

QUEENSLAND ... WAR ... COUNCIL.

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QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL

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TIME of Meetings of different Sub-Committees.

The War Council meets every second Monday at 7.45 p.m.

Executive meets every second Friday at 4.30 p.m.

No. 1. Committee meets every second Friday at 5 p.m.

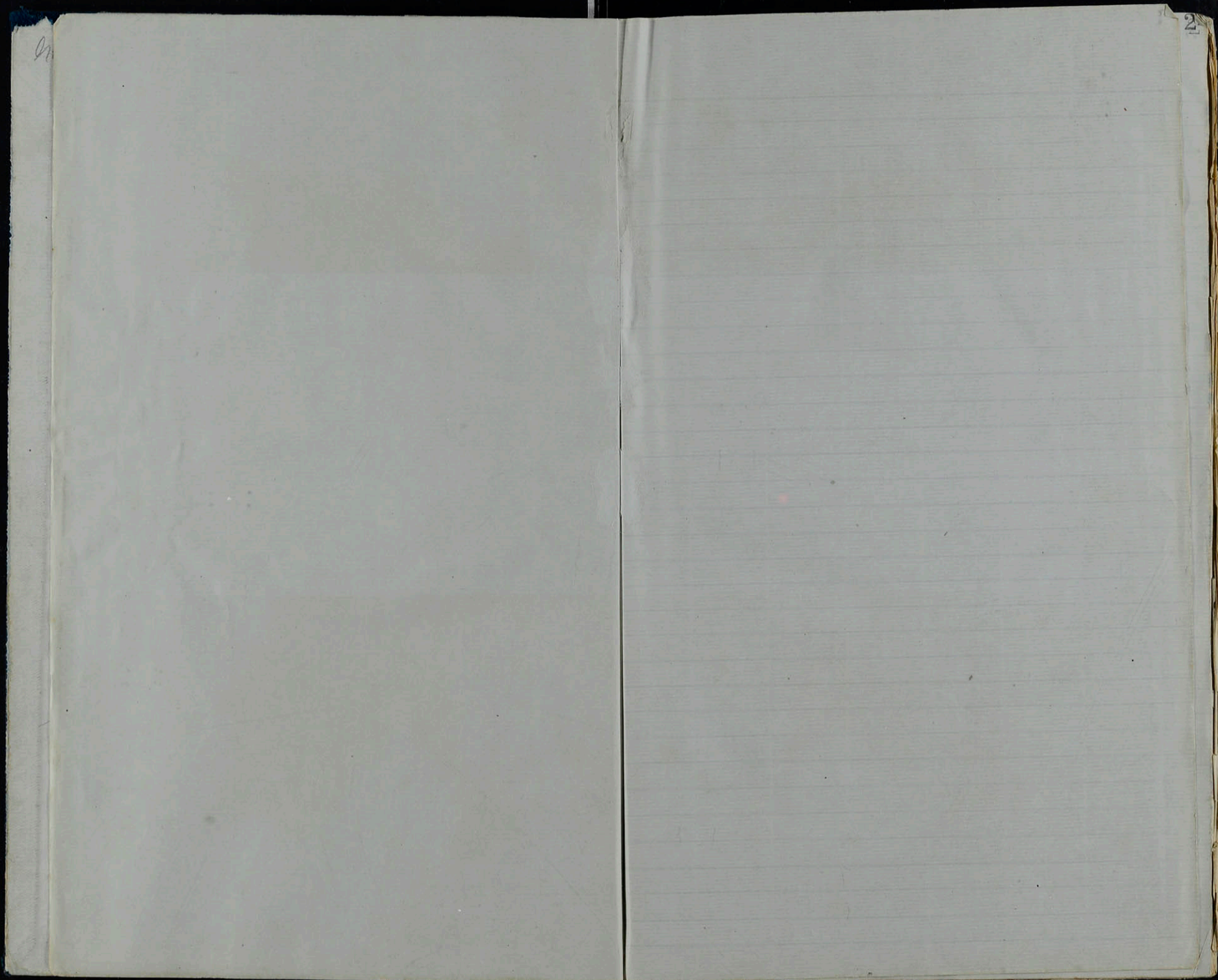
No. 2 Committee meets every Thursday at 1 p.m.

