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Life is largely a matter of actions and reactions, which is why all the great wars of history have been followed by periods of moral stagnation and idleness. The qualities which are called forth in wartime—loyalty, devotion, courage, self-sacrifice, and the like—imply mental states difficult for a nation or an individual to maintain continually. Their very intensity brings about modification, so that, with the subversion of peace, they are replaced by others, which, if less desirable, are, at all events, less exhausting.

This state of affairs is being manifested everywhere in our public and private life to-day. It is but natural that, after a long and exhausting war, the world should have a genuine desire for peace, and that people should endeavour to prevent a recurrence of the world tragedy. Such desires and endeavours are eminently laudable, but when they find expression, as they have in certain quarters, in efforts to inculcate qualities which are the negation of those displayed by the diggers in action, it is time for thinking men to call a halt.

It is generally conceded that universal peace is a consummation devoutly to be wished; that the submission of international disagreements to arbitration, and the education of the young are the most potent factors in the achieving of this end. The nations who subscribe to this theory are those least likely to go to war in any case. Educating the young, in the desire for peace, is one thing; removing from their sphere of experience everything calculated to stimulate patriotism and hardship is quite another.

There have been proposals, for instance, to eliminate all reference to war from school textbooks. The cream of the joke most loved by two individuals, who rant ignorance of the story of so blanketting with areard of advocates of intelligence, matters less through gluton in sex people should fall into evil and disadvantage. The forbidden book which is read most avidly, and if future generations are to be kept in ignorance of what war really means, they are more likely to engage in it out of sheer curiosity.

At a recent conference of delegates representing various women's organisations one speaker suggested that military parades should not be associated with the celebrations of such events as Anzac Day and Armistice Day.

No one, as yet, has had the temerity to assert that such occasions should not be celebrated, though the fact that they are must be a blow to the Fabian Communists and other varieties of slackers. Only official League should be forbidden books which the likes of the world, and all seeking to be a part of the world, and all.
sist in this attitude, Perth diggers will vote
him into the office of ex-mayor, and main-
tain him in that position. According to
the Perth Daily News, Mr. Franklin said—
"I certainly think that if the people scrapped
their war trophies it would be better in the
interests of those working for peace. I
don't think they are any ornament. What
good are they? To me they only appear to
remind us of the tribulations, suffering and
sorrow which the people had to endure dur-
ing the war." The Mayor further stated
that "if the destruction of war trophies was
made uniform," he would be in favour of
supporting the movement locally.
In introducing the subject to the State
Executive a delegate said that the Mayor's
utterance was in keeping with the consistent
attitude of the Perth City Council since
the war. Not only did the City of Perth
fail to honour its defenders when they re-
turned from the war, but it also failed in
any way to honour the heroes of their city
who gave their lives for the freedom of its
citizens.
"The Mayor of Perth," he said, "is
guilty of pandering in maudlin sentiment to
the 'peace-at-any-price' fanatics in our
midst, and to the craven slacker to whom the
sight of war trophies must serve as a dis-
tasteful reminder of his unworthy part play-
ed during the years when true manhood was
put to the acid test. Mr. Franklin has joined
the ranks of those who believe that the
best method of securing peace is by forget-
fulness."
"The true heralds of peace to-day are the
men who won't and can't forget—the men
who know the infamy, the abomination and
the cruelty of war. Ten years of peace have
reared a generation that has not seen or
known the horror of war. Let mankind see
it in its nudity, let the mask be torn off war
and then mankind will learn war no more.
"Many public men, including the Mayor
of Perth, lose no opportunity to talk airily
and proudly of the traditions won for Aus-
tralia by her volunteer soldiers, yet we find
Mr. Franklin desiring to scrap the obvious
reminders of the birth of such traditions. To
be consistent Mr. Franklin must also favour
the scrapping of all other reminders of the
tribulation, suffering and sorrow which the
people had to endure during the war." Such
as our own League, our war memorials,
our Anzac, Armistice and Mons commem-
oration services, not forgetting those most
potent reminders—our incapacitated com-
rades.
"It is high time that Mr. Franklin, and
others holding similar views, should know
that the soldiers of Australia are proud of
the part they played in the Great War,
and they are also proud, but in no vain,
glorious spirit, of the trophies won and
exhibited throughout this country. If they
can help it, their efforts during the war,
and that of their comrades who made the
supreme sacrifice, are not going to be
forgotten, for in forgetfulness lies the
very danger that Mr. Franklin is afraid of.
"If I judge my comrades correctly, I
think I can say on their behalf to the
Mayor of Perth, and to any others who
would wreck the structure that we are
assisting to build for the betterment of our
country, and the furtherance of the
ideals of peace and goodwill, 'Keep your
hands off our war trophies.'"
The Executive Council agreed that
a vital principle was involved, and carried
the following resolution: "This Executive
strongly deprecates the reported attempt
to further any movement for the removal
of war trophies, which, whilst reminding
us of the tribulation and suffering of war,
stand as potent appeals for peace, and
reminders of those who by their sacrifices
helped to give freedom to Australia and
the Empire."

State Congress, 1928
PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME AND
ENTERTAINMENT.
Proceedings on first day will open at
10 a.m., and it has been decided to invite
the five general officers, namely, Generals
Hobbs, Jess, Bessell-Browne, Martin and
A. T. White, to this ceremony. The
general officers will not be asked to speak.
Morning and afternoon tea will be serv-
ed at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
His Excellency the Governor, Colonel
Sir W. Campion, K.C.M.G., will address
Congress at 11 a.m.
The State President's address will
either precede or follow His Excellency's
speech, according to the wishes of the
Governor.
Photographs of Congress delegates and
the outgoing Executive will be taken be-
tween 12 noon and 1 p.m. on the opening
day.
It has been decided to invite Mr. E. A.
McLarty, Controller of Soldiers' Settle-
ment, Mr. C. Taylor, Deputy Commis-
sioner of Repatriation, Mr. W. B. Hard-
wick, Chairman of Workers' Homes
Board, to attend Congress at any time
during the proceedings, and particularly
when items affecting their Departments
were under discussion.
The first day's proceedings will con-
clude with a smoke social, to be held at
the Soldiers' Institute, commencing at 7.30
p.m., and, as last year, this social enter-
tainment will include amongst the guests
Congress delegates, metropolitan Sub-
Branch Presidents and Secretaries, heads
of Government and public bodies, likewise
the leading military officers of the State,
and the heads of similar organisations to
our own.
It was decided that on the evening of
the second day, Thursday, Sir Thomas
Combe be asked to make available seats
at the Prince of Wales Theatre.
It is anticipated, as in previous years,
Friday night will be occupied with Congres
proceedings.
On Saturday morning the remaining
rest of are expected to terminated, will be spent
the day, it is expected at football, racing by
visiting fixtures.
and was intimated that the proposed
afternoon tea would be arranged, and at the latter
women's Congress, to commence on
Saturday, will actually take place and in
October 2nd, and will be occupied with Con-
press proceedings.

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29th August, 1928.


Federal Correspondence.—War Service Homes.—The question of altering the terms of the War Service Homes Act, to provide for soldiers' widows who have been deserted by their husbands having transferred to their name the title of a property that the soldier may be purchasing, was submitted by the secretary, and a case in point was illustrated by him. As provision had already been made on the Agenda Paper for the forthcoming Congress, the letter from the Federal Executive dealing with the case submitted by the secretary was received.

Appointment under Section 84 (9) (c) of the C.P.S. Act.—A letter from the Federal President concerning the appointment of soldiers under the C.P.S. was received, and it was decided to forward a copy to the West Perth Sub-Branch.

Federal Congress.—The Federal Secretary requested the submission of items for inclusion on the Agenda Paper for the forthcoming Congress. The matter was referred to the State Congress agenda Committee in order that they may submit items arising out of the forthcoming State Congress.

The letter also asked if the State Secretary would be attending the Federal Congress.

Moved by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mr. Sadlier, that the State Secretary attends the Annual Federal Congress.—Carried.

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Nomination Federal President.—A letter was received from the Federal Executive requesting this State's nomination for the position of Federal President for the ensuing year.

The State President read copies of correspondence between himself and the Federal President concerning the League generally.

Moved Mr. Yeates, seconded Mr. Wedd, that Capt. G. J. C. Dyett be nominated as Federal President.—Carried unanimously.

