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TWELVE YEARS OF NATION-HOOD.
ANZAC DAY—AN IMMORTAL EPIC.

"The whole earth is the sepulchre of heroes; monuments may rise and fall upon the land, but on far-off shores there is an abiding memorial that no pen or chisel has traced; it is graves, not on stone or brass, but on the living heads of humanity. Take them as for your example. I remind you, remember that prosperity can only be for the free, that freedom is the sure possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it."—The Funeral Speech of Rudyard Kipling.

The freedom and prosperity which we enjoy to-day is ours because hundreds of thousands of Australia's sons and daughters had "the courage to defend it," and because 60,000 of our noblest children voluntarily cast their broken-bodies into the "sepulchre of heroes." One million and seventy thousand heroes died for the Empire and as many more dragged their shot and shell-torn bodies home and are today compared with the manhood of the country in the struggle for existence with severe handicaps. Ours is the gain, be we soldiers, civilians, patriots, or craven slackers.

It is fitting, then, that the nation should pause on Anzac Day in order to pay reverence to the memory of those who "nobly striving, nobly fell," and at the many commemoration services hear recounted the epic stories of the war and with receptive hearts absorb the spirit of the sacrifice of the Anzacs.

Let us also remember when we are paying homage to our fallen that Anzac Day is also revered by many a home in Great Britain, which sent to Gallipoli the immortal 29th Division, which landed at Cape Helles. They shared the peril, and share in the corse and glory of the day.

The lesson of the sacrifice can be summed up in one word—service. If we will work for the country that so many of the Anzacs died for, then their sacrifice shall not have been made in vain. At this time it is good to recall the words spoken by King George, "that as our dead were equal in sacrifice, so are they equal in honour, for the greatest and the least of them have proved that sacrifice and honour are no vain things, but truths by which the world lives."

We believe that there are no circumstances in life which so bind men together as active service, and we, as ex-service men, feel that the holy Anzac Day brings us nearer in spirit to our mates of that deathless army, whose bones lie overseas.

On Anzac Day, particularly, Laurence Binyon's immortal words should be brought to mind:

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.

WAR SERVICE HOMES
PARTICULARS OF NEW BILL.

The Federal Minister for Works and Railways (Mr. Hill), in moving the second reading of the War Service Homes Bill, stated, in the course of his remarks:

"It will give to the War Service Homes Commissioner power to make advances not exceeding £50 to those applicants who have already been provided with a home. In the past the maximum amount which could be lent under the act was £800, and difficulty has been experienced particularly in New South Wales and Victoria, in providing anything better than ordinary accommodation within the limit of an expenditure of £800. Generally, when an applicant sets out to obtain a home, he has a small family, which increases as the years pass, until additional accommodation in the home becomes essential. Unless the amount of £800 has been expended, a further advance may not be made under the existing act, and it is with the object of removing that anomaly, and enabling loans to be granted to provide additional accommodation, that this amending Bill is brought forward. It does not follow only on the applicant being in such a position as to be able to maintain an applicant's family, an additional grant will be made, provided, of course, that he is in a position to repay it. The amendments will apply to future eligible applicants, but the advances, as they are made, will be limited to £800 unless the commissioner is of the opinion that the loan of a larger amount is necessary to provide essential accommodation. There are at present 30,082 war service homes in the Commonwealth, distributed as follows: New South Wales, 9,703; Victoria, 7,828; Queensland, 4,023; South Australia, 6,644; Western Australia, 650; and Tasmania, 1,214. Up to the 30th June last, our total expenditure on war service homes was £23,482,205. Our receipts in repayments of interest and principal were £29,661,681. A portion of the remainings have been transferred to the National Debt Sinking Fund. The amount dealt with in that way last year was £74,454.84. Honorable members will be interested to know that the population of instalments outstanding is only 1,113. It is becoming lower year by year. Every case of arrears is dealt with sympathetically, and that policy will be continued."

There are those in our midst whose distorted vision and whose hatred of anything British is only tempered by their love of anything Russian, who state that liberty of speech and action are things of the past in England, where the bloated capitalist keeps under heel the downtrodden proletariat, traitor of the type of Tom Mann, who is at present in China helping the Cantonese to smash everything and everybody British, is allowed to come and go in England, free and untrammelled. Freedom—yes; but not as we would have it.
STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

30/3/27.

Present.—Messrs. Collett, Humphrey, Philip, Watt, Tyler, Wedd, Margolin, Lennon, and Mellor.

Apologies were received from Messrs. McAdam, Nye, Cornwall and Pady.

Returned Soldier Parliamentarians.—Moved Mr. Humphrey, seconded Mr. Watt, that letters of congratulation be sent to all returned soldier candidates who were successful at the recent elections.—Carried.

Resignations.—Rev. E. H. O. Nye: A letter was read from Mr. Nye resigning his seat on the State Executive, owing to increased Church duties. Moved Mr. Humphrey, seconded Mr. Lennon, that the matter be deferred pending inquiries as to whether it could be arranged to relieve Mr. Nye of some of his duties, and thus enable him to retain his seat on the Executive.—Carried.

Mr. G. S. Mellor wrote resigning his seat on the Executive in view of his approaching tour with the Commonwealth Band. Moved Mr. Humphrey, seconded Mr. Tyler, that the resignation be accepted with regret, and that Mr. Mellor be congratulated on his appointment, and the good wishes of the League extended to him.—Carried.

Federal Correspondence.—War Service Homes Act: A letter was read and received from the General Secretary advising that the Federal Executive would meet at Canberra on 9th May. Moved Mr. Humphrey, seconded Mr. Wedd, that Colonel Tilney be asked to represent this State at that meeting.—Carried.

Messrs. Watt and Humphrey were appointed as Agenda Committee.

Resolution 60—Picture Films: A letter was read and received from the General Secretary enclosing copy of an Act passed by the Victorian Government to make provision for the censoring of films.

Anzac Day.—Moved Mr. Humphrey, seconded Mr. Wedd, that special accommodation be arranged for Veterans on Anzac Day, and that arrangements be made to bring along the old veterans to the service on the Esplanade.—Carried.

S.S. Conference.—A letter was read from Mr. McLarty, the Controller of Soldier Settlement, advising that he will be present at the Bunbury Conference on the opening day, and will probably be accompanied by Mr. Moran. He also states that he has made arrangements for the District Clerk to be present in his absence at the disposal of Conference. The letter was received. Moved Mr. Lennon, seconded Mr. Wedd, that the Secretary endeavour to arrange for the attendance of Mr. Sutton, the Director of Agriculture.—Carried.

Agenda Committee.—Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Shaw, that Messrs. Wedd and Shaw act as Agenda Committee and meet at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday.—Carried.

Spearwood Sub-Branch.—The secretaries reported in connection with the debate which waited upon Messrs. McLarty and White. The report was received.

F. C. Blake, Harne Hill.—Moved Mr. Philip, seconded Mr. Wedd, that the matter be referred to the Land Committee.—Carried.

Prestige Ankle Competition.—The Secretary read a telegram from Melbourne advising that Prestige Ltd. was an Australian firm. The telegram was received. Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Philip, that no sub-branch or individual be permitted to involve the name “R.S.L.” in any commercial project without submitting it for endorsement and approval by the State Executive.—Carried.

Kalgoorlie.—A letter was read from Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch regarding visit, and Messrs. Shaw and Watt were suggested as representatives. The matter was left in the hands of the President.

Anzac Day.—The report of the deputation which waited upon the Hon. Minister for Railways (Mr. Willcoole) in connection with Anzac Day, was read and recorded.

Narembeen Art Union.—Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Colonel Margolin, that the scope of all sub-branch art unions should be localised, and providing the State President is satisfied with the conditions of Narembeen art union, permission should be granted.—Carried.

Immigration.—With reference to the appointment of a representative of the League to meet all migrants on arrival at Fremantle, it was moved Mr. Tyler, seconded Mr. Lennon, that Mr. Pady be appointed Immigration Officer at Fremantle, to meet all boats and distribute literature, and give all information necessary, and that he be paid £1 per day while so employed.—Carried.

Moved Mr. Tyler, seconded Mr. Lennon, that the matter of appointing an officer in Albany, be left in the hands of the State Secretary.—Carried.

Reports.—State Secretary: The State Secretary read the report of the operations of the office for the preceding fortnight. The report was received.

Trustees' Report.—Mr. Philip read a report of the Trustees in connection with the Amelioration Fund and Perth Branch financial matters. The report was received and adopted.