No. 3 Committee meets every second Thursday at 8 p.m.

No. 4 Committee meets every Monday at 4 p.m.

Employment Committee Meets every second Monday at 10.30. a.m.







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QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes of First Meeting, held in Chief Secretary's Office,  
Executive Buildings, Brisbane,  
Wednesday, 29th September, 1915.

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Present :- Hon. J.M.Hunter (in the Chair), Hon. J.Adamson,  
Colonel C.B.Evans, C.M.G., Alderman J. Davey, and Messrs  
M. Becker and W.R.Crampton.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Hon.H.A.  
Fihelly and Mr. L.M.Bond.

Mr. Hunter stated that he had appointed Mr. G.W.Watson, of  
the Chief Secretary's Department, to take the Minutes of the  
Meeting.

Mr. Adamson moved and Mr. Crampton seconded that Mr. Ryan be  
Chairman, and Mr. Hunter Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the  
Council.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Hunter moved and Colonel Evans seconded that Mr.C.A.Murton,  
of the Railway Department, be appointed Secretary of the  
Council, without salary.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Hunter moved and Mr. Adamson seconded that the Minister's  
Ante-room, Lands Department, be the permanent meeting  
place of the Council for the present.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Hunter read a letter received from Dr.W.N.Robertson  
relative to the appointment of a Medical War Council, consist-  
ing of Drs. Robertson, Halford, and Hon.W.F.Taylor. After  
discussion



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discussion the matter was allowed to stand over until the next meeting.

Mr. Hunter stated that he had received suggestions that the Hon. J. Page, Mr. J. Sharpe, MM.H.R., and the Chairman of the Chamber of Agricultural Societies be appointed Members of the Council. Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Adamson seconded that those gentlemen be appointed Members.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Hunter stated that he had received a number of suggestions regarding the working of the Council, which had been prepared by Mr. J. C. Watson. A copy of the suggestions was handed to each Member present. ✓

It was decided to hold the next meeting on Wednesday the 6th October, at 11 a.m.

Confirmed  
T. J. Ryan  
Chairman, Board, Local Council  
6th October 1915



QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

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Minutes of Meeting, held in Chief Secretary's Office, at 11 O'clock  
on 5th October 1915.

Present :- Hon. T. J. Ryan (in the Chair), Hon. J. Adamson,  
Hon. J. M. Hunter, Hon. H. T. Hardacre, Hon. J. A. Finelly,  
Colonel Evans, C. M. G., Alderman Down, Mayor of Brisbane,  
Alderman Davey, Mayor of South Brisbane, Mr. L. M. Bond, Mr. M.  
Becker, and Mr. W. R. Crampton, Director of Labour.

BUSINESS.

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Minutes of first meeting read and confirmed.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

Hon. J. Finelly moved and Hon. J. Adamson seconded that Messrs.  
Tolmie & Appel be invited to join the Council. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Becker moved and Hon. J. Adamson seconded that the Chairman of  
Recruiting Committee, Hon. A. J. Thyne, M. L. C. be invited to join  
the Council. Carried unanimously.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR WORKING WAR COUNCIL AND  
WAR COMMITTEES.

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Copies were handed to each member present.

Mr. Crampton moved and Mr. Bond seconded that consideration be  
deferred until next meeting when Mr. Watson will address the War  
Council on these matters.

MEDICAL WAR COUNCIL.

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Dr. Robertson's letter, referred to in the minutes of first meeting  
was again read and discussed; decided to defer same until next  
meeting and in the meantime the Secretary to make further inquiries  
re rental of room etc.



F U N D S .