Widows' Pensions.—An urgent tele-
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tendered to His Excellency the Governor General on Wednesday, 29th August. The report was received.

**Maylands Sub-Branch.**—Messrs. Tyler and Yeates reported on their visit to the Maylands Sub-Branch last week. The report was received on 12th September, 1928.


Apologies were received from Messrs. Shaw and Longmore.

**Federal Correspondence.**—Training at Duntroon College. The Federal Executive forwarded a copy of a communication received from the Defence Department concerning Resolution 81 of the 12th Annual Congress dealing with training at Duntroon College. The letter was received.

Wireless Licences. Resolution 138 of the 12th Annual Congress requested exemption from payment of wireless license fees for blind soldiers. The Federal Executive forwarded a copy of a communication from the Postmaster General's Department which stated that the conditions of contract stipulated that preference could not be granted. The letter was received.

Preference in Employment. In connection with Resolution 80 of the 12th Annual Congress which requested contractors of the Commonwealth Government to grant preference to returned soldiers, a letter was received from the Federal Executive stating that the conditions of contract stipulated that preference was to be given. The letter was received.

War Service Homes. The Federal Executive forwarded a copy of a letter from the Minister in charge of Works and Railways in connection with Resolution 150 of the Annual Congress dealing with applications for War Service Homes. The Minister stated that second assistance could not be granted. The letter was received.

Postponement, Federal Congress. The Federal Executive advised that a letter had been received from the New South Wales Branch suggesting that Federal Congress, 1928, be postponed until after the Federal Elections, as was done in 1925. The General Secretary requested the opinion of this Branch on the matter. The discussion it was moved by Mr. Tyler and seconded by Mr. Riley that the suggestion of the N.S.W. Branch be agreed to. Carried.

Employment Grant. The report of the Employment Bureau throughout the Commonwealth was received.

Old Age Pensions. The Federal President advised that the Government has now decided to allow soldiers to claim the full amount of Old Age Pension irrespective of their military pensions.

Grand President B.E.S.L. The Federal Executive forwarded a communication received from the Headquarters of the British Empire Service League concerning the appointment of Lord Jellicoe as Grand President of the League. The letter was received.

**Southern Cross** Fliers. On the motion of Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Watt, it was agreed to forward a message of congratulation to Squadron Leader Kingsford Smith, Flight-Lieut. Ulm, and their comrades on their successful flight across the Tasman Sea.

Minutes of Meetings. A letter was received from the B.E.S.L. suggesting that one or two copies of the minutes of meetings of each member organisation of the British Empire Service League be forwarded regularly for the information of the Empire Headquarters. It was agreed to comply with this request.

**Photographs, War Graves.** A letter was received from the B.E.S.L. together with a list of firms and individuals who are authorised by the War Graves Commission to expedite orders for photographs of graves in France. The letter was received, and the Secretary was instructed to give it suitable publicity.

Parliamentary Debates. The Secretary drew attention to an address in the local Parliament by Mr. Marshall, who, in answer to a question, gave the opinion that the R.S.L. was run for "brass hats.

Moved by Mr. Wells seconded by Col. Margolin, that Mr. Marshall be approached and asked to withdraw the remark. Carried.

**Case of**—The Secretary submitted a report of this case and stated that although representations had been made by a Member of Parliament concerning it, the Agricultural Bank had advised the Member that the case was being referred to the Land Committee of the R.S.L. for investigation.

**Wages Allowance—I.A.B.**—The Mount Marshall Sub-Branch wrote pointing out anomalies existing under the I.A.B. Act, particularly dealing with the allowance for wages. The matter was referred to the Land Committee for investigation.

**Noombling Estate.**—The Noombling Sub-Branch wrote in connection with an inspection of the Estate which was to have been made by the Agricultural Bank official. They requested that the Minister be asked to investigate their complaints, and sought the assistance of the Executive towards this end. The matter was left in the hands of the State Secretary.

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

Finance Committee. The report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 29th August was received and adopted.

**Art Union Committee.**—The State Secretary submitted a report on behalf of the Art Union Committee. They stated that the profit of £1,955-18-5 had been made, 75 per cent. of that amount was to be allocated to country hospitals and the remainder to amelioration funds of country sub-branches. The committee recommended equal distribution between active country sub-branches. The report was received and adopted.

Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Sadlier, that this Executive congratulate the Art Union Committee for the successful conduct of the Art Union. Carried.

It was also moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Sadlier, that the membership of the Art Union Committee be increased.

R.S.L. Relief Fund. The report of the activities of this fund for the months of July and August was received.

**Employment Bureau.**—The report of operations of the Employment Bureau for the month of August was received.

**War Trophies.**—Moved by Mr. Watt,
THE LISTENING POST

September 21, 1928

THE MONTH

Too Much Affability.

The homing politician is usually as glad to see his native soil again as his friends, and constituents are to welcome him home. It is natural, then, that his view of the world in general should be glimpsed through rose-coloured spectacles, and that, unless he has some political axe to grind by being nasty—as Teesdale was when he referred to Australia House as a "dusty mausoleum"—his utterances about persons, places and things should be well spread with the butter of affability.

Something of this sort has apparently affected R. S. Sampson, M.L.A., when he advocated peopling the North-West with Maltese, describing them as British and white.

Like zeal, affability can outrun discretion. The allusions, though British subjects, are not British; British Sampson notwithstanding, they are not white. The most cursory study of history will show that R. S.'s proteges are the descendants of the slave population of the Roman Empire. They have been raped and raid to such an extent by Berber and Saracen that there is a strong infusion of North African blood in their racial make-up. They are shandy babies, without a history, the products of a civilization whose ruins we are careful to avoid. Sampson gave voice to similar statements. Of course, he is entitled to his opinions, but the trouble is that people in other countries are unable to assess the relative merits of itinerant politicians, and are apt to attach to their remarks an importance which they would not be accorded in this country.

The Sissic Press Attacks the League.

One of those curious weeklies, which specialize in stinging innuendos, cheap sensation and the social jinkings of affluence, obfuscations, assuming the guise of a well-meaning friend, recently criticised the conduct of the R.S.L. art union. The only complaint in the indictment worthy of consideration was the assertion that less than fifty per cent. of the profits was returned to the public. Even if "The Call" figures were correct—which we do not admit—the fact remains that the public received a greater return from the peculiar art union (which "The Call" forgot to tell its readers was in aid of charity) than from those conducted by other bodies. There was also a challenge to the R.S.L. to issue a statement in rebuttal. The League Executive decided to ignore this challenge. Criticism coming from such a source can never divert public confidence from the League, and is not worth a reply. The whole business is a publicity stunt on the part of "The Call," and looks like an impudent attempt to obtain free "copy."

Doubts About Disarmament.

A valuable contribution to the disarmament discussion has been made by General Primo de Rivera. The Spanish Dictator, while agreeing that the Peace Pact is a significant gesture, and an indication of a genuine desire for peace on the part of the signatory Powers, is doubtful whether disarmament will eliminate the possibility of future wars. He is of the opinion that disarmament will make rather for concealment, for secret preparation, and his point of view is in accord with the verdict of history.

M. Briand's speech indicated that compulsory demobilization has by no means rendered Germany powerless. She still has the nucleus of a highly trained army, her factories which are capable of being converted into munition works at very short notice, and her immense reservoir of man-power. Over a hundred years ago Prussia showed the world how a nation, beaten and crippled in the military sense, could make rapid and effective preparation for a war of revenge. After Tena, in 1806, Napoleon spared the defeated Prussians no humiliation, so that even if his harsh peace terms had not prescribed limits to the size of the Prussian army, Prussia could barely afford to maintain a force of 40,000 men. The military reforms of Stein and Scharnhorst—the introduction of conscription and the system of a short service army and reserve—made it possible for larger numbers to be trained in a shorter space of time. Consequently, when Prussia entered into the campaign of 1814, she was able to

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seconded by Col. Margolin, that this Branch of the League strongly disapproves of the utterance of the Mayor of Perth, as published in the "Daily News" of September 10th, in which he stated his desire to destroy trophies of the War, and that the Mayor be advised that the ex-service men of the State strongly depurate any such attempt.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. McAdam, that this Executive strongly depurate the reported attempt to further any movement for the removal of the war trophies, which, whilst reminding us of the tribulation and suffering of war, stand as potent appeals for peace, and reminders of those who by their sacrifices helped to give freedom to Australia and the Empire.—Carried.

