earthly excuse for any criticism of the Traffic Department; for its methods are fair to a fault and the issue of licences is the most equitable of functions. The critic referred to said that on the morning following he saw a one-armed man driving a car, and that he was the sole occupant. His arm was amputated close to the shoulder, and what right had this person to hold a licence? Now the point is, why should he not have a licence? If a man wears an artificial arm—which may be worse than useless, he attracts no attention and so can pass unheeded, yet with or without that wooden appendage he can pass a severe test. Moreover, practically every amputee driver is an ex-soldier, which in itself proves the smallness of the self-appointed critics' mind. The writer of these lines has lost his right leg and has driven over the worst roads in the South, hundreds of miles, controlling the accelerator with the timber toe, and he hopes some day the chance will come when he may have a chance of selecting a team of "amputated limbs" at the wheel to settle any argument in practical contest with the breed of individual who would deprive the winged or stumpy of his well-carried means of locomotion.
PERSONALITIES.

During the month Dr. Burnside, the Past-President of the Katanning Sub-Branch, met with a painful accident. Whilst working about his residence a large piece of jarrah fell and struck him on the head, inflicting a nasty cut, necessitating a quiet rest for a few days.

Fred G. Guttridge was visiting Perth during the month, but returned to Yandanoooka in time to organise the "best ever" Anzac celebrations for his district.

Archbishop Mannix, in a recent speech, said that he was not one of those who desired to send men to the war against their will, but he greatly deplored the tendency of the public to so soon forget the sacrifices and deeds of the men who did their bit. He desired that Anzac Day be celebrated in the correct spirit by all.

We are always delighted to record the success of our war comrades, and heartily congratulate Arthur Sweetapple (10th Light Horse) and George Shaw (28th Bn.) on qualifying as Lt. Colonels. We only hope that it will not be necessary for them ever to lead their commands in grim warfare.

The West Perth Sub-Branch are to lose their main-spring, in Secretary A. H. Morrell, who, we understand, is resigning from the civil service shortly and leaving for Melbourne. "Morrie" will be sadly missed, but his friends will take comfort in the fact that his going means a further step up the ladder of life for him.

Still suffering from the effects of the mis-deeds of Fritz is Harry O'Neil, of Mornington Mills, whom we regret to announce has been far, from well lately.

Ex-State Secretary Arthur Penny left his newsagency business at Northam for a few days last week to visit the Capital. Arthur looks much better since being removed from the many trials and worries of the State Secretaryship.

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COLLIE SUB-BRANCH PERSONALITIES.

At the last meeting of the Collie R.S.L., Bert Richardson (otherwise Richie the Guard) had two complaints. No. 1: Too much branch business at meetings before the three per cents. come to light. No. 2: When the h—a we going to have another branch organising stunt? Richie, my boy, have patience.

Here's a roughie. "Sandy" Wilson, the popular caretaker of the property of the Collie R.S.L. is just as Scotch as his Scotch name suggests. At the working bee last Sunday morning Sandy at last came to light with the refreshments. Secretary Harry May, a staunch T.T., casually asked for the soft stuff. "Says Sandy, "Here's a cup; there's plenty of water in the tank." One consolation, however—Sandy is a T.T. himself.

Jimmy Hughes, a staunch R.S.L. man, has not enjoyed the best of health of late. After a spell in the Repatriation Wards of the Perth Hospital, he is now home again, and we wish him a speedy recovery. Jim has at last convinced his brother Jack

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that the R.S.L. is worth while, the latter now being a full blown member of the branch.

"D. W. Patterson, a member of the Collie R.S.L., is an enthusiast regarding the Newdegate Cup competition. It won't be "Patt's" fault if it does not come to Collie again this year. Keep going, Patt, old boy, you are on the right track.

"Gunboat" S. T. Smith, of Bowelling, is not slow in expressing his opinion of what the R.S.L. is capable of doing for the "diggers." A few months ago Gunboat blew into the town and had a real good time while the money lasted, and was eventually forced to seek the aid of the local R.S.L. to lead him back to the straight and narrow path. After being severely admonished, shaved and several other things, was sent to a job at Bowelling where he has since made good and risen to the position of working forman. Good-luck to you, Gunboat! We wish we had more like you.