The Chairman raised the question of funds, which was discussed to some length, but it was decided that no definite action should be taken until after Mr. Watson's visit.

It was also considered that it might have some good result if Mr. Watson, time permitting, were to address representatives of Local Patriotic Funds, on the proposals of the War Council, one of which is that certain expenditure should be provided from their Funds.

N E X T M E E T I N G .

It was arranged that the next meeting should take place in Chief Secretary's Office at 11 a.m. on Friday, 8th instant, subject to that time being suitable for Mr. Watson.

*Confirmed*  
*T. J. Ryan.*  
*Chairman War Council.*

*8th October 1918*



## QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes of Meeting held in Chief Secretary's Office at 11 a.m. on 8th October, 1915.

PRESENT.

Hon T.J. Ryan (in the chair), Hon. J.M. Hunter, Colonel Evans, C.M.G., Alderman Down, Mayor of Brisbane, Alderman Davey, Mayor of South Brisbane, Mr L.M. Bond, President of Chamber of Commerce, Mr Becker, President of Chamber of Manufactures, W. R. Crampton, Director of Labour., J. MacDonald, <sup>Chairman of</sup> Chairman of Chamber of Agricultural Societies, Colonel A.J. Thynne, Dr. W.N. Robertson. Mr J. Page, M.H.R., Mr J.C. Watson, Hon. Organiser, Federal Parliamentary War Committee.

MINUTES.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Mr Watson's Address.

Mr Watson addressed the meeting at some length and explained fully the objects for which the Federal War Committee, State War Councils <sup>there</sup> and sub and local committees were being formed. With regard to employment he stated that the Federal Committee purposed issuing a War Census Card to each soldier who has enlisted from which will be obtained their previous employers names, and nature of employment, &c, &c, in order that provision may be made, when they return from the War and discharged, for their employment. In the case of those returned incapacitated, Technical Colleges, Blind Institutions, &c, will be approached with a view to training the men for employment capacities other than those which they previously occupied. The question of supplying artificial limbs will also be undertaken and in this connection Mr Watson stated that the Red Cross Societies in the South had been approached for an appropriation of their funds to meet the necessary expenditure.

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With regard to settlement on the land, Mr Watson explained that the intention was to purchase land suitable for farming, the purchase to be arranged either from Government or private owners, by bonds, not cash. It was not the intention to make a gift of land so furnished to the soldiers but to allow them to occupy and eventually obtain their title under the bond system, interest payable, being perhaps waived, during the first year or two of occupation. It was also explained that in order to give these men a start, funds would have to be raised towards equipping the farms and this should be done through the Finance Sub-committee, <sup>being obtained</sup> ~~who should obtain~~ subscriptions from all districts whether holding land suitable for such settlement or not. He emphasised the importance of the work of the local country committees in this respect. He also suggested that some of the funds of the Patriotic Committees which were held for the benefit of returned and disabled soldiers might be applied in this manner. At the conclusion of Mr Watson's address he offered to answer any question that members of the Council may not be clear upon and a number of questions were accordingly put to ~~Mr Watson~~ and answered by him. Mr Watson emphasised the fact that the Secretary would require to be a man who could devote the whole of his time to the duties of the War Council <sup>as they</sup> ~~which~~ would eventually become of an onerous nature.

The Premier thanked Mr Watson for his address and suggested that the meeting adjourn until 11 o'clock on Monday, 11th instant, which was accordingly agreed to.

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MONDAY, 11th instant:

PRESENT. Hon. T. J. Ryan (In the chair), Colonel Evans, C. M. G., Mr. Crampton, Director of Labour, Colonel A. J. Thyne, Alderman Down, Mayor of Brisbane, L. M. Bond, Alderman Davey, Mayor of South Brisbane, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Becker, Mr. Page.

ADDITIONAL COUNCILORS:

Moved by Colonel Thyne and seconded by Colonel Evans that Dr. W. N. Robertson, by virtue of his position as Chairman of the State Medical War Committee, be appointed a member of the War Council.