Visitor.—Mr. H. A. Boyes, Secretary of the Narembeen Sub-Branch was welcomed by the State President, and he suitably responded.

12th Annual State Congress.

The Twelfth Annual State Congress will be commenced on Wednesday, 3rd October next. The agenda is already being discussed by branches, and the Secretary's annual report disclosed that the past year has been one of successful achievement; membership has increased, and the financial position is sound. The agenda, with its 110 items, gives proof of the many and varied activities and interests of sub-branches throughout the State, but they are almost without exception of a purely domestic character. The League is not parochial, it having a broad non-party political policy which it should zealously guard. It is to be regretted that there are not more items on the agenda of national importance, revealing a greater breadth of vision. It is evident that the soldier land settler has little to trouble him these days, as only ten items come under this heading, and in by four country sub-branches. The strange thing is that there is no "group settlement" item. It looks as if the big discussion will be centred on the alien immigration problem and in view of the stand taken in support of the alien at the recent conference of the Primary Producers' Association, it will be interesting to hear the viewpoints of the country delegates on this subject. The usual crop of Anniversary Day items are included, not forgetting our old and esteemed friend from the Railway Workshops, which we hope will once again he moved by dear old Paddy Connelly. Repatriation and Pension items are also frequent. The Perth Branch are desirous of disciplining the "Listening Post," and the Congress will be asked to discuss the part the League should take in celebrating the State Centenary. We anticipate that, as usual, the most interesting item of congress will be the State President's address. We hope that all delegates will have an interesting, enjoyable and enlightening time at Congress.
to assemble a large and well-trained army.

Modern war is so largely a matter of co-operation that no nation can engage in hostilities without a mobilisation of all her resources, both civil and military. Therefore, disarmament, to be truly effective in the direction of making war impossible, would have to go beyond the scrapping of ships and the disbanding of armies. It would entail the destruction of factories, the stoppage of civil aviation and probably a Pharaoh-like decision to slay all male children at birth.

Wattle and Kennedeya
OVER A RETURNED SOLDIER'S GRAVE IN SPRING.

I.
Golden litter, purple dust,
Into outer chaos thrust.
Whirled upon the forest path
By the tempest in its wrath.
Purple creepers turned and wreathed;
Wattle blooms whose fragrance breathed
Blessings on the passers-by,
At my feet in thousands lie.

How can I their beauty read?
Can such lovely forms be dead?
Into outer chaos thrust—
Golden litter—purple dust.

II.
Precious manhood—noble dust—
Faithful to your splendid trust.
Once Australia's pride and crown,
Now Australia's great renown.
Unto earth in thousands cast
By the war-wind's furious blast.
Gold and purple—royal hues.
For the flowers that Memory strews
Round the graves of those who died—
Shrines of sorrow and of pride—
Faithful to their splendid trust—
Noble manhood—glorious dust.

—Lilian Wooster Greaves.

No Wonder.

"I hear you and peggy have quarrelled."
"Yes. Last night I found something about her I didn't like."
"What was that?"
"Another fellow's arm."

The Governor-General Entertained
R.S.L. LUNCHEON.

Members of the State Executive and presidents of the metropolitan sub-branches entertained the Governor-General (Lord Stonehaven) at Highgate in the Soldiers' Institute during his recent visit to the State.

In proposing the toast of His Excellency, Colonel Collett made one of his best efforts. Addressing the distinguished guest, he said:

"Our pleasure at your presence here to-day must be so potent that I doubt the need to even offer you a welcome. We esteem very highly the privilege of being able to entertain you in a humble way, and are deeply sensible of the honour you have conferred upon us by accepting our invitation."

"We, of course, pay homage to the great office which you so admirably fill. As the personal representative of H.M. The King, you are the direct link between us and the Patron-in-Chief of that great organisation, the B.E.S.L., of which we are a part, because we, like our brothers in the other Dominions, have served and are still striving to serve the Empire."

"I venture to say, Sir, that there is no need to explain to you the objects of this League. I am certain that you are already thoroughly informed in that direction, and, moreover, fully appreciate what we are trying to do."

"During the last eighteen months a distinguished visitor to the Commonwealth is said to have voiced the opinion that the ex-service man in Australia had too much power. We do not concur in that statement. That power which he has is begotten of the reliance placed upon him by his people during 1914-18, and we, as an Executive, find fault with him because he does not use it to the full. As a citizen he is equally reliable, and as a citizen—a well-informed citizen—he has the capacity, the right, and the opportunity to do much of inestimable value to the community. In this State, in the country districts, he is, I am glad to say, beginning to pull his weight, and, altogether, we feel that in W.A. we are taking up a fair share of the public burden."

"As regards yourself, Sir, we have an especial reason for welcoming you. For many years, and in many places, you have been in His Majesty's service; and, in addition, your name appears upon the roll of the Great Armies of 1914-18. Then again, you come of that race from north of the Tweed which, over 300 years ago, gave up the government of its own country and set itself to establish a rule over the English. (Laughter.) It has been successful beyond its own dreams, and the English, not altogether lacking in astuteness, have been content to let someone else perform a tiresome task and merely introduced a little leaven now and then in the nature of a few of the Rabbi's..."
flock and a turbulent Welshman or two.

"You may have read in the press recently that one of the great Australian-Scottish delegations has visited the view that the home product is deteriorating. That is rather alarming news, because it may affect the quality of the distillers of the future as well as that of the administrators, and you will probably agree that goods which may overcome bad administration, but, conversely, no amount of sound administration can make up for defective liquor." (Laughter.)

"However, there is one thing we shall never be indebted to Scotland for—that is, for giving us the man who spent the remainder of his life looking after the men and women who suffered as a result of that great conflict. I mean, of course, Earl Haig." (Applause.)

Lord Stonehaven, in acknowledging the welcome, said that while poor Scots always appeared to be called upon to take on all the disagreeable jobs, he had been fortunate enough to learn one of the good jobs. Gatherings such as the present one were what made the position he held a good one. The King selected any one of his subjects to represent him in Australia. Any man undertaking the position did so realising the risk he took of not being able to justify expectations. It was impossible to describe the comradeship of arms. They had worn the King's uniform and had a right to wear it still. That right was a great privilege, but it entailed responsibilities. By welcoming the King's representative, no matter who he might be, they indicated that they realised their responsibilities.

On August 29, 1914, His Excellency said, he was attached to the Intelligence Staff during the retreat from Mons. It was his duty to go out with the motor patrols and to report with regard to the location of German cavalry patrols on the roads north of Mons. He heard a flying officer report to the officer who commanded the corps (Sir David Henderson) that a certain road was full of Germans. The flying officer said that it was ten to one that the Germans would get them. "Yes," replied Sir David, "but you will see it will turn out right because of the indomitable fighting instinct of the British Tommy."

"The recollection of that incident might be mistaken as a glorification of war," added Lord Stonehaven, "a reference which might be calculated to glorify war at the expense of peace, for which every one of us prays. I always think that the profession makes a great mistake in not realising that there are no greater pacifists in the world than the millions of men who have seen war. No man is more determined than the ex-soldier that the Empire shall not be pulled back for a generation, as was the case with the last war, by the loss of the finest of its young men."

War, he continued, was the hardest school of learning. Nowhere else could the lessons taught during war be learned. Soldiers saw the worst side of life, but they also learned of the very best. (Applause.) Returned men, in common with the remainder of the population, had rights and opportunities which could not be rivalled. The rights were shared in the Old Country, but when it came to a question of opportunity, Australia was miles ahead of England. The average young man leaving school in England—excluding those who had influence—had nothing like the opportunities that existed in this country. The prospects here were infinitely brighter than they were in England.

If they were going to make full use of their opportunities, he said, they would have to remember a great many of the lessons learned during wartime. Self-denial, self-restraint, and devotion to duty had to be learned by every victorious army. These qualities had to be applied to civil life. The troubles in all countries since the war were attributable largely to the absence of those qualities which they had learned in war. The Returned Soldiers' League possessed power and opportunity. Its members could inculcate into the rising generation the principles of comradeship which were so necessary for success in peace and war. By so doing they would not only continue to possess the right to wear the King's uniform, but they would be able to look with pride on the fact that they had not merely exercised privileges, but had discharged responsibilities. He was confident that the League was doing its part in helping their comrades. (Applause.)