Joe Bredhal and Alex Bence are past masters at conducting euchre parties. Both were sadly missed last Monday evening. Joe being away at Albany fixing things for the Fire Brigade Demonstration and Alex recovering from a slight attack of malaria. Both are expected to report for duty next Monday evening.

On April 12th the branch organised a benefit night for Mrs. Green and her six young children. Although the late Mr. Green was not an ex-service man, no distinction is made by the Collie R.S.L. His widow and kiddies are in need that is sufficient so far as the "diggers" of Collie are concerned.

Having a rough spin through a bad attack of eczema is the genial Alex Gibson. He's been on his bed since last October and too modest to let the R.S.L. know of his difficulties. However, Alex is now being cared for by the branch and every-thing that is possible is being done to alleviate his stretch of bad luck.

Snowy Olsen, 3rd Machine Gunners (the house expert) is now using his energies to assist the Collie R.S.L. (we don't mean at his favourite game) in any direction he is called upon by the branch. Good-luck to you, Snowy! Your assistance at the Hospital Carnival was thoroughly appreciated.

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Les, my boy, how's the nose? We are very glad to learn, however, that it happened at cricket, otherwise you may have been severely censored. You know there are so many different ways a man can get his face hurt these times.

Up to the big smoke for a spell with his family is the genial Jim Crocker. Jim is a useful member of the R.S.L., and was recently loaned to the Hospital Committee to assist with the Carnival. Jim's little stunt just about topped the pole for takings, we understand, and we are no bit surprised at that either.

About again after a severe operation in the Collie Hospital is Jack Fraser, the popular manager of the Commercial Bank Collie. Jack is a member of the local R.S.L., and captain of the R.S.L. Cricket Club. Without a doubt he had not been for his "hop." Jack would have led his team to the top of the Collie Association fixtures for this year. As it was the team had to be content with being runners-up for the premiership honours. "There's going to be no mistake about it next year," says Jack.

Another branch member having a spell in the Collie Hospital is the well-renowned "Algy" Wilson. Tis said that Algy makes a good patient and keeps the doctors, sisters and fellow patients in a good hum-our with his wonderful stock of never-ending original yarns. We understand that Algy is also anxious for the branch to arrange another organising stunt.

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May 10.—Counter-attack forces Anzacs to evacuate trenches captured in front of Quinn’s Post.

May 14.—General Birdwood—corps commandant—slightly wounded.

May 15.—General Bridges, commanding the Australian Division, received wound from which he died a few days later.

May 18.—Von Sanders’ attack delivered against the whole Australian line, which did not yield an inch. Turks suffered great losses.

May 19.—Turkish assault on Anzacs beaten off.

May 24.—Suspension of arms at request of Turks to permit of burial of dead.

June 30.—Turks again endeavoured to drive Anzacs “into the sea.” Attacks repulsed.

July 31.—11th Australian Battalion captures Turkish trenches threatening Tasmania Post.

August 6.—5.30 p.m.: 1st Infantry Brigade capture Lonesome Pine; Turkish counter-attack lasted 72 hours. 9.30 p.m.: General Monash’s 4th Brigade stole out of Anzac and marched to the foot of Hill 971. Midnight: 6th Infantry Battalion attacked German officers’ trench.

August 7.—Dawn: 8th and 10th Light Horse attacked the Chessboard from Walker’s Ridge, Suvla Bay Landing and Diversion, Cape Helles.

August 8, 9, 10.—Chunuk Bair Ridge taken by New Zealanders, and lost; Suvla Bay failure.

Brigadier-General McCay mentioned in despatches.

August 27.—4th and 5th Australian Brigades take part in attack on Hill 60.

August 29.—Hill 60 captured.

October 16.—General Sir Ian Hamilton recalled, Major-General Sir Charles Munro appointed to succeed him.

December 19.—Withdrawal from Anzac.
SUB-BRANCH NOTES.

SUBIACO SUB-BRANCH.

The Branch entertained the members of the Women’s Auxiliary, also the members and their families at a launch picnic on Sunday, March 7th.

The launch “Valfreda” left Nedlands at 11 a.m., with about 100 adults and children, and proceeded to Fremantle. After a cruise around the Port, the launch put into Bicton for lunch, afterwards proceeding up the Canning and returning to Mosman’s Bay, for tea.

During the day the children were provided with ice cream, fruit, lollies and soft drinks, and there is little doubt they had the time of their lives.

During the cruise music was provided by Mrs. Nagel with an orchestra of eight performers.