Carried Unanimously.

War Council Constitution:

Considered and discussed:

OBJECTS-

The objects of the Council <sup>was</sup> fully discussed and it was pointed out that the words "Employment and settlement of returned soldiers" did not cover the scope of the Council as provided for by its proposed Sub-Committees, the first one of which was "Recruiting". It was eventually moved by Mr. Crampton and seconded by Colonel Evans that "Recruiting" be excluded and the objects remain as written. This motion was duly carried <sup>out</sup> ~~and~~ after further discussion, Mr. Page having stated that he was of the opinion that the Recruiting Sub-Committee <sup>being</sup> included in the War Councils of other States, it was agreed, with the movers and seconders consent, to withdraw the motion and allow the matter to stand over until next meeting; in the meantime the Secretary of the Federal War Committee to be communicated with as to whether the State War Council should, or should not, include a Recruiting Committee. On the motion of Colonel Thyne, seconded by Mr. Crampton, the balance of the proposed Constitution was adopted, with an alteration in the name of National Service Committees to that of Local War Council Committees.

Sub-Committees/



SUB-COMMITTEES:

After discussion it was decided that the Chairman of the Sub-Committees should be appointed by the War Council and that the Chairman of each Sub-Committee should nominate his own Committee and submit their names to the next meeting of the War Council.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF SUB-COMMITTEES:

No. 1 - Recruiting: Stand over for the time being.

*can* No. 2 - Assistance or advice ~~for~~ <sup>to</sup> Dependants of the killed:

Moved by Mr. Bond and seconded by Colonel Thyne, that Alderman Down, Mayor of Brisbane, be appointed Chairman.

Carried unanimously.

*can* No. 3. -Medical Committee: Dr. Robertson already appointed by the Federal War Committee.

No. 4 - Employment Generally: Moved by Mr. Becker and seconded by Colonel Evans, that Mr. Crampton, Director of Labour, be appointed Chairman.

Carried unanimously.

No. 5.- Settling soldiers on the land: Moved by Colonel Evans, seconded by Mr. Bond, that the Hon. J. M. Hunter, Minister for lands, be Chairman.

Carried unanimously.

No. 6 - Collection and Administration of Funds: Moved by Colonel Thyne, seconded by Mr. Crampton, that Mr. MacDonald, President of Chamber of Agricultural Societies, be appointed Chairman.

Carried unanimously.

LOCAL WAR COUNCIL COMMITTEES CONSTITUTION:

✓ Moved by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Davey, that the proposed Constitution be adopted.

PRINTING:

*can* Decided to take no action re printing Constitution <sup>including the</sup> until the question of Recruiting Committee is settled.



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HON. SECRETARY:

Mr. Crampton referred to the question of a permanent Secretary, who could give his whole time to the work, and said that it would be necessary for whoever is appointed to travel to the various centres in connection with the appointment of local Committees. Colonel Evans promised to write regarding present Secretary's position.

NEXT MEETING:

It was decided to hold the next meeting in the Chief Secretary's Office on Monday, 18th instant, at 11 o'clock.

*Confirmed*

*J. M. Hunter*  
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*Chairman*

*Attd. near Council*  
*18. October 1915*



Minutes of meeting held in the Secretary for Lands Office  
at 11 o'clock, 18:10: 1915.

Present.

Hon. J. M. Hunter, (Chairman).  
" J.A. Fihelly.  
Alderman Down.  
L. M. Bond. Esq.,  
M. Becker, Esq.,  
W. R. Crampton.  
Hon. J. Page, M.H.R.,  
Hon. J. Sharpe. M.H.R.,  
J. Macdonald.  
Hon. J.G. Appel.  
Hon. A. J. Thynne.  
Dr. Robertson.

Apologies.

Colonel Evans.  
Alderman Davey.  
Hon. H.F. Hardacre.

Minutes.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Correspondence.