Songs of Sophistication

(By BENJAMIN BUTTONSTICK.)

Summer is icumen in,
Lhude sing cuckoo;
Every fool must have his spin,
Loud-voiced cuckoo.

Mrs. Joyner's banished war,
'Midst eclat and general furor—
Publicity's a magic draw;
Sing, sing, cuckoo.

Franklin's hob-nobbed with the Huns,
'Midst the cakes and ale and buns;
Now he'd scrap the captured guns—
Silly cuckoo!

Horse must have his feed of hay,
Every dog must have his day,
Every ass was born to bray—
Stupid cuckoo!

"Sayeeda, Bint!" to her I hollered;
To me she cried, "Sayeeda, Walled! You shout ze brandy or ze hooch?"
"Ah, no," said I, "Mateesh Iellyush."

The men that fought at Minden, they performed an orful crime—
And so did them as fought at Pozieres,
At Anzac and Fleurbais,
At Dernancourt and Braye,
At Guledecourt and Flers.

The men who fought at Minden were ancestors of the boys
Who stemmed the German tide at Villers-Brett.
But they have had their day,
And now, the Sissies say,
Their deeds we must forget.

The men that fought at Minden, they would turn within their graves,
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Personalities

A visitor to the city during the month was Harry Boyes, the lively leader of the League at Narembeen. Harry attended the last State Executive meeting and there received a hearty welcome from the President and delegates.

We are pleased to report that Lt.-Col. Arthur Sweetapple has sufficiently recovered from his recent severe illness to return to his office.

Another pleasing report is that League Vice-President Rev. Eric Nye is now well enough to once again administer to the spiritual needs of his large flock at West Perth.

Colonel Semmens, the Chairman of the Repatriation Commission, was a recent visitor to the State. The care of incapacitated ex-service men is in safe hands with the kindly and sympathetic Colonel.

The new president of the N.S.W. State Branch is Mr. Ralph Hutchinson, who had been Senior (Country) Vice-President for a number of years. During the past year Mr. Hutchinson travelled 30,000 miles throughout his State on honorary work for the League, and it is anticipated that under his regime membership is bound to increase. "At least 7,000 new members will join the League during the next 12 months," states Mr. Hutchinson.

Over here on duty, Colonel F. J. Alderson, Director of Physical Training and Cadet Services, Colonel Alderson has had a long military career, and after close association with the N.S.W. Education Department, he joined the Physical Training Staff of the A.M. Forces, as Chief Instructor in P.T. During the war he held an appointment on Corps Headquarters.

In town, combining business with pleasure, S. H. McKenzie, secretary of the Bencubbin Sub-Branch, Mack gained his commission from the ranks with the 48th, but, having beaten his entrenching tool into a ploughshare, he is now farming in the Bencubbin district.

Vice-President D. P. Taylor, of the Kellerberrin Sub-Branch, has joined the staff of the South Perth Road Board. Prior to his departure from Kellerberrin, he was entertained by his branch, and on their behalf President Ogilvie made a presentation to Mr. Taylor and spoke of his splendid work, for ex-service men of the district, and of the regret of the members at losing one who, quiet and unassuming, had now lost all of his comrades.

6ft. 2in. of splendid manhood in the person of Ernie Bosustow, of Boulder, called in to see us during the month. Ernie was in Perth as a delegate to the Oddfellows' conference.

The Late Lieut.-Col. J. H. Peck

The country lost a good citizen and the army an extremely capable soldier when Lieutenant-Colonel John Henry Peck, C.M.G., D.S.O., passed away in Bencubbin recently. Colonel Peck commenced his military career some twenty-odd years ago, when he enlisted as a gunner in the Royal Australian Artillery. A keen student and a sound soldier, he soon obtained promotion, and was transferred from the regiment as staff sergeant-major to the Instructional Staff. He was promoted to commissioned rank in 1912, and sailed for the front in 1914 as adjutant of the 11th Battalion. At the front he held several staff appointments, and during the Somme winter he was in command of the 14th Battalion. He gained the C.M.G. and the D.S.O., and after the Armistice passed successfully through the Staff College course at Camberley.

Colonel Peck was a man of marked administrative ability. After the Tokio earthquake he was in charge of the Australian end of the relief arrangements. Then he was seconded from the Staff Corps for duty with the Commonwealth Treasury Department as Member and Chairman of the Expropriation Board, New Guinea. He had vacated this appointment and was G.S.O., 11th Mixed Brigade, when death claimed him at the early age of 42.

11th Battalion A.I.F. Association

Arrangements are well in hand for the Annual Re-union, which will be held at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on Tuesday, 9th October (Show Week). Col. "Steve" Roberts will preside.

The monthly luncheon, which is held at the Soldiers' Institute on the 11th of each month, is now quite a popular fixture, and each month witnesses a bigger muster of the old battalion diggers.

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September 19th

(By "Camelo."

Last month, on August 4th, we read in the dailies of the anniversary of the declaration of war by Great Britain, and on August 8th there was no reputable Aussie paper that did not publish a glowing account of the great and successful offensive launched on that date by the Australians in France. One looked through the papers in vain, however, for any acknowledgment this month of another great date—September 19th. It didn't even receive a mention in despatches. Soldiers of the Palestine front need no reminder of the significance of that date, for was it not at dawn on that day in 1918—ten short years ago—that Australian and N.Z. mounted men broke through the Turkish lines, to the noise of the shrieking and crashing of shells, the pinging of bullets, the thundering of thousands of hoofs, and the shouts of the riders? How the blood quickens at the thought of that glorious morn. (Curse these cold-blooded self-designated pacifists who can see no glory in the valorous deeds of war! They can't comprehend the exhilaration of danger and victory, and would make us out as murderers, who do.) September 19th was the beginning of the end of the war. This thrust into Syria, led by the Anzac Bivouacs, was responsible for the destruction of the whole of the Turkish fighting force. With the capture of Damascus on October 1st came the end of the}
Banning the Blink

(Under the new Spanish penal code, giving “the glad eye” has been made a punishable offence. The penalties are imprisonment or a fine.—Recent cable item.)

Long years ago, in old Madrid,
At Senoritas, sweet and shy,
The bold descendants of The Cid
Were wont to cast the roguish eye;
And ‘neath the sun-bespangled sky
Guitarras throbbed, to Love’s refrain,
But lovers now may merely sigh—
The glad eye has been banned in Spain.

Don Quixote, Cortez, and their kind—
The knights of more romantic days—
Were ne’er to woman’s beauty blind.
Though circumspection blur the gaze,
The eye a message e’er conveys,
Which no duenna can restrain;
But other times bring other ways—
The glad eye has been banned in Spain.

So king, grandee, hidalgo, or
The muleteero, with his train,
The rose-bespattered toreador,
Must bow their heads and not complain.
From Biscay’s mountain-buttressed bay
To Andalusia’s sun-kissed plain,
The grim decree all must obey—
The glad eye has been banned in Spain.

L’ENVOI
O Land of Chivalrous Romance!
Your lovers all are seared with pain;
Cupid in Oxford bags must prance
When glad eyes have been banned in Spain.
—* Pip-Tok. *

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How did he get like this? He must have been captured and was now making his escape on an enemy horse in enemy uniform—the uniform of some little-known household unit, most likely. Something whizzed past his ear with an angry sound, a noise as of a wasp in flight. He knew that sound. Jacko’s snipers had initiated him to it on the Peninsula. He looked back, digging in the spurs as he did so. About a dozen riders, strung out in line, wearing dark-blue uniforms of similar cut to his own, were pounding along in his rear, uttering harsh guttural cries in voices unmistakably Teutonic. They were after him, and he had a long way to go before he could find freedom and safety. This green countryside must be well behind the battle area. At the prick of his spur the horse, a huge roan, thrust forward with increased speed, and the pain of O’Deary’s aching head was excruciating.