Moved Mr. Humphrey, seconded Colonel Margolin, that Mr. Tyler be asked to make inquiries in connection with the Amelioration Fund of Perth Sub-Branch and report to next meeting.—Carried.

With the near approach of Anzac Day we desire again to remind ex-service men of their obligations to dead comrades. In most centres where commemorative services are to be held, there will be a procession of returned soldiers, who will wear medals, and others. All men who fought for the Empire in any war should not fail to participate. It is a duty.

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(By H. V. Norton, in the London "Daily Express")

One night not long ago, I stood under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, beside the grave of the French Unknown Soldier.

A keen wind from the Champs Elysées whistled through the thatched arch, driving the flames of the graveside braziers low over the ground like streamers of wind-blown hair. There were pale, flowers and shadows. A Cenotaph tomb, grand and unforgettable, in the center of a beautiful city, the sound and surge of life ever near, but, it seemed to me, in spite of all, so lonely, so cold, so far from a church, like a solitary cairn on a hill-top.

Westminster Abbey—I stood there yesterday beside our Unknown Warrior, who lies not only at the heart of London, but also at the heart of England, here in magic earth, in this sacred soil, so warm in love, so safe in honor. No noise of traffic disturbs his sleep, no unkind wind whistles over him—no solitude of night. Instead, the silence of a mighty church, a silence as deep and lovely as though he were lying in some green country graveyard steeped in peace, above him a twilight in which the stored centuries seem to whisper happily of good things done for England.

In the centre of the nave, free from the barriers that once hedged it, lay the grave of the Unknown Warrior—a large black marble slab, on which a long inscription in inlaid letters of brass. From a pillar in the north aisle near the grave hung a worn-looking Union Jack. How English! Most other nations would have explained somewhere for all to see that this is no ordinary flag, that it gained those creases, which some woman's careful ironing and pressing have been unable to efface, when it covered a rude Communion Table in France with the 141st Brigade of the 47th (London) Division, when they brought the Unknown Warrior through the streets, with the sombre guns booming and the troops slow marching to a wail of brass, this was the flag that covered the coffin; there it hangs unheralded in the Abbey. In its creases you may see—ah! how many Last Suppers in Flanders fields.

An official guide, wearing an armlet came up with two Americans—husband and wife. They read aloud the inscription:

"Beneath this stone rests the body of a British warrior, unknown by name or rank, brought from France to lie among the most illustrious of the land. And so on to the splendid end; "They buried him among the kings because he had done good toward God and toward His House."

"That's beautiful," they said quietly. "That's the most beautiful thing in London." "Those brass letters," explained the guide, "are made from cartridge cases melted down—cases picked up in the British lines in France after the war."

They went over to theUnion Jack, and beneath it looked at a small glass-case, in which is the blue-ribboned Congressional Medal of Valour, the gift of the people of the United States, the high-
est order in their power to give. They went away, lingering here and there under the vast arch of the nave. I stood there thinking...

This tomb and the Cenotaph bear witness to the greatest emotion this nation has ever felt. Children have brought here every year; and so the memory, without the sharpness, perhaps, felt by us who lived through it, goes on with another generation. In this way a nation keeps alive its holy places. Wonderful to think of this unknown boy, or man, lying here with our kings, our captains, our prophets, and our priests. It is the first time in the history of the world that this has happened. His fame is greater, too; he is Everyone who died in the War. No matter how many mothers believe that he is theirs, they are right; they are all of them right—for he is every mother's son who did not come home from France.

Always, as long as England stands in history, this marble stone will tell the story of the only unknown man to whom the great Abbey, Westminster opened its arms, saying: "Come in, you Unknown Warrior, among the kings and the great ones of all time, for you, too, are great; you, too, spent your life nobly, and you, too, are ever holy in the memory of this people.

As I went out, a thin rustle of organ music came whispering down the nave, and far off, like a voice in a cloud, sounded the echo of a prayer.

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WAR MEMORIALS ABROAD

France and Belgium.
Divisional memorials have been erected as follows:

- Pozieres (1st Australian Div.) - £2,800
- Mt. St. Quentin (2nd Aust. Div.) - £3,000
- Bray Corbie Rd., North of Somme - £1,700
- 3rd Australian Division - £1,700
- Bellingsee-le-Vorguier Ridge-Hindenburg Line - £1,700
- Polygon Butte (5th Aust. Div.) - £3,775

The design for these memorials (excepting that of the 2nd Division, which was in hand when the War Memorials Committee was formed) is an obelisk 40ft. in height. The 2nd Division Memorial has a bronze statue of an Australian soldier bayonetting a German eagle, and was completed by the late Mr. C. Web. Gilbert. An endowment fund has been created for the maintenance of these memorials in perpetuity. The sum invested is £3,175, and the annual proceeds of the fund £15 1s. 4d.

Villers-Bretonneux.
It is proposed that this memorial, which is estimated to cost £100,000, shall be commemorative of the Australian Imperial Forces as a whole and be designated the National Memorial. It will contain the names of approximately 10,000 "missing." The site adjoins the Military Cemetery, and is on high ground close to the town. The competition for designs closed on July 31, 1926, and apart from those shortly to arrive from London, the designs submitted are awaiting adjudication.

Tunnellers' Memorial—Hill 60.
The monument, which occupies one of the most historical positions in the district, was erected in the Ypres area, by the 1st Australian Tunneling Company during April, 1919, in memory of officers and men of that Company who gave their lives in the mining and defensive operations of Hill 60. As bad workmanship and poor materials used in the memorial would have involved considerable repairs for its preservation, the memorial was re-built in 1923 to a design prepared by the Department of Works and Railways. The cost of this work, together with the site, was £300.

Amiens Cathedral.
A tablet commemorative of the successful defence of the City of Amiens by the Australian troops between March and August, 1918, was erected in the Cathedral on September 3, 1920, and unveiled by the Bishop of Amiens on November 11, 1920, in the presence of Marshal Foch, the High Commissioner for Australia, and other prominent people.

Menin Gate.
The names of Australian "missing" who fell in Belgium will be inscribed on the Imperial Memorial at Menin Gate. Arrangements for including these names were made prior to Cabinet decision that Australian "missing" be commemorated at Villers-Bretonneux. This monument is in the form of an arch or gateway at the end of the Causeway across the moat leading to the Menin Road. The main hall is 70ft. span by 50ft. high and 130ft. in length.

EGYPT AND PALESTINE.
Port Said Memorial.
This memorial, which is in memory of officers and men of Australian and New Zealand formations, which operated in the Sinai Campaign, is to be erected in the Casino Gardens near the entrance to Port Said station, at an estimated cost of £17,000 (£5,000 were contributed by the troops, £2,000 by the New Zealand Government). Owing to the death in 1925 of the successful competitor (Mr. C. Web. Gilbert), arrangements were recently made with Sir Bertram Mackennal, R.A., to complete for £8,500 the sculptural group as originally designed. The stone for the pedestal is to be shipped from Australia, and arrangements are in hand to call tenders for this material.

The Municipality of Port Said has agreed to the utilisation of the selected site, provided that the surrounding wall is omitted or reduced in height, therefore partly to meet their wishes, and in deference to the views of Sir Bertram Mackennal, the pedestal and walls are being redesigned to reduce the height of both.

Jerusalem.
The design for the memorial prepared by the Imperial War Graves Commission consists of a main memorial to the British forces with a small memorial to the Australians and New Zealanders on each flank. The names of Australian "missing" in this theatre will be inscribed on this memorial. Included in the design is a chapel which was erected from the proceeds of an appeal by Lord Allenby for subscription from troops and to which all members of the Australian Expeditionary Forces in Palestine contributed. The subscription totalled £13,500.

GALLIPOLI.
Cape Helles.
Approximately 100ft. in height, the memorial will include the names of all United Kingdom and Indian Army personnel "missing" on land and "lost at sea" through enemy action, or "buried at sea," while proceeding to or returning from the Peninsula. The names of Australian soldiers who were "missing" during the second battle—Khedive. Lonsdale.

In the form of a massive pylon 50ft. high the monument will contain the names of those who fought at Gallipoli (other than at Krithia), together with those who took part in these operations, and were "buried at sea." It will include also the names of New Zealand personnel who fell in the original Anzac Area at Lone Pine, and who are "missing," together with members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces who were lost or buried at sea.

Note.—The cost of memorial to Gallipoli and Jerusalem is covered by the contribution of the Commonwealth Government to the Imperial War Graves Commission for the completion of cemeteries.

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ANZAC DAY.
Arrangements in Perth.