Correspondence included letter from Commissioner for Railways re permanent secretary for War Council.  
Letter from Commissioner for Railways re settling returned soldiers on market gardens and fruit farms rather than heavy agriculture.  
Letter from Secretary, Federal War Committee re registration of returned soldiers for employment.  
Letter from J.G. Appel accepting position on War Council. Letter from Chinchilla Soldiers Welfare Society re farms and soldiers welfare.  
Letter from Under Secretary, Home Secretary's Department supplying names of local Authorities and Chairmen throughout the State.  
Letter from R.W. Thurlow requiring services of a junior clerk, preferably a returned soldier.

War Council Constitution.

Moved by Mr Becker and seconded by Mr Bond that the War Council include recruiting as one of its objects.

Chairmen of Sub-Committees.

Moved by Alderman Down, seconded by Mr Page that Colonel Thynne be Chairman of the Recruiting Sub-committee.

Appointment of Sub-Committees.

Sub-Committee No. 1, Recruiting. (Moved by Colonel Thynne, seconded by Mr Sharpe that the following gentlemen form the executive of the recruiting sub-committee.)

Colonel Thynne, Chairman.  
Hon. J. Adamson, Minister for Railways.  
Hon. H. F. Hardacre, Minister for Public Instn.  
Colonel Lee, D.S.O., District Commandant.  
Hon. J. Tolmie.  
Lieut. Colonel Moore, P.M.  
Lieut. Colonel Hopkins.  
Alderman Down.  
Hon. A.H. Whittingham, M.L.C.,  
Professor A.J. Gibson.  
R. C. Ramsay.,



Recruiting (Contd.).

T. H. Brown.  
P. B. Macgregor.  
C. Campbell.  
J. McNaught.

Organising Secretary.

Lieut Colonel Cannon Garland.

Carried unanimously.

Sub-Committee No. 2. Assistance or advice to dependants of the killed.

Chairman. Alderman Down.

Moved by Alderman Down, seconded by Colonel Thynne that Mrs Ryan and Mrs DeLittle be appointed to this Committee.

Carried unanimously.

Sub-Committee No. 3. Already appointed.

*As W N Robertson*

Sub-Committee No. 4. Employment generally.

Chairman, W. R. Crampton, Director of Labour.

Moved by Mr Crampton, seconded by Mr Sharpe that the following gentlemen be appointed to this committee:-

L. M. Bond, President, Chamber of Commerce.  
M. Becker, " " Manufactures.  
*S. B. de* Brisbane Traders Association.  
*Secretary* Pastoralists Union.  
V. Madsen, Public Service.  
F. Sturgess, Railway Department.  
*W. J. Pridmore* Meat Industry.  
*W. J. Pridmore* Building Trades.  
*W. J. Pridmore* Australian Workers Union.  
*C. J. Pridmore* Meat Industry.  
*Rep. to be elected* Labour Council.

Carried unanimously.

Sub-Committee No. 5. Farms or Land Settlement.

Chairman. Hon. J.M. Hunter.

Moved by Mr Hunter, seconded by Colonel Thynne that the following gentlemen be appointed to this committee.

Mr Gordon Graham, Under Secretary, Lands.  
Hon. A.H. Whittingham, M.L.C.,  
Mr Benson. *Director of Land Cultiv*  
Mr Watts. *Land Commissioner*

Carried unanimously.

Sub-Committee No. 6. Collection and administration of funds.

Chairman. John Macdonald.

Moved by Mr MacDonald, seconded by Mr Becker that Mr John Reid be appointed to this committee. Mr MacDonald explained that he had approached several other gentlemen, but was not in a position to submit any other names just at present. The question of adding to the various sub-committees was discussed and it was agreed that no further appointments could be made, but any such appointments should be submitted to the Chairman of the respective committees.

Power to extend the objects of the War Council. Moved by Mr Bond seconded by Mr Page that provision be made in the constitution of the War Council for the extension of its functions at any time to include matters or objects which are not already covered by its sub-committees.