It was some time before his head cleared. Now he understood. Of course, he was escaping. The battle at the fords of the Boyne had been fought and lost. Ireland’s hopes of independent nationhood had been swept away by the sallow-faced William with his red-coated Sassenach and blue-clad Dutchmen. The dark Seumas—Seumas, the black-hearted poltroon who had sold Ireland, was foremost in the flight to Dublin, while he, O’Deary, riding the king’s horse, wearing the king’s clothes and periwig, was leading the duped pursuers a merry dance through the Irish bog-lands. These fellows behind him, who sat their horses like ploughboys, were Dutchmen, men of Schomberg’s own remnant of Blue Dragons. Curse them! They were well disposed to win the game. They were not afraid of a fight for their own sake, and it was to be on the winning side.

Especially had he enjoyed the bombing. The lean six-feet-two of him and the correspondingly long arms which had enabled him to win many a throwing at the wicket contest on country sports grounds and to take many a high mark on the football field, now constituted him the bomber par excellence. Beside, there was more zip about this game, even if the other side did make its own rules.

It had been a good little show, and Terence and his party, his wounded and his prisoners, were well on their way back to our own lines, while the German battalions were barking back in retaliation.

“Showing their dirty temper,” he laughed to his platoon sergeant.

Then the ground seemed to slip from beneath his feet, and the whole universe burst into a sheet of indescribable flame, after which all was darkness.

O’Deary was dimly aware of a faint drumming sound, rhythmic and intensely irritating to his aching head. His body, too, was being swayed about as though he were at sea. He almost overbalanced, but quickly recovered his balance. He was on a horse and wearing a strange out-landish uniform. The jacket was of a purplish colour and long-skirted, too long for a British “war,” yet not long enough for the regulation great-coat. His legs were encased in long black riding-boots. At the saddle were two long-barrelled pistols like those from which the Germans fired their flares. He was wearing a hat of quaint shape and—damn it!

—his hair was long like a woman’s.
mounted, but, God willing, he'd play out the comedy for a long time yet.

Bullets commenced to whittle about his ears, and he dug in the spurs once more.

"Mustn't let them get too close," he mused, or 'they'll be potting me.'

Then O'Deary's horse gave a convulsive shiver, stumbled, and steed and rider went down in a woeful heap, and again all was darkness.

The weary stretcher-bearers set down their burden in the regimental aid-post, then, straightening up, rubbed at their aching shoulder muscles.

"Struth! That was some carry. Hope there's no more like it to-night."

"Too right," the other consented. "It's hell when these big blokes get knocked. Not a wound on 'im, Doc," he explained to the M.O. "Concussion, I think. A shell blew him kite high just as we were getting back to our own lines."

O'Deary opened his eyes and gazed up into the tired face of the M.O. "Did the King get away?" he asked.

"Yes," the M.O. humourous him. "He's having supper with Mary by now."

"Rot! Queen Mary is still at St. Germain," O'Deary retorted, and closed his eyes again.

"Funny—thing, this shell-shock," a stretcher-bearer commented to his mate.

—Pip Tok.

**Repatriation Costs**

Up to June 30, the cost of repatriation has been £182,530,545, divided under the following heads:

- War Pensions ........................................... £73,149,210
- General Repatriation (including cost of administration) ............... 21,109,363
- War Service Homes ................................ 25,798,820
- Land Settlement ........................................ 35,001,941
- War Gratuities ........................................ 27,471,211

The total number of pensions in force at June 30 was 266,070, involving an annual liability of £7,465,852.

On general repatriation benefits the main items of expenditure have been:

- Providing Employment ................................ £2,820,091
- Vocational Training ................................... 4,843,483
- Furniture, Small Business, Livestock and Plant ........................ 1,525,696
- Land Settlers, Sustenance ............................... 644,804
- Passports beyond Commonwealth ......................... 508,856
- Living Allowances ....................................... 1,924,836
- Medical Treatment ...................................... 3,765,582
- Education of children of deceased or totally and permanently incapacitated soldiers 732,161
- Other benefits ........................................... 286,822

Of the benefits an amount of £1,896,056 was granted by way of loans to soldiers, and £1,514,792 has already been repaid. Only £221,598 has been written off, leaving £195,666 still to be repaid.

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The Organisation of Defence Units

In writing these notes the standard of organisation used is that of the British Army, which standard Australia has agreed to follow subject to considerations and limits of finance.

Most ex-members of the A.I.F. are familiar with the organisation of units which existed at the end of the Great War, and it is necessary to review the changes in organisation which have taken place since then in order to properly appreciate the present day methods and teaching. As the bulk of returned soldiers were infantrymen or light horse, and the infantry, in spite of mechanised developments, still forms the greater portion of any force, it is proposed to deal with the infantry battalion first, notwithstanding its comparatively low position in the order of precedence of corps.

The close of the war saw an infantry battalion with headquarters, and headquarter wing, containing signalers, band, stretcher-bearers, transport, etc., and four rifle companies each of Coy. H. Qrs. and four platoons, each platoon having a platoon H. Qrs., two rifle sections, and two Lewis gun sections. Machine guns had been taken away from battalions in 1916 to form firstly, Brigade Machine Gun Companies and then Divisional Machine Gun Battalions.

This organisation was evolved and designed to meet the conditions of trench warfare. Now the terms of the treaty of peace and the exhaustion of nations were such as to make it hardly feasible for any war on a large scale to occur for a considerable period from 1918. However, there were many danger spots in the Empire where small wars were, and still are, possible, and it was decided to train for mobile warfare as was the case prior to 1914.

The first drastic change was the disbandment of the Divisional Machine Gun Companies and the return to Infantry Battalions of a Machine Gun Platoon consisting of two sections each of four guns. This at once gave fire power to the battalion far in excess of anything it had had before.

This change was followed by the abolition of the trench mortar section. This weapon was purely designed for trench warfare, and only in exceptional circumstances could it have any real value in a war of movement.

The organisation in 1920 was thus:

- Battalion H. Qrs.
- H. Qr. Wing in which the M.G. Platoon was included.
- Four companies.

At this time, with a view to reducing the weight carried, a searching examination was made of the weapons with which the infantryman was armed, viz.
- Lewis gun, rifle grenade, hand grenade, and also two of his principal means of defence, the respirator and entrenching tools.

The rifle, as ever before, is the main weapon for offence and the last resort for defence. Efforts were made to lighten it without impairing its strength, and considerable progress has been made in this direction. A further development was towards the production of a self-loading rifle, not automatic, but one which would obviate the necessity for bolt action, particularly in rapid fire, according to the home press of recent date. A satisfactory rifle has been evolved, but whether it will be produced in quantity before another war renders it necessary remains to be seen.

The Lewis gun was an effective weapon in France, where any movement was limited. In mobile operations, when it and its ammunition have to be carried many miles by infantry, its weight seriously reduces efficiency. It has many movable parts liable to break and stoppages occur from many causes. Research was directed on the lines of producing a lighter gun with less movable parts and stronger all round. This has been achieved, and while it will be many years before the large stocks of Lewis guns are used up, the next war will probably see their replacement by a more mobile and efficient weapon.

The rifle and hand grenade remain as before and need no further comment, except that they are only supplied to infantry when asked for. From the gas defensive point of view the respirator has been improved, etc., out of all knowledge. The nose tube and mouth clip have disappeared, and generally it is claimed that a man can wear his respirator over a very long period and not lose any efficiency, thus increasing the individual man's offensive action, while wearing the mask. Lastly, the entrenching tool, which has been abandoned for reasons of weight, and at the present time the only entrenching tools in a battalion are picks and shovels carried in battalion transport.

From 1921 onwards, the development was directed towards an increase in mobility and fire power. As regards the former, as long as infantrymen remain infantrymen, their pace is limited to 24 miles per hour. This pace is also that of the Battalion transport, the limbered wagon so familiar to all with any service. But it is often necessary to transport infantry by mechanical transport to re-inforce a threatened point or to deliver a surprise attack. On such occasions horsed transport must move independently, and if not despatched beforehand will arrive at the destination much later than the rest of the unit. This means that the troops either have to leave such useful adjuncts as machine guns and tools behind, or manhandle them in action. This problem is being met by making all battalion transport small six-wheeled lorries, able to move as fast along roads as many motor cars, and with a greater...
cross country capacity than the two or four horse-drawn limbered wagon. Wherever the horse transport can go, the six-wheeled lorry can go likewise. This means that whenever infantry are carried in lorries or buses, their transport can always accompany them.