The Anzac Day Sub-Committee of the R.S.L. State Executive met recently and completed arrangements for suitably observing this year’s commemoration of Anzac Day. The co-operation of the Citizen Proces has been approved by the G.O.C. (Major-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs), and returned soldiers and Citizen Forces will be asked to assemble in St. George’s terrace at 10 a.m.

General Hobbs will command the parade, assisted by Colonel Collett, the State president of the R.S.L. The order of march will be similar to that carried out last year, with oars containing mailed and wounded soldiers leading, followed by possessors of the V.C.

Capt. G. J. C. Dyett, Federal president of the R.S.L., will march with the W.A. branch State executive and the route of the march will be via Barrack, Hay and William Streets, to the Esplanade, where the service will commence at 10.50 a.m. The Chaplain-General (Archbishop Riley) will, as in past years, take command of the Esplanade service, which will be relayed to citizens by loud speakers.

All unit associations of the A.I.F., together with the Y.A.L., Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, have signified their intention of taking part in the parade and service. It is expected that seven bands will be in attendance.

The Lieutenant-Governor has signified his intention of being present at the esplanade service, and later in the day at the Anzac Hotel.

All sporting associations are requested by the R.S.L. to refrain from holding any sporting fixtures on Anzac Day, and to close tennis courts and other playing grounds during the holding of the local commemoration service.

Other services have been arranged as follows and will be attended by official representatives of the R.S.L.:

Maylands—3 p.m. Colonel Collett, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. (State President), Capt. G. J. C. Dyett (Federal President) and Major F. J. McAdam.


The State president counsels all sub-branch officials and members to improve on the excellent observances of last year and take proper measures to make this Anzac Day, 1927, more universally and solemnly observed than ever before. It is the soldiers’ day; it is the nation’s proudest and saddest day of all the year.

WAR GRAVES ABROAD.

A Select Committee of the British Parliament has recently paid a visit to the war cemeteries in France and Belgium. In the report the Committee says:—It is difficult to describe adequately the impression left on the mind by a visit to the British war cemeteries in France and Belgium. The immense number of the graves of our men makes one realise the sacrifice and the horror of so great a slaughter, and would fill the mind with oppression were it not for the absolute beauty and fitness of their resting places. Every one of these cemeteries, scattered over so wide an area, is a plot of England in a foreign land.

“Enclosed with low walls or hedges are smooth lawns, where, in the great equality of death, officers and men, generals and privates, sleep beneath their simple headstones, guarded by the Cross and Altar, while round the graves grow in great profusion the flowers of England. The simplicity and perfection of the design give to these cemeteries a greater sense of peace than is found in any others. There is a complete absence of vulgar display or tawdry ornamentation. Each stone bears the regimental badge, the name of the soldier, and the date of his death, and, in many cases, a text chosen by his relatives. It would be a great thing if all those who have relatives buried in these cemeteries could come and see for themselves what a wonderful work has been done. The cemeteries are constantly visited by relatives of the fallen from all over the world, and are much appreciated also by the people of the locality.

“We were talking with one mother who had come over from Yorkshire to see her son’s grave, and she very well expressed one aspect that struck us, saying: ‘Well, there’s my poor boy; he’s safe now; no one will move him any more.’ These cemeteries are permanent resting places. They are beautifully tended by the ex-service men gardeners, and will remain so kept, growing lovelier every year.”
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VARIA.

Camel.—A Light Horse pal of mine tried unsuccessfully to get to close quarters with Jacko Turk. Every time he came within rifle range of the enemy he got shot in the neck. He was eventually discharged fit, and to-day has five bullet wounds under his collar.

Anzac Day is universally commemorated in this State as a day of reverence for the 60,000 Australian dead in the war, and as such is accepted as a day of mourning. Although there may be room for honest differences of opinion on the Sunday sport question, we hold that Anzac Day should be commemorated as the most sacred day of the year, on which all sport is taboo, and we trust that all sporting associations and individuals will not allow the day to degenerate into any other excuse for a holiday. Someone said that the nation which readily forgets its war dead is degenerate and will not long survive. We appeal to the sportsman who has no deep feelings of reverence, on Anzac Day, to withhold his inclination to play, out of respect to the feelings of the great majority of our citizens.

Ginger.—The coveted Victoria Cross is such a rare decoration that it would appear singular to find it won by more than one member of a family. I know of two instances where it has been won by a father and son. Field-Marshall "Bob" Roberts and his son, who won the decoration just before being killed in the South African war, is the one pair and General Sir Walter Congreve, who died recently (aged 65), and his eldest son, Major Walter Congreve, of the Rifle Brigade, who was killed during the 1916 offensive, is the other pair. Perhaps some of your readers may know of other instances.

Spot.—Your leader "Exploiting the League," in last issue, was timely and sensible. A good cause is often depreciated by the dubious means adopted. For a year or two after we all returned from the war it was an offence against the law to use the soldier or his organisations as a lever to exploit the public for commercial purposes. The League should not rush into any and very "stunt" because a bit of easy money may result. It cheapens the name of the League and is undignified.

THE MARCH RAINS.

The autumn rains coming as they do when the year is declining to winter, have a wonderfully rejuvenating effect upon the earth jaded by the long hot summer. When the summer of life is beginning to decline, the individual taking stock of himself realises that nowhere so much as in his eyes does he feel the effect of life's struggle. They are jaded. They need rejuvenating. They need to be aided by the latest discoveries of optical science. Mr. B. the Optician, of 263 Murray-street, manufactures the celebrated Tori-Kryptox lenses in his own factory. A visit to him will have the effect of giving you a new lease of life.

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The hermit wandering by the lonely rills
Marks where they lie on the scared mountain’s flanks,
Remembering that wild morning when the hills
Shook to the roar of guns and those wild ranks
Surged upward from the sea.

None tends them. Flowers will come again in spring,
And the torn hills and those poor mounds be green.

Some bird that sings in English woods may sing
To English lads beneath—the wind will keep
Its ancient lullaby.

Some flower that blooms beside the Southern foam
May blossom where our dead Australians lie,
And comfort them with whispers of their home;
And they will dream, beneath the alien sky,
Of the Pacific Sea.

“Thrice happy they who fell beneath the walls,
Under their father’s eyes,” the Trojan said,
“Not we who die in exile, where who falls
Must lie in foreign earth.” Alas! our dead
Lie buried far away.

Yet where the brave man lies who fell in fight
For his dear country, there his country is
And we shall mourn them proudly as of right—
For meaner deaths be weeping and loud cries:
They died pro patria!

Oh, sweet and seemly so to die, indeed,
In the high flush of youth and strength and pride,
These are our martyrs, and their blood the seed
Of nobler futures. ’Twas for us they died.
Keep we their memory green.

This be their epitaph: “Traveller, south or west,
Go, say at home we heard the trumpet call,
And answered. Now beside the sea we rest.
Our end was happy if our country thrives:
Much was demanded. Lo! our store was small—
That which we had we gave—it was our lives.”

—L.L.

ANZAC DAY REMINDERS.
AUSTRALIANS IN THE WAR OF 1914-18

331,781 embarked for service overseas.
58,132 died on service. Over 6,000 were Western Australians.
There were 32,028 enlistments in Western Australia.
The battle casualties in the various theatres of war were as follows:

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PERSONALITIES.

One of the bravest and best of soldiers at the war, and one of the best of citizens, is ex-Captain W. J. Lambert, of the 12th Battalion. Included among Billy’s many service ribbons are those which signify that he won the D.C.M., the M.C., and the C. de G. Although a badly-shot-about man, our friend works hard in his vineyard at St. Leonard’s, West Swan. He is the vice-president of the West Swan District Association, which recently organised a very successful grape show.

Seen working hard at the Guildford grape show was Secretary C. W. Cann, who owns a vineyard on the Pyrton Estate. Mr. Cann, who served as a sergeant in the 14th Battery for four years, was wounded on three occasions.

Mr. Fraser-East, the capable president of the Queensland branch of the League, and Captain G. J. C. Dyett, the Federal President, have been appointed as the Australian delegates to the British Empire Service League Conference to be held this year at London. They are a worthy and able pair and will creditably uphold the prestige of the R.S.L. We understand that these gentlemen will be passing through Perth on Anzac Day.

R.S. League-Auditor J. J. Prendergast is at present visiting the Eastern States. Jack left an arm behind him when he returned from the war, but the loss of it has not prevented him from reaching a high place in his profession.