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Printing. Moved by Mr MacDonald, seconded by Mr Appel that the Secretary be authorised to print 250 copies of the constitution of the War Council and 500 copies of the constitution of the local War Council Committees.

Federal War Committees recommendation regarding returned soldiers.

Moved by Mr Page, seconded by Mr Appel that the Federal War Committees recommendation, i.e., "That returned soldiers should not, until after they have received their discharge be registered for employment in any State other than that in which they enlisted.", be adopted.

Hon. Secretary. Commissioner for Railways letter of the 12th instant was read and discussed and eventually moved by Colonel Thynne, seconded by J.G. Appel, that the present Hon. Secretary be requested to retain that office until such time ~~that~~ it interfered with his official duties and it became ~~absolutely~~ necessary to perform the sectorial work away from the Railway Department, and to make a permanent appointment. The Hon. Secretary agreed to continue in office on the conditions mentioned.

Offices. Moved by Mr Page, seconded by Mr Sharpe that the Deputy Postmaster General's kind offer of premises in Elizabeth Street be accepted. It was decided that they should be used ~~for~~ when required for sub-committee meetings and that someone should be in attendance during the day to answer questions, etc.

Funds. The question of Funds was discussed and admitted to be a matter ~~for~~ of great importance to the War Council, as, however, considerable time had been already occupied in the appointment of sub-committees, etc, it was decided that the question might stand over until next meeting when perhaps concrete proposals might be brought before the Council.

Next meeting. Decided to hold the next meeting in the Under Secretary's Lands Office at 11 a.m., on Monday, 25th instant.

*Confirmed*

*J. M. Hunter*

*Chairman War Council  
25<sup>th</sup> October 1915*



CONFIDENTIAL.QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.  
=====25: 10: 1915.Present.

Hon. J. M. Hunter. (Chairman).  
 " J. Adamson.  
 " H. F. Hardacre.  
 Alderman Down.  
 L. M. Bond.  
 M. Becker.  
 J. MacDonald.  
 Hon. A. J. Thynne,  
 Dr. Robertson.

Apologies.

W. R. Crampton.  
 J. G. Appel.

Quorum.

Moved by Hon. J. Adamson, seconded by Mr Becker, that five  
 (5) members of the Council form a quorum.  
 Carried unanimously.

Minutes.

Read and confirmed.  
 Moved by Colonel Thynne, seconded by Hon. H.F. Hardacre  
 that in future the Secretary forward, with notice  
 of meetings, a confidential copy of the minutes and  
 thus avoid the necessity for reading them for con-  
 firmation.  
 Carried unanimously.

Additional Committeemen.

Moved by Mr MacDonald, seconded by Colonel Thynne that the  
 following gentlemen be appointed to sub-committee No  
 6 - Finance.  
 A.W. Cameron. Inspector Bank of New South  
 Wales, Brisbane.  
 E.J. Maplestone. Manager, E.S. & A., Bank,  
 Brisbane.  
 Carried unanimously.

Appointment of Local Committees.

It was decided to communicate with all local authorities  
 throughout the State by means of a circular letter,  
 covering a copy of the constitution for Local War  
 Council Committees, requesting them to convene a  
 public meeting appoint the committees and put the  
 necessary machinery in motion.

It was also agreed on the motion of Colonel Thynne, seconded  
 by Hon. J. Adamson that a list of those who are  
 taking an active part in recruiting in the Country  
 Districts accompany the circular letter and con-  
 stitution to the Mayors and Shire Presidents con-  
 cerned.



It was also decided that the Hon. Secretary should communicate with local Friendly Societies, Australian Natives Associations, soliciting their support to local committees.  
Mr MacDonald agreed to communicate with Show Societies, of which he is President with the same object.

Reports from Sub-Committees.

It was agreed to request Chairmen of Sub-Committees to submit a report at each meeting showing the work done and progress made by their respective committees since last meeting.

Recruiting.