As far as fire power is concerned, the whole tendency has been in the direction of reducing the number of riflemen who can deliver only a limited volume of fire, and increasing the number of machine guns. The weapon—the tank excepted—whic stood pre-eminent in the Great War.

The result has been the reduction of one rifle company, leaving three, and the expansion of the Machine Gun Platoon into a Machine Gun Company of 16 machine guns, giving a battalion greater fire power than ever before.

There remains the question of defence against tanks. In the Great War, the tank was used almost solely by the Allies. The occasions on which our troops were attacked by German tanks were few, and never met with any success. The forces of the Empire are thus not in a position to know by experience how their troops will withstand tank attacks. Knowing that the Germans were not lacking in personal bravery and the effect our tanks had on them, it becomes a matter of urgency to provide the infantry with some means for anti-tank defence closer at hand than the artillery, who, up to the present, have provided this protection. The introduction of pack artillery as an anti-tank and close support weapon is a recent innovation, and will be dealt with in a subsequent article.

The choice of a weapon, whether gun, machine gun or rifle, has not been settled, but it appears that it will not be very long before the infantry, who usually will have to bear the brunt of tank attacks, will have as an integral portion of the battalion organisation an efficient weapon against the machine which on so many occasions in 1918 paved the way to Allied victory.

Old Age Pensions

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An important and pleasing communication received during the month from the Federal President reads:

"In consequence of representations having been made to me at the instance of the Western Australian Branch of the League, I have pleasure in informing you that the Government has decided to allow soldiers to claim the full amount of old age pensions irrespective of their military pensions."

Preference in Employment

COMMONWEALTH CONTRACTS.

The following letter was received recently from the Secretary, Prime Minister's Department:

"With reference to your letter of 1st December embodying resolution 86 of the 12th Annual Congress of your League, urging that steps be taken that contractors to the Commonwealth Government should grant preference to returned soldiers on work performed by such contractors, I am directed to inform you that the Department of Works and Railways, which carries out the constructional work for the various departments of the Commonwealth, stipulates in its special Conditions of Contract that preference shall be given to returned soldiers. The clause reads as follows:

In carrying out the work under this contract, preference shall be given to returned soldiers and sailors with satisfactory records of service, and, secondly, to members of Trades Unions."

Sub-Normal and Derelict Ex-Soldiers

Recently the following letter was received from the Secretary, Prime Minis-ter's Department:

"With reference to the resolution passed at the 12th Annual Congress of the League, concerning the care of ex-soldiers who have become derelict or sub-normal, I am directed to advise you that the terms of the resolution have been noted.

"Whilst it is the desire of the Government to do everything possible in the interests of all ex-members of the A.I.F., it cannot accept responsibility for ex-soldiers whose adverse circumstances result from other than war causes."

War Service Homes

SECOND ASSISTANCE

The following communication has been received from the Minister in Charge of Works and Railways:

"With reference to Resolution No. 150 adopted by the 12th Annual Congress of your League at its conference in November last, I desire to inform you that the War Service Homes Act provides that second assistance cannot be granted in any case without the approval of the Minister. The suggestion in the resolution is that the Minister should waive this discretion and make it a right for applicants to obtain second assistance in certain circumstances. Apart from the merits of the proposal, in view of the terms of the War Service Homes Act, such could not be approved."

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Training at Duntroon College

OF CITIZEN FORCE OFFICERS

At the last Federal Congress a resolution was carried suggesting to the Minister of Defence that Citizen Force officers go through a course of training at Duntroon, and the following reply has been received from the Secretary, Department of Defence:

“I am directed to inform you that the Minister for Defence much appreciates the interest of the League in the welfare of the Active Forces. During the War the training of certain personnel, including Citizen Force officers, was carried out at Duntroon with a view to providing reinforcement officers for the Australian Imperial Force. At the conclusion of this course the certificates were issued to successful candidates that they had attended a course at Duntroon and attained a satisfactory standard of efficiency.

This was an emergency measure necessitated by the shortage of instructional staffs in the various districts.

Sufficient staffs, however, are now available in the various districts for the training of Citizen Force officers, and the centralization of instruction at Duntroon for such officers would not only necessitate increased expenditure, which, under the circumstances, is not considered justified, but loss of time would result on the part of officers concerned in travelling to and from that place of instruction, which is now provided locally.”

Wireless Licenses—Blinded Soldiers

The following letter was received from the Secretary, Postmaster-General’s Department, in answer to a resolution passed at the last Federal Congress:

“The question of exempting persons from the payment of license fees is a very difficult one. While there are doubtless many cases of blind persons who are unable to pay license fees, it is equally certain that many others who are similarly affected are quite capable of paying their fees.

If it were decided to exempt blind persons, or any section of them, from payment of license fees, difficulty would arise in refusing similar concessions to other persons afflicted by infirmities, or in financial stress.

The Postmaster-General is of opinion that the Department should not exempt any persons from payment of license fees which the Department collects for payment to the Broadcasting Companies to provide services.”

Anzac Avenue, Canberra

At the Federal Executive meeting held at Canberra in May last year, the following resolution was passed:

“That the responsible authorities be approached and that Prospect Place be renamed Anzac Place, and that the avenue surrounding Prospect Parkway leading from the Federal Parliament House to Prospect Place be named Anzac Avenue.”

Since then there has been further correspondence, and recently the following letter has been received from the Secretary, Home and Territories Department:

“Adverting to your letter of 12th April, relative to the suggested inclusion of the names ‘Anzac Place’ and ‘Anzac Avenue’ in the nomenclature of Canberra, I desire to inform you that in its report to the Government, the Canberra National Memorial Committee has recommended the use of the name ‘Anzac’ in the vicinity of the War Memorial Site, and that, on the plan adopted by the Committee, the name ‘Anzac Park’ appears in lieu of ‘Prospect Parkway’ and the name ‘Anzac Place’ has been applied to the circular plot immediately at the north end of the park facing the War Memorial Site.”

British United Services Association

The British United Services’ Association are holding a general meeting at the R.S.I. Headquarters at 8 p.m. on Monday, September 14th. The members and all who have served in the Imperial Forces are requested to parade at the main entrance to King’s Park on Sunday, November 18th (for time, watch the press), to assist at the Annual Memorial Service of the South African Veterans. The first annual dinner will take place on November 26th. Tickets, 5/-, from the Hon. Secretary. Particulars later. Ladies will be at this function, too.

28th Battalion Notes

Hans Henkel, now attached to the Victorian Agricultural Department, in a recent long screech to the Secretary, wishes to be kindly remembered to all old cobs. Hans reports that he met the following ex-cobbers in Melbourne: Charlie Boddiner, "Ossie" Dawkins, Peter Nind, "Mucka" Denton, Phil. Coburn, and "Jockey" Craig.

The Secretary has received enquiries from old pals of the Undermentioned diggers, who are requested to get into touch with him: W. H. Roberts and "Dad" Coulson. Please pass along the word for these chaps.

A luncheon will be held at the Returned Soldiers’ Institute on Show Thursday, between 1 and 2 p.m. This will give visitors to town an opportunity of again meeting old pals. The Secretary is desirous of hearing from those who intend being present.

Although the membership of the Association is now greater than it has ever been, it is a long way from being perfect. It therefore behoves those ex-members of the Battalion who are not financial to become so, and thus help to swell the roll of members.

The usual monthly luncheon will be held on the 27th of the month. Place: K.S. Institute; time, noon.

Messrs. Moss and Heaps were welcomed to the Committee at its last meeting. As they were both "Regimental Thieves," otherwise Signallers, it is confidently expected that they will be making "dashes" after new members, and perhaps "doting." those who fail to pay up.

Battalion History sales are still active, enquiries for copies having been received from several country residents. It is evident that there are still some who...
have not yet heard of the existence of the history. If you want to do those chaps a good turn, tell them that they can obtain copies from Sec. Kaban, River Street, South Perth.

Engineers' Association Re-union

The Ex-Service Association of Engineers and Allied Units are the first to commence the round of re-unions that take place during Show Week. They held their third annual re-union in the Soldiers' Institute on Monday, the 8th October, at 8 p.m. With a membership of something over 250, and a keen hard-working committee, the President, George Shaw, confidently looks forward to a big muster. Admission is 3/-, and the annual subscription 2/6.

