

SAILORS and SOLDIERS

Colonel T. Flintoff is an inmate of the Repatriation Ward of the Perth Hospital, suffering from a septic arm

Mr Fred Warner, M.L.A., and Mr W. J. Hunt will represent the R.S.L. executive at the Maylands sub-branch reunion next Thursday night.

Colonel Margolin (chairman of the R.S.L. finance committee) has reported to the executive that the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund now stood at £2508.

At its last meeting members of the R.S.L. executive expressed concern at the position of a number of Western Australian clerks who were recruited for census work at Canberra. It is stated that the work is nearing completion, and that there is some likelihood of the Federal Government not meeting the expense of the return trip to this State. The R.S.L. intends to take definite action to safeguard the welfare of the men concerned.

The monthly meeting of members of the West Perth sub-branch of the R.S.L. will be held in the Soldiers' Institute on Wednesday next, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Colonel Margolin, a member of the State executive, will be present to address the meeting, and a good attendance is desired

The Old Contemptibles' Association will hold a meeting on Wednesday next, February 21, at the Returned Soldiers' Institute, at 8 p.m. The full committee will meet at 7 p.m. on the

members institute, at 8 p.m. The sun committee will meet at 7 p.m. on the same date and place. Country members are asked to communicate with the hon. secretary, Mr. John T. Smith at 804 Wellington-street

Messrs. McCartney and Anderson, of the Industrial Development Council, have been asked to attend the next meeting of the Empire and Local Trading Committee of the R.S.L., the proposal being to stimulate a greater demand for local timbers and see where the R.S.L. can help in the campaign to promote the consumption of more local products.

Forthcoming fixtures for ex-service men include: February 20, Ex-Naval Men's Association meeting, R.S.L. Institute; February 22, Maylands sub-branch annual reunion; March 2, Mount Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch reunion; March 2, Osborne Park S.S.L. meeting; March 9, Brunswick Junction sub-branch annual reunion; March 10, Narrogin sub-branch annual reunion; and March 10, Kulin sub-branch R.S.L. sports meeting.

On Tuesday next, in the Council Chambers, Jarrad-street, the usual monthly committee meeting of the Cottesloe sub-branch, R.S.L., will take place. Upon the conclusion of business a farewell will be given Mr. W. Waterman, who is proceeding to England on vacation. Any member desiring to be present, who did not notify the secretary at the last monthly meeting, is requested to communicate with Capt. A. G. Cook, Lillydale, Keane-street, Cottesloe.

The R.S.L. State president's party touring the South-West will be at Yanmah to-morrow (Monday) night, Northcliffe and Pemberton on Tuesday, Walpole on Wednesday. Tingledale, Kentdale and Denmark sub-branches will be visited on Thursday, and the Torbay

ted on Thursday, and the Torbay sub-branch on Friday next at noon, Albany sub-branch on Friday evening, Tambellup at 3 p.m. on Saturday next, and the Katanning sub-branch on Saturday evening, while a Sunday morning meeting will be held at Kojonup when the visitors are on the return journey.

At the last R.S.L. State executive meeting Mr. Panton, M.L.A., reported on behalf of the committee, on a visit to Lemnos Soldiers' Hospital. Seventy-eight patients are at present under treatment, 29 of them being ex-Imperial men. Mr. Panton stated that the committee was impressed with the noticeable improvement in quite a number of patients. The R.S.L. had the assurance of the committee that the welfare of our mentally sick comrades under treatment at Lemnos was well looked after by the matron and her staff, said Mr. Panton.

Recent foundation members enrolled for Anzac House:—Messrs. J. Borsoff (Marble Bar), H. Hansen (Marble Bar) F. Knapp (Boyup Brook), and J. F. Smith (Burracoppin), while donations include the Gascoyne sub-branch (£13), Murray sub-branch (£5 5/), West Swan sub-branch (donation of grapes, £1/15/), Canning District sub-branch and Women's Auxiliary (£5), Maylands sub-branch (£2/13/), and Kelmscott sub-branch (£15). The committee, in response to many requests, recently approved of foundation membership being paid by instalments.