Leaving this month, with his family, for the Malay States, after spending a long vacation in Perth, is Major Arthur White, who saw much service with the 32nd battalion. Major White’s battalion boys speak of him as a brave fighter and a good leader, so he must be a good fellow.

League Assistant-Secretary Carl Ferguson has been spending his well-earned leave holidaying at North Baandee.

Joseph Napoleon O’Neill is at present residing in the Eastern States.

George Mellor, the secretary of the Perth sub-branch and conductor of the R.S.L. Memorial Band, has been chosen as a member of the Commonwealth Band which is about to undertake a world tour. George has resigned from the State Executive and from his secretarial job. We congratulate him on his good fortune through Perth on Anzac Day.

A digger who is doing well for himself is Hubert Elsner, manager of the W.A. Branch of the Southern Cross Assurance Company. Hubert was once the crack boy trumpeter of the old Queensland Volunteer Forces, and as a member of the chosen race he takes great pride in the fact that his war years were spent in helping to free Palestine from the Turk. He is one of the best dressed men in Perth, and his Overland is certainly the best kept car. About a year ago Hubert signed up for another service, one that we hope will last for very many years. The bride was a Miss Boas, a sister of the much-advertised Harold and Lionel.

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THE WAR GRAVEYARD.
A SACRED PLACE IN ENGLAND.
(By C. E. W. Bean, written during the war.)

Those who have been killed in battle in France lie, for the more part, exactly where they fell. Little rows and clusters of crosses on the green slope opposite La Boisselle mark the line of a machine gun or of a barrage. A number of cemeteries, large and small, from two miles to 20 miles behind the battlefield, hold the mortal remains of a great proportion of those who died of wounds. Some were British, some Irish, and some are almost filled with graves of Canadians or Australians. And still another proportion of those who were hit in battle in France linger on with their wounds until they die in hospital in England. Quite a considerable number of men who received mortal injury on the battlefields of France are thus buried in England; and, I desire, some in Australia, too, are British, and some are buried near all the English hospitals. The Australian authorities generally try to have them interred beside another where there is more than one. But the most important proportion is that of the men who die in or around London.

By the policy of Major-General Sir Francis Lloyd, who commands in the London district, all who died in this command are to be buried alongside others of the corps from which they have come, be they British, Canadians, Australians, or New Zealanders. That policy has only recently been settled. But there will grow up within the next few months in the ground selected for the war graveyard—a sweep of land at the southern end of Brookwood Cemetery—a great assembly of the graves of soldiers who died for their Empire. British troops the most southerly, then next them in order Australians, Canadians, and New Zealanders. The land reaches back over a heather and pine-covered bank to the main railway line from London to Portsmouth.

In the near future it will be the privilege of British people to come from London and visit this place—the only one in England, or, indeed, anywhere, where the graves of those who fought for all branches of the British race lie crowded around some great monument worthy of the men whom it commemorates. That gathering of the men who have given their best to the country has already begun. In the heather below the still untouched ground on the hillside there lie already the graves of 26 New Zealanders, of 53 Canadians next them, then of 14 Australians. Each division grows by two or three fresh mounds each week, and represents every unit of the 9th Australian Battalion, which is reputed to have been by some seconds the first ashore in Gallipoli, of the latest battalions in France of machine-gun companies, pioneers, and munition column signal company, army medical corps; even of one Australian of the Royal Flying Corps buried among his countrymen. One hopes that it will be possible to add to the inscriptions on these tombs the part of the front, or, in the case of those who died of sickness, the camp whence they came, and to raise a memorial worthy of them.

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LATE CORRESPONDENCE.

We regret having to hold over quite a number of Sub-Branch reports which arrived too late for inclusion in this issue. We again advise our correspondents that copy must reach our office not later than the second week-end of the month to ensure inclusion in the current month's issue. We welcome items of interest to our readers, but correspondents are urged to be brief. Reports which have been held over have been received from the following Sub-Branches:—Perth, West Perth, Mt. Barker, Claremont-Cottesloe and Quairading, Kalgoorlie, Bridgetown, and the 28th Battalion Association.

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INSPIRING ANZAC DAY MESSAGES

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, LIEUTENANT-COLONEL
SIR WILLIAM CAMPION, K.C.M.G., D.S.O.

On Anzac Day we remember with a just pride the splendid record of our Australian Forces in the Great War, and their share with the other forces of the British Empire in the victory that was won. Two thoughts particularly fill our minds:
(1) The memory of our comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice;
(2) Our determination to be true to their memory and to carry on the work for which they died; forgetting pride, rank, or social distinction, to work together as one family for the good of the whole community.

THE RT. HON. S. M. BRUCE, P.C., M.C.,
PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

To-day marks the twelfth anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. On that day our citizen soldiers wrote in flaming letters the most inspiring pages of our country's history. The record of their deeds is inerfaceable. They gave their fellow countrymen a new inspiration. They taught the lesson that loyalty and duty to country are great virtues. They gave us a wider conception of nationhood.

To-day is reverently commemorated in grateful remembrance of their deeds and sacrifices. The memory of the gallant dead makes an appeal to the living. Australia, one of the most favoured of lands, expects service from all her citizens. Let us give the service that was given at Gallipoli. Without a realisation of national duty and the conscientious discharge of that duty the greatness of a nation cannot endure. The appeal of Anzac Day is an appeal for National service and sacrifice for the common good. If we honour that appeal we shall erect a monument more inspiring than words, and more enduring than marble.

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL, ARCHBISHOP RILEY, D.D.

Every Anzac Day that comes around makes it more difficult than last year to say anything fresh. I have read more of what happened before and after the war began. Alas! I have learnt more of what German hate plotted, and instead of one's own anger being softened—one's heart is hardened: I have learnt more of our unreadiness. This, however, has made what you did more wonderful than ever.

I cannot find words to express my admiration and gratitude. But I can do one thing. I can wear your R.S.L. badge, to show that as long as my life lasts I will use all the influence I have to see that the returned men, all of them, have a square deal.

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

Although twelve years have passed since the historic landing of the vanguard of the Australian Imperial Force on the shores of Gallipoli—winning for the Australian soldier imperishable fame, and for the Australian people a place among the nations—we, who were fortunate enough to survive that ordeal, and the stressful years which followed, have not forgotten what the anniversary of that day stands for. It is a day of sacred remembrance; we learn from the loss of our comrades-in-arms, we grieve in sympathy for their bereaved kinsfolk, and we cherish the ideals for which they died. Until the last surviving soldier of the A.I.F. has gone to his last long rest, may the spirit of Anzac dominate each and all of us, as an example to our fellow citizens of to-day, and of the years to come.

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

I desire to say that I hope all my comrades of the A.I.F. and, in fact, all ex-service men, who can possibly do so, will attend the Memorial Parade and Service on Anzac Day, and thus demonstrate to our fellow citizens that, as the years roll on, we, at all events, do not forget the valiant men who made the great sacrifice in the war, for us and for our children, and who, by their courage, endurance, and devotion to duty, set an example to Australia which we hope will live for ever.

Patronise our Advertisers and mention this Journal.
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR HARRY CHAUVEL, K.C.M.G., K.C.B.

On this, the twelfth anniversary of Anzac Day, a day which has become symbolic of Australia's effort in the great cause of liberty and justice, our thoughts go out to all our old comrades, and especially to those who made the supreme sacrifice.

By the exemplification of the spirit of loyalty, of self-sacrifice, and of devotion to duty, the A.I.F. worthily upheld the traditions of the British race. The intervening years have demonstrated that these qualities are no less essential in peace than in war.

It behoves us, therefore, to play our part in developing our fair country and in inculcating in our children a national sentiment and a desire and a determination that it shall stand high in the world's esteem, by virtue of the qualities of its citizens, of its good government, of its material progress, and of its moral worth.

Harry Chauvel

SIR JAMES MITCHELL, K.C.M.G.

At war and at peace, the Australian soldier, particularly the Western Australian soldier, served his country well, and I wish them, one and all, prosperity, comfort, and long life. They deserve well of the people of Western Australia, and my hope is that the service rendered by them to the State will never be forgotten.

James Mitchell

SENATOR THE RT. HON. G. F. PEARCE, P.C.,
Vice-President of the Executive Council.

The recurrence of Anzac Day with all its historical and national significance should lead us to a consideration of the spirit which prompted those Australian citizens to offer their services and their lives for Australia and the Empire in the Great War.

It was the recognition of duty to one's country and of service. Peace has its problems no less than War, and the great example of our brave Australian citizens should be an inspiration to the youth of Australia to use their services for the benefit of the Commonwealth and of the State. Events in China and elsewhere show that war is by no means a nightmare of the past and that the British Empire for which our ex-service men fought and died stands for peace.