32nd Battalion Association

The annual meeting of the above Association will be held at the R.S.L. rooms, St. George's Terrace, Perth, on Thursday, October 11th (Show Week), at 8 p.m., when the attendance of all 32nd-ites is earnestly requested. The business will be the election of office-bearers and any other general business. Light refreshments will be supplied. Subs. are now due and can be received by Secretary Bob Alexander, at Government House, Perth.

10th Light Horse Re-union

Members of Tom Todd's Tenth together with members of any other mounted units are asked to turn up to the 10th Annual Re-union, to be held on October 9th, in the Assembly Hall, Pier Street, Perth.

A Progressive Digger

The development of the State depends not only on the success of primary industries, but on the fostering of our secondary industries, and it is pleasing to note that many diggers are also playing their part in this direction. J. T. Tandy, M.M., Medal Militia, late R.S.M. of the 10th Battalion, is a striking example of what perseverance and industry can do. Soon after the war he commenced to manufacture aerated waters and cordials, and later the manufacture of malt vinegar on a large scale. Barely two years ago it was decided to challenge Eastern States competition, and to produce from local products tomato sauce and pickles. It was a hard struggle at first, but slowly "Swan Brand Products," as they are labelled, became firmly established on the market. The old factory in Marquis Street rapidly became too small, and the new up-to-date factory in Northcote Street was purchased, where the business has been conducted during the past twelve months. "Swan Brand Products" scored 1st prize at the Geraldton Show last year, and two 1st and two 2nd prizes at the Royal Show. That this industry is of vital importance to the local grower is proved by the fact that over 1,300 tons of tomatoes were purchased last year, but the demand for "Swan" brand tomato sauce has grown to such an extent that last year's pulp is now exhausted. Arrangements, however, were made to purchase from the Geraldton growers all tomatoes not suitable for export to the Eastern States, and men have been sent to Geraldton to pulp these tomatoes and rail to Perth. By this means ample supplies will be available until the local tomatoes are ripe and ready for the market.

Many people have a strange prejudice against a locally manufactured article, but it is claimed that once they taste any of the lines manufactured by this firm, they become convinced that in flavour and quality they are equal to any article of the same kind imported from the Eastern States. "Swan" brand products consist of Pure Malt Vinegar, Tomato Sauce, Chow Chow, Pickled Onions, Sweet Mustard Pickles, Sweet Pickle, etc. A very fine exhibit may be seen in the Exhibition Hall at the Royal Show this year, and it is hoped that the diggers will take this opportunity to inspect this display.

Mr. Tandy, who deserves his success, employs a large staff, most of whom are fellow diggers, amongst them being Fred Shand, the secretary of the Subaco Sub-Branch, who is accountant to the firm.

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SUB-BRANCH NOTES

KARRIDALE.

At a meeting held on August 26th, 27 members attended, the balance sheet, for the half year ended June 30th, showing a credit balance of £16, was adopted. The retiring committee and secretary and secretary were re-elected "en bloc." Financial members now number 55. It was decided to send the President, Capt. W. J. Flannigan, to represent the Sub-Branch at Congress.

A resolution, "That a general meeting of the branch be held every two months, and, the district being a scattered one, the place of meeting be in a different part of the district on each occasion," was carried. An entertainment committee, consisting of Messrs. C. S. Smith, N. Monti, J. Madgewick, F. Goodier, and C. S. Stanley, was also appointed.

There was considerable amount of discussion concerning the unsatisfactory position of those members who are group settlers, and finally it was decided to fall into line with all other group settlers and attend a meeting at Forrest Grove, at which the Minister, Mr. M. F. Troy, had promised to be present.

NAREMBER.

At the last general meeting of this sub-branch it was agreed that the local Road Board be approached with a view to obtaining their assistance relative to having an honour board and installing a few lights on the North Road of Narembeen, where the local R.S.L. Club is situated. It was also agreed to ask the Road Board that this sub-branch be allowed to have the use of the Narembeen Hall on one occasion free of charge. The reason for the latter appeal being sent into the Board was that this sub-branch has in the past given liberal and unflagging support to every cause and appeal brought to its notice.

Relief given to our less fortunate comrades has made a great deficit in the Branch funds.

Mrs. E. H. Elliott, of Central Kumminin, has agreed to give every possible assistance to this sub-branch on their holding an entertainment at Central Kumminin.

The Employment Committee reported that work had been found for three of the unemployed. The Employment Committee during the year have found employment for sixty men, and it should be remembered that all of that number were not returned men, proving that the R.S.L. does good to those who, though no fault of their own, were not eligible for service. The president of the Employment Committee, Mr. F. T. Ward, is to be congratulated for the good work he has done in this respect.

The fund for the widow of the late Digger Smith should reach the ten-pound mark when ready for despatch to the State Secretary, Mr. F. T. Ward's efforts on this case were unremittent and entirely deserving of the success which rewarded them.

Mr. Arthur A. Wilson, M.L.A., again paid a brief visit to Narembeen, and found employment for British clearers on his holding. Arthur's slogan is "No Southern Europeans for me."

Owing to the amount of work on hand, the meeting arranged for Friday, 31st August, had to be postponed until Friday, 7th September. The following meeting will be held on Friday, 28th September.

MT. BARKER.

The ordinary meeting of the Sub-Branch was held on Tuesday, 28th August. There was a good attendance, with T. G. Sounness (president) in the chair. The main business was to discuss the agenda notices, chiefly for the benefit of the delegates to be sent along to Congress. It was unanimously decided to nominate Col. Collett for State President. Re delegates for Congress, the President, Secretary and Mr. H. V. Jenkins were asked to consider the prospects of attending, and this was left to those named to do their best in the interest of this Sub-Branch to make the journey. A letter was read from the Mt. Barker Agricultural Society re assistance in supporting a district exhibit in the Centenary Exhibition. No definite decision was arrived at and the matter will be further discussed. Conditions complying with the Newdegate Cup competition were completed and sent along. The Branch achievements for the past year were a very decided improvement on the previous year's work, and if the Cup is handed out to another Branch they will have to put up a good report, and Barker will be the first to hold out the hand of comradeship to them. Every country in its daily life provides for itself certain citizens who do their best to bring their visions of truth and labour home to their fellow-countrymen, and from these efforts now and again fine creative things result. This, we are pleased to say, is the feeling in Mt. Barker Sub-Branch. The principle: inculcated are such that they can hardly be improved on; all that is necessary is to live up to them. The name tablets for the Honor Avenue, particulars are being sought from Records, Melbourne, as some of these were not obtainable locally. A few of the trees died, but have been replaced by Toc H members, and are now doing well.

Mt. Barker members lately are having a bad spin with war troubles. Monty Gorman has been down to it for three months and has now gone to Perth for treatment. Billy Millons, the energetic Picture Secretary, has been suffering a good deal from his old nerve trouble, and the report has also gone along to the Repat. for further advice. Bert Hambly, also a long sufferer, has had a trip to a Medical Board. Cyril Lording has also been off work some time, and Bill Lane, of Kendenup, is suffering from a recurrent dislocation of the shoulder, which up to now has not been successful in proving to the Repat, was war-caused. This has been a source of trouble to Billy and has kept him back from regular employment for about twelve months, although he has been hampered for many years from doing hard toil, which is the lot of a man in the land who is in the struggling stages.

We have heard—but not officially yet—that the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Millington) and a couple of Agricultural Bank Trustees are due to visit Kendenup early in November, and after two days there, probably a couple in Mt. Barker district. Any remaining soldiers who have grievances will do well to get in early and advise the Secretary, with the possibility of arranging an inspection or interview. This may be the result of the 1927 item on the agenda at Congress. Any way, the district will stand all the inspection they can give, which it is hoped will be beneficial to all parties concerned.
OSBORNE PARK

The military tattoo organised by the Osborne Park Sub-Branch was held on the 10th inst., in the Soldiers' Institute, Main Street, and attended by members, non-members, and representatives of all the public bodies connected with Osborne Park. The tables were artistically arranged, tastefully draped and decorated with a profusion of flowers supplied by "Old Bill," of Njookenbooroo. On the principal table was to be seen the mascot of the branch—a model of a captured gun and carriage. Mr. H. Nugent, President, was in the chair, and when the "fall in" was sounded (on the piano) there were not many vacant chairs and few a.w.l. "The King" and "Fallen Comrades" opened the proceedings, after which the President, in a few spirited remarks, spoke of the progress of the branch, which was formed in 1919, and how they were now owners of a hall, land to be prepared for a bowling green, and a reputation of good fellowship and a readiness to help every movement for the benefit of the district.