A cheery and welcome visitor to the recent Waroona R.S.L. "smoko" was Mr W A. Wilkins (president of the Subiaco sub-branch and a member of the State executive). "Wilkie," as he is known amongst his digger friends not only plays topical and classic music on the fiddle, but is adept at

music on the fiddle, but is adept at conducting diggers' community choruses. Whilst he has the baton all other operations are usually suspended. Mr. Wilkins has been especially invited to attend the Narrogin annual diggers' function to take place on March 10, and by special request to take his fiddle. "Wilkie" carried a rifle with the old 11th Batt. A.I.F. and was awarded a D.C.M. for bravery in the line. As the result of leg injury he afterwards transferred to the Air Force, and is a leading light when the Air Force reunion occurs at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth.

At the last R.S.L. executive meeting it was unanimously agreed, on the recommendation of the pensions sub-committee, to carry a protest through the Federal executive to the Imperial authorities against the treatment by the Ministry of Pensions of ex-Imperial soldiers in Western Australia. The Federal R.S.L. executive is urged to do everything possible to bring about the appointment of a Commissioner in Australia, who will deal personally with cases, and with authority to finalise them in accordance with the resolution of the B.E.S.L. Conference in London. The committee also strongly recommends that similar concessions should be granted to ex-Imperial men as those enjoyed by A.I.F. clients of the Repatriation Department, and that facilities be made available to officials of the R.S.L. or representatives of the pensioners concerned to peruse the subject files in cases under consideration.

From a discussion which took place during the week between Col. Olden (chairman of the Anzac House committee), the State secretary and the organiser for the approaching Royal tour (Mr. L. E. Shapcott) it seems pretty certain that R.S.L. will be honored in the attendance of a son of His Majesty the King to perform the opening ceremony of the new Anzac House early in October next. Nothing

House early in October next. Nothing definite, or official, is known as to the date of arrival or the time allowed to Western Australia, and beyond saying that the utmost consideration would be given to the R.S.L.'s request. Mr Shapcott could go no further. The contractor for the building is making every effort to have the job completed in time for the official opening. The foundation stone will be laid by Sir James Mitchell on Sunday, March 25 at 3.30 p.m., and invitation cards will be despatched for every R.S.L. sub-branch to be represented. Later on the league intends to present souvenir certificates to all foundation members. Commencing on March 2, Col Olden (chairman of the committee and vice-president of the R.S.L.) will make a tour of the goldfields sub-branches and centres in an effort to arouse interest amongst members of the league engaged in the gold-mining industry. Col. Olden will visit Kalgoorlie, and from there proceed to Laverton, Leonora, Gwalla, Lawlers, and Wiluna, returning to Perth via Meekatharra, Magnet, and Mullewa.

Over 60 members of the Waroona sub-branch of the R.S.L. forgathered in

the local Memorial Hall last week-end for the annual smoke social. Mr. Charles H. Henning (sub-branch president and chairman of the local road board) extended the glad hand to visitors from R.S.L. headquarters, including the State president (Mr. Yeates). The Waroona sub-branch is fortunate in having a very fine room in the Memorial building set apart by the road board for its permanent use. The usual features of a diggers' smoke-out were carried out, with one striking feature, that of the "Marseillaise," sung by a Frenchman who served with the A.I.F. A Cuban soldier of the American forces gave a whirling exhibition of his country's favorite dance, while another ex-member of the A.I.F.

while another ex-member of the A.I.F. (who was born in Spain) contributed his quota of classical music. Another digger with a cultured voice sang in Italian. Among the visitors were representatives from Collie, Harvey, Murray, and Perth, and the stewards, George Seager and Frank Nye (locally known as "Eric") kept the glasses well charged. Mr Nye is an ex-Imperial soldier, and was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in South Africa at the same engagement in which the late Lieut. Roberts won his V.C. Sitting quietly at the end of one of the tables and seemingly quite detached from the proceedings, was Mr. Dick Roberts, the modest hon. secretary of the sub-branch, who has carried out the official duties attached to that office for the last 14 years, regarded by some as an Australian record. Early in the day the tables had been tastefully decorated by the president's wife, Mrs. Charlie Henning.