G. F. Pearce

THE LISTENING POST

Mr. G. J. C. DYTET, Federal President, R.S.I.

The people of Australia will have the proud privilege on the 25th April, which will be the twelfth anniversary of the glorious and memorable "Landing on Gallipoli," by the Anzacs, of honouring the memory of our deceased comrades of the A.I.F. who surrendered their lives on that historic occasion, in the cause of courage, justice and humanity, and whose great daring, valour, and self-sacrificing act placed the name of Australia on the highest pinnacle of honour and fame, besides contributing most effectively towards the ultimate triumph of the Allies.

The gratitude of France, Belgium and other Allied countries, for the services of our late comrades, has been frequently expressed and demonstrated in other ways, and appreciative references, by even our enemies in the Great War, have been made on various occasions to the prowess, chivalry and heroism of those whose irreplaceable loss all grateful Australians; and, in fact, members of the British Empire, will mourn on each anniversary of Anzac Day.

The Returned Soldiers' League, which is the recognised and accepted mouthpiece of the ex-members of the A.I.F., is charged with the responsibility of safeguarding the best interests of the dependants of our deceased comrades. Since the League's inception it has never failed to use its great influence to carry out such obligations and it will be readily admitted that much good has been achieved, but if continued success is to be achieved, it is obviously desirable and essential that not only should its strength and influence be maintained, but that, if possible, they be increased, which could be realised by augmented membership.

With this object in view, those ex-members of the League who have neglected to renew their membership and the ex-members of the A.I.F. who have not yet joined the League, are earnestly requested to resolve to ensure the attainment of the League's objectives and the realisation of its ideals, by becoming affiliated.

It would be extremely gratifying and appropriate if the impending visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of York coincided with a considerable increase in the membership of the R.S.S.I.A., and such a welcome development would act as an incentive to those controlling the destinies of the League in the different States, to renew with intense fervour and enthusiasm their unselfish efforts on behalf of our late comrades' dependants, and those Australian sailors, soldiers, and nurses, whose circumstances are not what those of us who have been more fortunate in our undertakings would like them to be.

Let us revive the spirit of comradeship, trust and cooperation that prevailed during the War period, which would be, were they able to communicate with us, the desire of those who made the supreme sacrifice, and particularly, perhaps, the ex-members of the A.I.F., will revere and honour on the approaching Anzac Day anniversary.

H. B. Collett, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.
President W.A. State Branch R.S.I.

For the moment I cannot think of any message more potent than that contained in the following passage from a recent writer:

"The curtain falls upon the long front in France and Flanders. Only the cemeteries, the monuments, and stunted steeples, with here and there a moulderimg trench or huge mine-crater lake, assay the traveller with the fact that over six millions of soldiers fought here and twelve millions shed their blood or perished in the greatest of all human contentions, less than ten years ago. Merciful oblivion draws its veil; the crippled limp away; the mourners fall back into the sad twilight of memory. New youth is here to claim its rights, and the perennial stream flows forward even in the battle zone, as if the tale were all a dream."
Let us, then, continue to revere the memory of those whom we have lost, extol the victories they gained for us, and guard the liberties they purchased with their lives. The Spirit of Anzac, if observed by the Nation, will ensure and maintain the Nation's greatness.

Mr. D. M. BENSON, Secretary, W.A. State Branch, R.S.L.

Sublime courage, loyalty and self-sacrifice are all interwoven in the story of Anzac, a name that conjures up memories of light-hearted comrades who placed their country and its honour beyond all thought of self.

At this time of the year we re-live old scenes, and are reminded of those who sleep in the gullies running up from Saros Bay; of those who lie in the Jordan Valley and beneath the Poppies of France.

Other comrades of War days are almost daily laid to rest at home in Australia, leaving perhaps a widow and children to carry on the sacrifice of the sire's War Service. The R.S.L. does its best to care for and safeguard deceased soldiers' dependants. Be worthy of our once great A.I.F. brotherhood, and if you are eligible, become a member of the League.

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SUB-BRANCH NOTES.

MIDLAND AND DISTRICTS SUB-BRANCH.

The above branch has been rejuvenated with fresh blood and officials, and judging by the enthusiasm shown at the meeting on the 7th inst., good times should eventuate. It was quite a pleasure to hear the boys arguing the points at issue again and making arrangements for future meetings. It was decided that Anzac Day should be celebrated and that the service should commence at 3.30 p.m. The boys intend to go to Perth in the morning and be back at Midland for the local service.

There are still a few diggers in the district, who are not members of the branch; but judging by reports received, there won't be many who are not wearing the 1927 badge, by the end of the year.

Mr. Harry Cooper, a past president, represented the branch at the soldier settlers' conference held at Bunbury.

Our chief smoke socialist, Harold Granville Nugent, has added more degrees to his honour list. Owing to the work he performed on polling day, he is now known as electioneering agent and political organiser.

OSBORNE PARK SUB-BRANCH.

A popular girl competition is occupying the attention of the villagers of Njookenbergooroo. The local branch granted the soldiers' hall a social and dance on April 6, in aid of the candidature of Miss Dorrie Anderson, known as "the soldier's representative," her father and three brothers (one killed) were on active service in the Great War. The function was well attended and votes were plentiful.

The local branch, on March 30, held a reception in the Soldiers' Hall, Main-street, in honour of a visit from Subiaco members. This pleasing interchange of visits was originated by Subiaco and has proved a success. Both branches were well represented, Mr. C. Shererville, the local president, was in the chair, and the tables, tastefully decorated by the secretary (Mr. Godfrey) and C.S.S., Harold Nugent, were covered with flowers, fruit, salads and other eats, all the produce of the district. Liquid refreshments came from another quarter and were supplied by Mr. J. Watson, of the local hotel.

Toasts were honoured and many speeches delivered. Mr. Harvey (Subiaco's president) and Mr. C. Sadler, V.C., were present. The former, in reply to Mr. C. Shererville's welcome, mentioned that his branch had brought about the idea of visiting sub-branches, as it fostered the comradeship and maintained the spirit and traditions of the A.I.F.

Osborne Park does not possess much musical talent, but the visiting members provided a rich programme. Hospitality is the strong point of local diggers, as well as organising seaside carnivals. The Subiaco artists were: Messrs. Savage, J. Myers, L. Richardson, Cryer, Gibson and D. Miller.

WAROONA SUB-BRANCH.

"Shrappell" writes:—In spite of the heavy rain that had fallen and was continuing to do so at 8 p.m. on March 12, the Waroona Sub-Branch held their annual "smoko." A good number of diggers turned up. A few had "the wind up" on account of the rain. Unfortunately, we were unable to have a representative from B.C.G. (the nearest), who had promised to attend (bet he'll be next time). Mr. G. Seager presided. Proceedings commenced at 8.30 p.m., and all were unanimous regarding the quality and quantity of their issue. After the usual toasts (and more invented for the occasion) the evening was given over to harmony, Jack Dodds and F. Nye, excelling their previous efforts as songsters. A reply has been received from the Pensions Department, to the effect that members attending the recent Medical Board at Kondinin would be allowed 10/- for each 24 hours that the pensioner was away from his home for the purpose of examination.

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already been filled. The diggers were stranded, but a good samaritan came along in A. S. Webb, vice-president, and hearing the unfortunate diggers were stony, readily gave them an allowance to pay their way until they got work, and later Arthur Webb reported the men had been found a job. Arthur is ever willing to help a digger with a legitimate cause.

Secretary H. A. Bayes is investigating the matter with a view to finding the party responsible for the mistake.

Still some members have not come forward with their fee. Send it to the secretary, immediately, you erring ones!

KELMSCOTT SUB-BRANCH.
The Women's Auxiliary, Kelmscott Sub-Branch have reason to be proud of their work for the past year. The balance sheet just published shows that by their efforts they were able to send donations of £3 10s. each for the comforts of our disabled comrades in the Perth Public Hospital, the Anzac Hostel, Lennox Hostel, and Edward Millen Home.

For the 3rd April they have arranged a dance and whist drive at the Kelmscott Hall, in aid of the Amelioration Fund of T.B. Soldiers' Association; it is to be hoped there will be a big roll up to what promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

BOULDER SUB-BRANCH.
The rest rooms are being renovated—being painted inside and outside. They will wear a bright aspect on the night of the 25th, when the annual Anzac smoke of hair will be proved a boon in particular, has proved a boon indeed, to diggers and widows in distress.