Mr. H. Cooper gave the toast of the "Executive" and Col. Collett (President of the League) illustrated the functions of the Executive, the busy days occupied in dealing with matters from Broome to Esperance, the various requests made, including some to get men out of gaol, and sometimes they had been asked to get someone into gaol. (Laughter.) They were out to help the diggers whether he was a member or not, and he pointed out how the efforts of the League had been beneficial on questions of rural settlement, pensions, war gratuities, etc. They were formed to look after one another and they had achieved a repat. scheme which was distinctly satisfactory. They still had an interest in the community as having done something at the war, it was up to them to do something during peace, and it was evident that the returned men in every district were making things better all round. In no place was this more apparent than in Osborne Park. (Applause.) Judging by the prominent civilians present there was no doubt that the residents of Osborne Park were working amicably with the soldiers, and cooperating heartily for the benefit of the district. (Applause.) He urged them to continue in this direction and pointed out the large number of "Tommies" that were joining the branches as a proof that all those who had participated in the war were anxious to establish new homes, and establish a peace and unity and understanding that did not exist in Australia in previous years. (Loud applause.) He was satisfied with the progress of the branch, and urged the branch to send delegates to the conference and give them a benefit of their experience on rural settlement.

The State Secretary (Mr. Benson) was received with cheers in replying, and mentioned that the League was giving general satisfaction, and they did not hear many moans. The general public were recognising the good work they were doing, and in an eloquent address he illustrated the attempted domination of European nations and the reach of the British Empire, in which their glorious country had made many sacrifices, sacrifices that would never be forgotten. The Osborne Park Sub-Branch was to be congratulated on their efforts to seek the amelioration of all classes, and mentioned that in Osborne Park their honour board showed that when the call was sounded there was a general fall-in.

Mr. R. Corlett (vice-president) proposed "Local Governing Bodies."

Mr. E. Robinson (president of the Agricultural Society), responding, stated that he had always been with the diggers; in fact, on account of the efforts he had made, many people thought he was a returned man. He complimented the League on its progress and mentioned that whenever any work was required in connection with the local Agricultural Society, the returned men were the first to come forward and assist, even if it was a dog fight. (Laughter.)

Mr. J. O'Malley, another soldiers' friend, gave some exciting anecdotes.

Mr. C. Chandler (Perth Road Board) spoke of the help given by soldiers to local governing bodies, and Mr. J. Ar-buckle (Perth Road Board) favoured the co-operation of the people with the returned men in the general progress of any district.

Mr. G. Muir (Central Progress Association) spoke of the good work of the soldiers at the front and how now they were helping in the making of a nation.

Mr. Wm. Adamson proposed the toast of "Parliament," and the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. H. Millington) expressed pleasure at being present, it being the first occasion he had had the honour of being present at an Osborne Park soldiers' social. There were several soldiers in Parliament, and all seemed anxious for the progress of the State, and he was sure that his Government would always remember the interest of returned men who were doing so much in the development of Western Australia. (Applause.) Mr. J. Crawford proposed "Visiting Sub-Branches," and the representatives of metropolitan branches responded, after which the evening was devoted to harmony.
SUBIACO.

On Monday, the 10th September, a meeting of the Branch was held in the Council Chambers, when a fair amount of business was put through. Another new member was welcomed. It is quite a feature of Subiaco Branch that at least one new member joins up on each meeting night. Unfortunately, they were not able to use the new premises, owing to certain details of furnishings not having been completed.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 24th, at 8 p.m., in the Council Chambers, when it is hoped to have a large attendance, as the principal business of the evening will be the consideration of the agenda paper for this year’s Congress. It is essential that delegates should know the desires of all the members regarding the items to be dealt with at Congress.

BOULDER.

In January last the membership of this Sub-Branch was 156, and official reports of increasing those figures to the 200 mark, and at last this objective has been reached. Last week five new members were enrolled in 24 hours, bringing the total to 200, and as there is every prospect of a revival in the mining industry, the numbers should be further increased. It is pleasing to note the increased attendance at meetings of late. At a recent general meeting the President extended a hearty welcome to Mr. H. Kingsbury, president of the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch, who came out on a friendly visit, and listened with interest to an address on the alien immigration question by Mr. J. Jennis, M.C., who is a member of the State Executive, is also a member of the Boulder Sub-Branch, and never fails to attend meetings when in Boulder. Mr. Kingsbury’s visit has paved the way to a more complete understanding between the two Sub-Branches, and it was resolved that with a view to cementing the friendship existing between the two Branches, more friendly visits be paid.

Things were humming at the Rest Room on Saturday afternoon last, when a large and enthusiastic working bee, headed by Ganger Paddy Cain, made extensive alterations to the rear part of the rooms. Things went with a swing until President Ted Lennell passed the word “could you keep one down,” when the even flow of work was interrupted for a short period for the more inspiring flow of big K. with a dash.

On August 10th, the Women’s Auxiliary Corps conducted a Children’s Ball at the Boulder Town Hall. The good ladies deserve every praise for the manner in which they catered for this event. The Distress Fund will benefit to the extent of about £30 as a result of their efforts.

We regret to state that since last report not less than three members have “Gone West.” The deepest sympathy of the members of the Branch is extended to the bereaved relatives of our late comrades.

SNAPSHOTS

Just received the news that Jack Reid of the 17-Mile Trans Line is the proud father of a little digger. The very best wishes of all the boys, Jack.

President Ted Lennell and Vice-President Bill Crump will represent the Branch at the forthcoming State Congress, and can be depended upon to give a good account of themselves.

Should you swallow your false teeth or imagine that there is something foreign in your innards, dig up Percy Wilks, the X-ray expert.

A proud father these days is Alec Younger. Alec, dressed his wee son Bill up as a dinkum digger and he won a prize at the children’s ball.

There will be sparks at the Rest Rooms shortly. A supporter has promised to donate a wireless set, and when a loud speaker is installed the boys can spend some very pleasant evenings at the Rest Rooms.

Seen in town during the week, genial Jack Glover and Bob Lamonard. Both are employed on the Trans line, and they never fail to call on the Secretary, who is always more than pleased to greet the old “woolly noses.”

Many members are employed on the Trans line, and they are all staunch supporters of the League, who can be depended upon for practical support when necessary.

MAYLANDS.

Recently the Maylands Sub-Branch R.S.L. held one of the most successful poster and fancy dress balls yet held in the town. The decorations were beautifully carried out with hunting, coloured lights and streamers, which were very pleasing to the eye. Within half an hour of the doors being opened the ball was packed, people coming from Perth and as far as the Upper Swan to attend. Unfortunately, the hall was not large enough to accommodate the dancers, people having to stand round the walls, unable to dance for want of space. The floor was in perfect order, and everyone happy. At nine-thirty the judges, Mrs. Margolin, Mrs. Benson and Mr. D. Benson (State Secretary) commenced their task of judging the many winning costumes, during the grand march. Many couples, individual costumes and twelve sets were competing, so this was no easy task. At the conclusion of the grand march, a flashlight photograph was taken by Mr. Hart, which he has since presented to the Sub-Branch.

Supper followed, the prizes then being presented to the winners, and dancing continued until midnight. The evening proved a great success, the takings amounting to £45. The joint secretaries, Miss A. Quinn and Mr. R. Cooke, are to be congratulated as organisers, also many thanks are due to the splendid band of willing helpers. Special thanks were given to Mr. Crookford, electrician, for his valuable service in arranging and attending the lighting.

This Sub-Branch is a live body, and certainly has the right men to push ahead and make it the best Sub-Branch R.S.L.

On August 22nd the Sub-Branch invited members of the Executive to a social evening. A big muster of members attended, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Business included five guineas being voted to the Mrs. Smith fund. The social part of the evening was a great success; the supper room being nicely decorated with flags and many framed pictures, belonging to the Sub-Branch, kindly presented by Mr. Hart. The table was very prettily decorated and laden with good things, there being abundance to drink and eat. Good songs, music, etc., everyone being order, were indulged in, came to a happy close to the programme. By the way, members are requested, if at all possible, to ask Mac who pitched his beer.

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