Opportunity was taken at Mosman’s by the President of the Branch, Mr. J. Harvey, to thank the visitors for their attendance.

The President of the Women’s Auxiliary (Mrs. Richardson) responded, and was supported by the Mayor of Subiaco (Mr. R. A. Robinson) and Mr. Richardson, M.L.A.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Nagel and her musicians, and to those responsible for the organisation of the day.

At 8 p.m. the launch returned to Nedlands, with a tired but happy throng, who were unanimous in the day would stand as a record of achievement by the Branch, and an outing which many declared was one of the best they had ever attended.

BEVERLEY SUB-BRANCH.

Mr. Brown presided over a good muster at the March meeting of the Beverley Sub-Branch. Our delegate to the Soldier Settlers’ Conference, Mr. Jim Mann, made an interesting report, and received a vote of thanks for his services as delegate.

A cheque of 5/- in the Children’s Hospital.—A letter was received from the State Secretary, stating that the estimated annual cost to the League would be about £50 per annum, and it was decided to let the matter stand over till more information was received from the State Executive, concerning the replies from other Sub-Branches.

Arrangements were put in hand for the due celebration of Anzac Day, on lines similar to last year, viz.—The school children, scouts and girl guides to be gathered at the Soldiers Memorial, and short addresses delivered to them by the Chairman of the Road Board and the Member for the District. Then a public memorial service, held in the Mechanics’ Hall, to be conducted by the Heads of the various Religious Bodies of the district, in cooperation. At the close of the service, a distribution of sweets and fruit to be made to the children.

It is understood that the Memorial Service will be held at 3 p.m., to synchronise with the mass service to be held at the Perth Esplanade at that hour.

One of the leading Beverley residents has invited all the returned men of the district to have dinner with him on Anzac Day.

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Mr. LAWLEY SUB-BRANCH.

The above Sub-Branch held a successful meeting at the Lyceum Theatre on Tuesday evening, April 6th. A large number of members were present to hear the views of the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) on Soldier Settlement, and also enjoyed listening to some interesting reminiscences of Gallipoli by Colonel Margolin.

Mr. Yolland, M.L.C, supported the vote of thanks to both the speakers, moved by Mr. A. N. Macdonald.

Anzac Night Concert.—A sacred concert is to be held in the Lyceum Theatre on Anzac Night, commencing at 8.45 p.m., for the purpose of creating an Amelioration Fund. Rabbi Freedman will give a short Anzac address, an attractive picture being arranged for by Mr. A. A. Wheatley, and the services of leading vocalists have been secured. The evening promises to be something exceptional and a good attendance is expected.

May Monthly Meeting.—The next monthly meeting of the Sub-Branch will be held in the Lyceum Theatre on Tuesday, 4th May (in lieu of 3rd May, Labour Day), Colonel Collett will deliver a short address on an Australian action in the field. Music and refreshments will be provided as usual.

FREMANTLE DISTRICT SUB-BRANCH.

Secretary—Charlie Walker is having another sojourn in Fremantle Hospital, as is also his good wife. It is the wish of all that they will soon be fit and well again.

It is bad luck Charlie being away when all the organising is to be done for Anzac Day, but the arrangements are in the safe and capable hands of Theo. Brennan. Fremantle expects to have 600 men in uniform and about 1,000 Sunday School children marching in procession through High Street to the memorial service at the Oval.

The Ladies’ Auxiliary held a picnic to Como on Saturday, 27th March, where they entertained the many helpers at their various stunts. The outing proved a great success. What a wonderful little band of selfless workers these good ladies are. The sums of money they raise and the good they do with it is astounding. The Sub-Branches also fall in for their share of relief, over £200 being spent in amelioration during the past twelve months. It sets us wondering how they stand up to this expenditure, but we opine that while they have workers like Bill Pescud, Dave Lyons, Chas. Walker, Thos. Brennan and A. G. Kirby, it will be some time before they will take the count.

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BRIDGETOWN SUB-BRANCH.

The Sub-Branch is holding their annual gathering for school children on Saturday, April 24th, at the local showground. It has been decided that the schools, of which there are 14 in the district, should be asked to parade at the Mechanics’ Institute at 11 a.m., where they will be addressed, probably by the local Member of Parliament, and the President of the R.S.L., and then marched by schools to the sports ground.