Many new pensions and also increases in pensions have also been secured for deserving cases.

All the boys are back from their job on the Trans. telegraph line and they state that the work was good and easy, but that the least said about the cooks the better—most of whom are described by the boys as tin-opener cooks.

IN PASSING.
What appeared to be a dust-storm was eventually found to be treasureer "Bill" Deering cleaning up the home for the return of the family from the coast. Jack Renton, who has charge of the billiard room, is personally popular and is ever ready to help the secretary or anyone else desiring assistance.

President "Ted" Lennell is a live wire in the interests of the sub-branch and can always be relied on to put up a good tale to non-members.

"Bill" Crump, Percy Wilks and Jack Reid are quite a musical trio. Their rendering of that pathetic classic, "It ain't gonna rain no mo'" brings tears to the eyes and was said to be responsible for the recent floods on the fields.

Harold Croxon, who had been visiting the coast, called at the rest rooms before returning to work at Quorn, on the Trans. line.

The par. inserted in the "Listening Post", was the means of locating H. W. Kears, who was sought for by the branch for so long.

Tom Holloway has gone shearing. Don't ask Tom how he lost his fine crop of hair!

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THE GLORY THAT IS ANZAC.

Once more we stand on the eve of the anniversary of the momentous landing which gave the A.I.F. its baptism of blood and fire, and on the 25th, throughout Australia, thousands of returned men and their friends will assemble reverently and honour the memory of fallen comrades. And it is good that such anniversaries—this one above all—should be so celebrated, not with the vainglory of Potsdam and "Such boasting as the Gentiles use, or lesser breads without the law," nor yet with that theatrical emotionalism to which our American friends are rather addicted, but with reverence for the fallen, thankfulness for the sacrifice they made, and the solemn resolve to conduct our lives that we may ever be considered worthy to have been their comrades in arms, and fit to propagate the race for whom they have established such glorious traditions.

It is just twelve years since that far-off Anzac shore rocked to the roar of the guns, and yet how quickly a certain type of individual, so typical of this people, is it that the town would like the whole war period to be forgotten? It is the practice in other States for Anzac Day to be celebrated in the State schools, and for returned soldiers to deliver addresses. Two years ago the Western Australian Government refused to allow the continuance of this desirable practice, as far as our own State schools are concerned. Of course, everyone knows the reason. The red rag element among the Government's supporters hates to be reminded of the fact that it skulked at home while better men were being killed. This reason, of course, was not stated, the excuse put forward being that some of the speeches given on these occasions tended to glorify war and entirely ignored the merits of such heroes as Mr. T. J. Hughes and Mr. G. S. Rye. Why asked for specific instances the Government hedged, and a species of compromise was arranged, whereby the day was to be celebrated and addresses given by the teachers themselves. At a recent meeting in Kalamunda, the Premier, in answer to questions, stated that this policy will continue, giving as his reason, that the teachers were more fitted to do this work, and that, owing to returned soldiers being incompetent to address school-children. This reply cost the candidate whom Mr. Collier was supporting, and who is also a returned soldier, the votes of all returned men in the audience.

No one would accuse the Premier of lack of sympathy towards returned men. We fully realise that he has been most sympathetic and helpful wherever and whenever possible. Yet, in this instance, we disagree with him. On paper, the policy he is pursuing seems sound. Actually it will not bear examination. The Western Australian Government was well and honourably represented in the A.I.F., but since the war a generation of teachers has arisen which was too young to participate in the war. How can such young teachers speak convincingly of events in which they did not participate? Again, the average returned soldier can speak as fluently, and, at least, as grammatically, as the average politician, and surely the League would not stultify itself by failing to exercise discrimination in the selection of speakers.

All students of psychology will agree that such addresses given by teachers would tend to degenerate into mere school lessons, and that on a solemn occasion, such as Anzac Day, speeches delivered by visitors from outside the world of school would stimulate interest and render the proceedings more impressive. But, of course, as we all know, the new policy originated in an attempt to erase the memory of Gallipoli, and the effacement of a glorious epic is beyond the ability of every pilfering politician who ever mouthed a platitude. One cannot refrain from admiring the adroitness with which the Premier begged the question, and saved the face of the Government. He has now further disarmed criticism by making Anzac Day a school holiday altogether. If one may be forgiven for lapsing into golfing parlance, Mr. Collier is a political niblick, and, as such, is eminently useful for getting his party out of a bad lie.

There is every reason why we should celebrate the day. It was our entrance into European warfare. After the Boer War we used to be told, "Oh yes, you Australians can ride and shoot all right, but you will never be able to face the trained troops of European Powers." On Anzac Day, Australians did face successfully the highly-trained troops of what has always been pre-eminently a military nation. It is a moot point whether the Gallipoli venture can be justified on strategic grounds. The most recent writers on the subject think it cannot, that it was a dissipation of strength, a violation of the strategic axiom, "Be strongest at the decisive point," the decisive point being the Western Front. Be this as it may, Australia can look back with pride on the occasion, even though our pride be tinged with grief. Our young army acquitted itself with distinction and won the respect of friend and foe alike. Brave blood is never shed in vain. It calls from the very ground it has hallowed and its voice is a trumpet call ringing through the halls of time.

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During the year a pilgrimage of mourners visited Gallipoli from England, and it was reported that they carried a resolution to the effect "that Anzac Day should be altered to 'Gallipoli Day,' in order that the name should be given no monopoly of fame." Australians and New Zealanders who served in the Gallipoli campaign will be found utterly opposed to the suggestion," said Captain Dyett, the Federal president of the League. "The name 'Anzac' is sacred and imperishable," he said, "commemorating as it does the co-operation in defence of the Empire of Australians and New Zealanders, and enshrining as it does the heroic deeds of those soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice. There is not the slightest fear than an alteration of 'Anzac Day' to 'Gallipoli Day' will be popularised in the Dominions. The British people on pilgrimage can have no adequate idea of the historic and national significance to us of the word 'Anzac,' and also no adequate idea of how dearly it was held in the minds and hearts of Australians and New Zealanders."

One of the most gallant and resourceful of Light Horse Leaders in Palestine was Brigadier-General Royston, an old South African campaigner. When he was a regimental commander in the earlier stages of the war, he was holding close converse one day with his non-coms. Among them was a sergeant who had known the colonel in Africa, but had passed out of the officer's memory.

Said Colonel Royston: "I can't place it exactly, but there is a face among you that haunts me."

The N.C.O. grinned. Sergeant had told them many a yarn of their loved commander.

One of them spoke up. "Yessir, and it haunts the man who wears it, too."

R.S.L. ART UNION.

All diggers, particularly those in the country, with a part-sold art union book are earnestly requested by the committee to get busy and dispose of the remaining tickets, and then forward the butt to head office, with a demand for a further supply.

THE STATE secretaty said, the other day, that his receipts were about $100 in excess of the last art union at the same time prior to the drawing, so it looks as if this consultation will fill, and thus further monies will be added to those already held for the provision of a diggers' club for the benefit of country members. Don't hide books away; get them out and push the business, Big!
SOLDIER SETTLERS' CONFERENCE

The third Soldier Settlers' Conference opened at the Municipal Chambers, Bunbury, on April 16, 1927, at 9 a.m. Prior to the Congress proceedings, delegates were welcomed by the Acting-Mayor of Bunbury (Councillor F. W. Steere) and Councillors. After a cordial welcome had been extended to the delegates, a reply by them had been made by Colonel Collett and Mr. A. Yeates, Upper Swah. After the formal opening, there followed the reading and adopting of reports of the provisional Agenda Committee. The State President (Colonel T. A. Hare) then delivered his report, traversing the history of soldier settlers' affairs since the first Congress in 1925.

STATE PRESIDENT'S (COL. H. B. COLLETT'S) REPORT

In a conference of this kind and importance, dealing as it does mainly with rural questions, it may not be wise for a presiding officer who has been brought up within an urban area, to attempt anything in the nature of a lengthy address. I do, however, desire to touch upon one or two points that I think, should be brought under your notice.

First of all, as to the value of such a conference. Let it be remembered that all our dealings with the Commonwealth and State Governments are regulated by the Repatriation and Soldier Settlement Acts, respectively. We do not interpret those Acts; but we are in a most advantageous position to test them in their application to our particular requirements. That being so, what better means are there of removing hardships and anomalies, of assisting the administrator and promoting the interests of the community generally, than through our mouthpiece — the R.S.L — bringing our conclusions under the notice of the authorities, wielding the power to make or unmake.

It is one of the holding of the last two conferences was fully justified. No small result has been achieved. You will remember, in connection with the 1925 meeting, how fully it was proved that those engaged in dairying and dairying, and dairy farming, were in urgent need of some relief from the effects of over-capitalisation and lack of markets. Following on that, obvious as it was that the State could not bring forth a remedy, and then, through our mouthpiece, the Prime Minister was approached and the case put before him. He sympathised and agreed, if the same needs were found in the Eastern States, to take some action that would be helpful.

Your Western Australian branch, with all delay, moved the Federal executive of the League in the matter and ultimately was successful in getting the inclusion of the subject in the agenda of the Premiers' conference, held in 1925. There the Prime Minister announced the decision of the Commonwealth Government to make a contribution of 10,000,000 to the States to set out in an agreement to be concluded between the respective Governments and ratified by the Parlia-ments of both parties.

The Parliament of W.A. has ratified that agreement and it is expected that the Commonwealth Parliament will act similarly during the forthcoming session.

As you will gather, the matter is not yet finalised, but our Soldier Settlement Board, in anticipation of the ratification of the agreement, has already afforded relief to many hundreds of men whose careers as settlers were in jeopardy. And I here would like to repeat what I uttered first at the State conference: "I have no doubt that the relief afforded will be generous; one can only hope that it will be allotted with equal wisdom. It is easy to perceive that, unless great care is exercised, considerable mischief will be done." Group settlement remains a source of anxiety to your executive. Of course, it has been an experiment and one that will yet be successful. Its failure in some directions has been severe; but not nearly so disastrous and costly as the failure to find a remedy and apply it.

There are still some hundreds of qualified men awaiting land. Perhaps that fact does not immediately concern this conference, but some action will have to be taken very soon if the Government does not make a definite statement as to its intentions in this regard.

I must mention the land committee which functions under the State executive and acts as a liaison between settlers and the Soldier Settlement Board in claims for revaluation or further revision. It has done very valuable work in numbers of instances, and in no single case, let me make myself quite plain, has it failed to receive the utmost courtesy and help from the Board itself. In our representative on that Board — Captain Hugo Throssell, V.C.

— we have a good friend and, in fact, may be described the whole Board presided over so ably, as it is, by Mr. Aubrey McLeary.

I do not know whether you are fully aware of the importance that this State should, and does, attach to soldier settlement. The total number of men assisted is 5,274 made up as follows:—Sheep and cattle, 2,746; pastoral, 233; mixed farms (S.W.), 887; dairying, 529; intensive culture, 222; orchards, 506; pigs and poultry, 151. And the amount of capital involved was over 65,000,000. From these figures you will doubtless form some estimate of your tremendous value as primary producers and of your responsibility to the community. What the future holds for you I can only conjecture; but I have no hesitation in stating that the State never possessed a better investment.

I desire to remind you again, that the League expects every ex-soldier or sailor to be an example in citizenship, to honour his obligations. In regard to this it may be as well to bring up a point of economics. If the League expects every ex-soldier or sailor to be an example in citizenship, to honour his obligations. In this regard it may be as well to bring up another point of economics. The result of any action by the State will be entirely as follows:

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REPORT OF THE R.S.L. LAND COMMITTEE.

The report of the Land Committee was read by Mr. A. Yeates, chairman, which clearly sets out the consistent activity of the State Executive on behalf of soldier settlers, reading as follows:

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ment. We had contended, that in addition to the £796,000 provided for in an amended agreement now awaiting ratification, considerable funds were at that time still available from allowances made to the State during the operation of the first agreement. On May 21 last, the land sub-committee of the State executive met the Hon. Minister for Lands and Mr. McLarty in conference, when it was admitted by the Minister that the State had received concessions amounting to £682,000 prior to the announcement of the second concession of £796,000.

The Minister informed your committee that £919,603 was in hand on April 30 last, so it can be accepted by delegates that the figures used by R.S.L. officials were confirmed by the authorities. The figure quoted added to £796,000 yet to come, will give an estimate of what amount is available to the Soldier Settlement Board in their efforts to ameliorate the condition of soldier settlers.

The Minister promised your committee that qualified men still unsettled would receive Crown lands at half-rates—when successful before the Land Board—and I.A.B. assistance would also be made available. In furtherance of this, Mr. McLarty was authorised by the Minister to ear-mark £25,000 from credits then held, for the benefit of fresh inclusions within the scheme. Improved facilities would not be bought, stated the Minister, whilst so many abandoned properties remained unsold.

Mr. Angwin's promise, afterwards confirmed, offered terms for fresh approved settlers, similar to those enjoyed by men already included in the scheme, the only exception being that loans to new men will not exceed at interest rate 5 per cent. in 1930, this being a condition made by the Commonwealth in favour of soldier settlers in the agreement which provides for a concession of £796,000, and, as already stated, is awaiting ratification.

It is not known to your committee how many A.I.F. soldiers have been included within the Soldier Settlement Scheme since the Minister's declaration mentioned herein, but for the few blocks of Crown land thrown upon capable, competition is so strong that the number of A.I.F. men included within the Soldier Settlement Scheme during the past 12 months would be very small indeed—perhaps none at all.

The decision of last year's conference in favour of a Revaluation Board, quite apart from the Soldier Settlement Board, was submitted to the responsible Minister, who, however, advised us that he saw no reason why the present board is generally believed that the present board has made an honest attempt to give a fair deal to men who were overburdened with debt. Apologies have occurred and no doubt will recur, but when sub-branches have forwarded instances and particulars of these, every opportunity and courtesy has been extended to your committee to represent such cases to the Soldier Settlement Board, and numbers of claims have, in consequence, been reconsidered.

Your committee has always endeavoured to do the right thing by the settler, and the Government, and no claim for reconsideration has been advanced unless we were fully convinced that further relief was justified.

The great problem of revaluation is, as yet, unsolved; but the decision of the Board and the method of assessment leads your committee to the belief that a fair general basis of values has been reached, whereby hundreds of men have been induced to carry on with a lighter load of debt, and obviously better promises of success.

The land committee desires to record its appreciation of the courtesy and consideration always extended to its representatives by the Controller of the Soldier Settlement Board (Mr. E. A. McLarty), and board members, also other prominent officials of the Agricultural Bank, Lands Department and Industries' Assistance Board.

The State President then welcomed to Conference the Controller of Soldier Settlement (Mr. E. A. McLarty), Agricultural Bank Trustee (Mr. C. J. Moran), and the Director of Agriculture (Mr. G. L. Sutton), who, all in turn, addressed Congress delegates, setting out in full detail the operations of various Government departments and their efforts to adjust the business of ex-soldiers. The remarks of the Director of Agriculture were listened to with keen appreciation, particularly by South-West settlers, who afterwards expressed surprise that facilities hitherto unheard of were available to them. Delegates, who, up to that time, had remained in ignorance of what had been done by the Re-Valuation Board in their several districts, were accordingly surprised to hear of instances where drastic writing down had occurred, but strange to say, no news had filtered through to the party concerned.

The afternoon session was mainly taken up in addresses by Departmental visitors and questions addressed to them, and it was not until Conference had re-assembled at 8 p.m. that the first item was taken. After the deferring of item No. 1 until the appearance of the Yarrabop delegate, item No. 2, recommending that interest for 1926 be written off, was then moved by Upper Swan delegate, seconded by Bruce Hill delegate. After discussion the following resolution was carried:—

"Because of the inability of the settlers in the viticultural or other industry to pay interest for the year 1926, we request that interest due for this year be written off, each case to be decided on its merits, having regard to whether a settler is resident and bona fide."

Item No. 4—Where individual settlers considered that the capitalisation on their re-valuation is not satisfactory, such cases to be reconsidered by the Agricultural Bank, with a view to arriving at a satisfactory solution; and, also, where a soldier settler has invested private capital on his property, Conference is of the opinion that improvements represented by such investments should be credited to the soldier settler concerned.—Carried.

Several resolutions and amendments, containing suggestions for appointing outside boards to deal with the re-valuation question, were lost, Conference delegates thus demonstrating their belief that the present system, which permits of appeals for reconsideration, through sub-branches, to the State Executive, offers the best prospects of definite settlement. One amendment suggested that local Road Boards be authorised to re-value properties held by soldier settlers. The suggestion was turned down by delegates.

Upon resumption of proceedings on
Thursday, Mr. Barbe Moore, the District Inspector, addressed delegates, concerning South-West possibilities, and particularly referring to something hinted at by Mr. McLarty, in the way of leasehold provision for 'heavily capitalized holdings. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Barbe Moore.