A pennant has been donated for presentation to the school which is considered by the Committee of the Branch to turn out best. Points will be given for percentage of school strength at the parade, orderliness and behaviour, and for the way in which the march to the sports ground is carried out.

The whole organising effort reflects great credit on the Sub-Branch and its capable Secretary, Tommy Wyer.

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NARROGIN SUB-BRANCH.

During 1924 some of the “shrewd heads” of the Narrogin Sub-Branch discovered that a local organisation known as the Citizens Welfare Association, administered a fund collected during the war for the exclusive benefits of local diggers. In course of time it was intended, apparently, to amalgamate this fund with the C.W.A. funds. After a doughty struggle the C.W.A. alias the old Repatriation Committee, surrendered the funds to Trustees, the wit, the local M.L.A. Mr. C. Sherville and the President of the R.S.L. for the time being.

The State Government was successfully approached for a block and the erection of an Institute for the benefit of local diggers commenced. A local bank agreed to furnish funds covered by mortgage, and the Institute was legally constituted an incorporated body. For the information of those who may follow suit it may be mentioned that the mortgaging of the Government’s gift block proved a troublesome snag. A special Act was passed by both Houses last session to enable the Sub-Branch to mortgage in form. The Institute consists of a billiard room, library and entertainment hall, with kitchen attached. The hall is most popular for dances, socials, weddings and dinners, and the revenue increases appreciably month by month. The library is a feature of the establishment, and the billiard room is well patronised.

The government of the Narrogin Soldiers’ Memorial Institute is vested in the Committee of the Sub-Branch. This is an arrangement which has its advantages and disadvantages. The advantages are apparent, but the disadvantages will become more apparent as our ranks close in. Membership at 10/- per annum is the right of every soldier, and civil members are elected by the Committee for £1 1s. per annum. The “dads” came to the fore magnificently with subscriptions and donations, but many diggers remain out for the usual divers and selfish reasons. The Committee have had a hard row to hoe to satisfy everybody concerned, and now that things are fairly ship-shape it’s up to the Narrogin brethren to help in all its activities. As usual, the donkey work falls to the faithful, but the ranks are very open for helpers in the work of finance and management.

OSBORNE PARK BRANCH.

The Osborne Park Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. scored another success in social activities on the 3rd, when they occupied the Agricultural Hall, Main Street, the occasion being a re-union of soldiers and citizens, Mr. C. Sherville (President) was chairman, and there was a real good rally
by soldiers and civilians, many of the former travelling several miles from their homesteads to attend the function. The units represented were the 44th, 15th, 112th Howitzer, 48th, 32nd, 1st Field Ambulance, 9th Field Ambulance, 11th, 12th, 31st, 60th, 3rd Pioneers, 46th, Flying Corps, Artillery, A.A.M.C. and 10th Light Horse. The tables were specially arranged, decorated with battle colours and laden with the usual good things, all the produce of the district. The imposing bulk of the Branch was to get the soldier settlers, while the roll ranged, decorated with battalion colours, increased prosperity to the district, and in this the observance owing to the inspections from the Njookinbooroo length way.

The tables were specially arranged by Messrs. W. Wing, Mausey, J. O'Malley, Cadd and F. Gladstone, the pianists being Messrs. F. Schofield and C. Sherwood. It is the intention of the residents to give a return social to the members of the local Branch.

The annual smoke social of the Kelmscott Sub-Branch will be held on 1st May, in the local public hall. All returned men in the district are asked to be present (tickets, 2/-), and anyone who can entertain is asked to be prepared to assist in the enjoyment of the evening, beginning at 8 p.m., and continuing till 11 p.m.

The Anzac Day arrangements are well in hand; the President (Mr. G. E. Bunney) is to deliver the address. "Conference considers that where Sub-Branches are of the opinion that civilian assistance on Settlers' Committees would be beneficial to the settlers, such civilians should be invited to co-operate."—Resolution passed at last Soldier Settlers' Conference.

Why did Lizzie Ford, turn down Morris Cowley when he begged leave to take her out? She said it was Willys Knight.

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I have read your protests against the poor response of the public and the Government to the appeal for funds for a State War Memorial. As a digger, I wish to congratulate you on the stand you have taken, and, like you, consider the result of the appeal disgraceful. Your suggestion for ex-service men to build their own memorial, subscribing $1 each, is a splendid one. The civilian public have had their opportunity and failed miserably. It is now up to each and every digger to assist by giving what he can to have a memorial erected to the memory of fallen mates, and please accept the enclosed £1, with another to follow before the list closes. If a list is not started as suggested please hand my contribution to the State Memorial Fund."