Item No. 1 was next taken, and, after lengthy discussion, was carried, the resolution of Mr. Reigert, Yarloop, seconded by Mr. Exelby, Waroona: "That this conference is of the opinion that interest on all bona fide soldier settlers' properties should be at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, since the completion of the amended agreement."

Balinup secured the passage of a resolution: "That it be a recommendation of conference that the Soldier Settlers' Board give further consideration to soldier settlers on re-purchased estates, and that the Land Committee of the R.S.L. inquire into the leasehold scheme with option of converting to freethold, as suggested by Mr. McLarty."

Other resolutions passed were that a return be prepared showing: (1) the amount of interest written off properties in possession of soldier settlers; (2) the amount of interest written off properties abandoned by soldier settlers; (3) the total amount written off capital value of properties in possession of soldier settlers; (4) the amount written off capital value of properties abandoned by soldier settlers.

Waroona: "That this Conference disagrees with the way the re-valuation of some properties has been carried out, on the grounds that the man who has paid the interest does not receive the consideration that is due to him, and particulars of such cases be forwarded to the State Executive by sub-branches."

Mt. Marshall: "That Conference is of the opinion that the interests of soldier and other settlers operating under the I.A.B. are not protected."

Mt. Marshall endeavoured to secure the passage of a resolution suggesting that hail insurance for cereal crops should be compulsory, and fire insurance optional. An amendment was moved by Mr. Francis (West Swan) and carried, authorising the State Secretary to write to all sub-branches concerned asking for a definite answer containing the opinions of their members, re compulsory hail and fire insurance, replies to be submitted to the next conference.

On the resolution of the Mt. Marshall delegate, a protest was lodged against the reduction of the I.A.B. sustenance, and that protest be forwarded to the Trustees.

Brunswick: "That Congress draws the attention of the Agricultural Department to the present state of the dairying industry, and the necessity of devising some means of supplementing the small profits by other farming ventures."

Yarloop: "That the Government be asked to arrange a system of exchange for State bulls held by soldier settlers and that the settlers be assisted by the Government to purchase pedigreed cows of the same breed."

Collie: "This Conference considers the time has arrived for the Government to inquire into the possibility of using the natural catchment on the Collie River for the purpose of constructing a permanent water scheme on the lines of the C.W.S. to supply Bunbury, Collie, Wagoon, and eastward, Narrgin and eastward, Kataning and eastward. Supplying the whole of the wheat belt eastward of the Great Southern Railway."

Brunswick: "That the Government be requested to speed up with the various schemes of irrigation and water supply throughout the South-West."

Harvey: Conference recommends the extension of the Harvey Irrigation Scheme to serve all soldier settlers' properties within its area.

Yarloop: "That this Conference is of opinion that the settlers of the Wagerup Drainage Area should not have a special tax placed upon them to remove water from their holdings which comes down from the hills. That the £500 debited against the State Board for work which
should have been a Government undertaking, be written off; large amounts having been written off elsewhere, and that the settlers be relieved of the intolerable burden of maintaining the main drain.

Murray: That the Government be asked to adopt a comprehensive system for drainage in the Murray District.

Collie: That this Conference approach the Government with a request to establish a Government demonstration farm between Pinjarra and Brunswick, and other parts of the State, and that such farm be under the management of the Government Dairy Expert. Also that a similar farm be established near Moodiarrup with a view to furthering the production of sheep and fodder crops and that such farm be under the direction of a practical sheep breeder.

Upper Swan: That Conference believes that a Vinery and Distillery established by the Government would materially help to relieve the situation in the Swan area.

Collie: Having in view the large area of light lands in Western Australia, and the fact that our lands are very deficient in phosphates, we are of the opinion that the success of soldier settlers in W.A. (and Australia generally) depends upon an annual cheap and liberal supply of superphosphates, not to exceed 50/- per ton on rail, Fremantle, and this conference has confidence in approaching the Commonwealth Government with a view to making a searching inquiry into the industry as follows:—(1) Commission of inquiry; (2) the adoption of the most economical and scientific methods of manufacture; (3) provision for handling in the future 90lbs. per acre for all lands selected; (4) utilisation of idle Commonwealth ships for the super trade; (5) speeding up of the inquiry to allow of soldier settlers to avail themselves of the concession. Federal financial assistance to the artificial fertiliser industry.

Mt. Barker: That a definite programme be arranged in each district for laying down virgin country on soldier's holdings with subterranean clover, or other fodder plants suitable for the district. The settler to be adequately assisted to part clear his-holding for this purpose.

Torbay: Conference is of opinion that farms on heavily timbered country are invariably over-capitalised, and that the Agricultural Bank should give special terms to settlers on such country.

Torbay: That the Agricultural Bank be asked to open a Branch at Albany.

Collie: That this conference protests emphatically against the imposition of the new dual Vermin Tax by the Government. A number of notices of motion were then dealt with, amongst them being that the Government be urged to again introduce a Primary Producers' Marketing Bill. and that survey fees being charged to A.I.F. soldiers on applying for Crown Land is condemned, and a further resolution that the balance of the Federal Grant be only applied to properties held at present by soldier settlers.

Conference concluded on Thursday evening, April 7th, with the usual votes of thanks and appreciative remarks concerning the expedition and manner in which conference business had been concluded.

THE AUSTRALIAN.
("The bravest thing God ever made."—A British Officer's Opinion.)

The skies that arched his land were blue,
His bush-born winds were warm and sweet,
And yet from earliest hours he knew
The tides of victory and defeat;
From fierce floods thundering at his birth,
From red droughts ravening while he played,
He learned to fear no foes on earth—
"The bravest thing God ever made!"

The buxom of the Motherland
Rang ceaselessly across the sea,
To call him and his lean brown band
To shape Imperial destiny;
He went, by youth's grave purpose willed,
"The goal unknown, the cost unweighed,
The promise of his blood fulfilled—
"The bravest thing God ever made!"

We know—it is our deathless pride—
The splendour of his first fierce blow;
How reckless, glorious, undaunted,
He stormed those steel-lined cliffs we know!
And none who saw him scale the height
Behind his reeking bayonet-blade
Would rob him of his title-right—
"The bravest thing God ever made!"

Bravest, where half a world of men
Are brave beyond all earth's rewards,
So stoutly now shall charge again
Till the last breaking of the swords;
Wounded or hale, won home from war,
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Ain't I been a pardner to you?
All my pennies don't I spend
In getting nice, nice things for you?
Don't I give you lots of cake?
Say, stummick, what's the matter?
That you had to go an ache?
Why, I loaded you with good things
Yesterday: I gave you more
Potatoes, squash and turkey
Than you's ever had before.
I gave you nuts and candy,
Pumpkin pie, and chocolate cake:
And last night, when I got to bed,
You had to go and ache.
Shy! What's the matter with you?
Ain't you satisfied at all?
I gave you all you wanted—
You were hard just like a ball;
And you couldn't, hold another bit
Of puddin'; yet last night
You ached most awful, stummick;
That ain't treatin' me just right!
I've been a friend to you, I have,
Why ain't you a friend of mine?
They gave me castor oil, last night,
Just 'cause you made me whine.
I'm awful sick this morning,
And I'm feelin' mighty blue,
Because you don't appreciate
The things I do for you.
—Cleveland Red Triangle.

HOW ABOUT YOUR 1927 HEALTH INVENTORY?

(By L. H. Davis.)

The beginning of the year is inventory
taking time. Business houses, factories,
and firms are busy taking stock of as-
ets and liabilities. How many of us
who are so interested in our financial suc-
cess pause to contemplate the condition
of the body which makes those successes
possible? How many of us can answer
the following questions satisfactorily?
Do we know how to relax—have we
forgotten—how to play?
Do we eat, sleep, and exercise with
sufficient regularity to alleviate the ter-
rific nervous strain of modern life?
Have we habits that hinder our effi-
ciency, destroy our self-control, and ham-
per our chances of success?
Have we a wholesome, happy, optimis-
tic outlook on life that comes from a well-
balanced Spiritual, Physical, and Social
development?
It would be of value to all of us, if, in
the frenzied moments of closing our fin-
ancial accounts for the year, we should
pause for a while and consider just where
we stand in the item of bodily health.
—Men—Los Angeles (Cal.)

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The Hoosier Motorist says: "Punctu-
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I saw a jellyfish float up in a tree
I found some gum in a cup of tea
I stirred my milk with a big brass key
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I beg your pardon for this said he
But 'tis true when told as it ought to be
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