"I556," of Meckatharra, has another shot:---I am sorry that "3121" considered my reply to his article as abuse. It was not meant as such, and it indicates his lack of a sense of humour. I admit I wrote in lighter vein, but nevertheless it was my opinion of his effort. It is rather pity he does not annihilate me in his reply. However, I am too old and have taken part in too many arguments and discussions to be drawn by any accusation of quibbling, an implication of which, I think, exists in his reply. Until he can produce something more than merely a repetition of his first letter I am "out" with him. In reply to "Digger," I wish to say that I agree with him that technical units should be led by technical men, and I think that in all cases such was the practice. But I am kicking against the suggestion of "3121" that all men be examined with a view to finding out what they are best suited for and sending them there regardless of their wishes.

Also that the men with brains—he mentions M's.'P., by the way—and skilled tradesmen, such as dentists and blacksmiths, etc., be kept from the front line. I don't know how many of each trade were needed behind the lines, but there must have been some surplus in some of their trades. Would there be any objection to these skilled but surplus men going in the line? Furthermore, I am far from satisfied that an examination by medical men such as "3121" suggests would be a safe and sufficient guarantee that the men would capably fill the billets allotted them under all conditions. I am inclined to think that the natural inclinations would be a better criterion. "Redgum" I can congratulate on his commonsense. Perhaps it would be interesting to hear the views of both "3121" and "Digger" as to the advisability of allowing poets in the firing line. I would like E. St. Ives Bilton to know that he has given no tricks of the trade away, and that his prescience is at fault this time.

Camels.---In an American paper which found its way to me recently, I saw an advertisement for cigarettes called "Camels." True Yankee style--was in this ad. Have a Camel! A crowd emerging from the Picture Theatre (by the way, why don't Americans spell Theatre phonetically?) was the subject of a sketch and a graphic description of the soothing effects of the Turkish weed after the thrills of the reel was given. It is obvious that the Buddies never sojourned in Gippsland. Just fancy an Australian firm calling oriental cigarettes "Camel," after the analysis of gippo tablets by Aussies! Hush.

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En Avant! brave gallant comrades,
Who returned from fields of slaughter
To the happy hearts and homeland,
Which your life's dreams still enthrall;
You were aye inspired by ideals
Lofty as the sky above us,
And must still press towards the summit
Of a virile nation's hopes.
Let your lives be lived to hasten
Universal peace and plenty;
Loving liberty and justice,
Hating still all tyranny;
So that your brave hearts may leave
Seed of future generations,
And your country be the greatest
And the noblest in the world.

En Avant! O men and mothers,
Brothers, sisters, of Australia,
You must walk and work together
Like an army in the field.
For the sixty thousand warriors
Who have sanctified our birthright
By the Baptism of their heart's blood,
Died that we might live as one,
Sinking selfish needs and bitter
Factions that but breed disruption
Let us strive to help each other
To achieve a common goal;
Pioneering, persevering,
In our land of song and sunlight
For the Fates have favoured us with
A golden heritage.

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AN INSULTING SUGGESTION.

Minister Drew again refused to allow
returned soldiers to enter the schools this
year to tell the children the lessons of
practical patriotism, and in his reply to
a League deputation he certainly was wise
in not reiterating his statement of last
year, in which he accused speakers of
glorifying war to the children, because he
knew no doubt from investigations made
later that he was then speaking without a
knowledge of his subject, but he added
insult to injury by stating that the reason
for his refusal last year was that he was
informed that it was the intention of a
certain section, if the usual addresses were
not stopped, to parade the wounds of
maimed soldiers before the children as an
offset to the other addresses.

We know of ex-service men who are
not as good as they might be, and we
also know of others who have sunk pretty
low, but the digger does not exist who
would so debase himself as the Minister's
remarks suggest.

Although returned men will not be ex-
cluded from visiting the schools this year,
they are still not permitted to address
the scholars.

We really thought that the Minister
would have found a way out of the diffi-
culty this year, by cleverly retiring with
dignity from the foolish stand taken last
year. He evidently values the opinions
of men like Hughes, who are able to talk
of the horrors of war after having viewed
it from the vantage points of back yards
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