The Hon. J. Adamson referred to what was being done by the Recruiting Committee and emphasised the necessity of assisting that movement in every possible manner.

Next meeting.

Decided to hold the next meeting in the Under Secretary for Lands Office at 11 a.m., on Monday, 1st proximo.

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Hon. Secretary.

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*Joe Chairman is  
Read. War Council  
1st November 1915*



## QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

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Minutes - 1:11:15.

PRESENT:

Hon. J. M. Hunter, M.L.A. - Chairman,  
Colonel Evans, C.M.G.,  
Alderman Down,  
" Davey,  
L. M. Bond, Esq.,  
M. Becker, Esq.,  
J. MacDonald, Esq.,  
Colonel A. J. Thynne, M.L.C.,  
Dr. Robertson,  
W. R. Crampton, Esq.,  
J. G. Appel, Esq., M.L.A.,  
Hon. J. Tolmie, M.L.A.

MINUTES:

Confirmed.

CONSTITUTION COUNTRY COMMITTEES:

Moved by Mr. Becker, seconded by Dr. Robertson, that the scope of the functions of Sub-Committee No. 5 on page 2 be amended to read -

" Settling returned soldiers who are averse to  
" returning to their previous occupations."

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond also submitted a list of amendments but in order to save the time of the whole Council in discussing them it was resolved to appoint a sub-committee to deal with them in detail. The following sub-committee was, therefore, appointed:-

Hon. J. M. Hunter, M.L.A., -Chairman,  
Alderman Down,  
Mr. Becker,  
Mr. Bond,

and the Hon. Secretary -  
with power to finally deal with the matter. The meeting being fixed for 12 noon on the following day (Tuesday, 2nd instant).

Mr. Tolmie referred to proposed draft of circular letter to the press which he considered required careful consideration before being circulated and it was agreed to allow the matter to stand over until next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

It was decided to refer Mrs. Simcocks who wrote the Premier seeking monetary assistance in the purchase of a home, to the Queensland Patriotic Fund, it being outside the functions of the War Council.

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

Moved by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Crampton that Mr. G. L. Beale, Treasury Accountant, be appointed Assistant Hon. Treasurer.

Sub-Committee/



Sub-Committee No. 1 - Recruiting.

Colonel Thynne reported that the number of enlisted men from No. 1 Military District was 23,000 and it was expected that the Metropolitan Campaign which would begin at the end of the current week would result in 10,000 more recruits being obtained.

He quoted statistics showing that the percentage of total males between the ages of 18 and 45 who had been accepted on 21st September 1915 in each state was as follows:-

## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

STATE	Number of Recruits accepted. 21st September, 1915.	Percentage of Total Males between the ages of 18 and 45 years.
Victoria. ...	49,638.	16.8.
South Australia..	14,062.	15.
Tasmania. ...	5,472.	13.3.
West Australia...	11,513.	12.8.
Queensland. ...	18,429.	11.7.
New South Wales..	44,714.	10.9.

It was also stated that it had been arranged for the Governor General to address a large meeting on 13th instant on "Recruiting" and that no less than 150 other meetings for which speakers had to be provided had been arranged to take place during the week's campaign which involved an enormous amount of work and loyal service upon the committee.

SUB-COMMITTEE No. 2.

Alderman Down reported no meeting yet held.

SUB-COMMITTEE No. 3.

Dr. Robertson reported no meeting but he had communicated with Colonel McIntosh who had advised him that cases would shortly be referred to the Medical Committee.

SUB-COMMITTEE No. 4.

Mr. Crampton reported that he was calling a meeting of his committee for Tuesday, 2nd instant, when preliminary action would be taken towards carrying out its functions. He was not quite clear, however, as to the exact nature of the work they were to undertake and the Secretary explained that he had written to the Federal Parliamentary War Committee enquiring when the lists of discharged soldiers were likely to be forthcoming. The Secretary also explained that he had written to him (Mr. Crampton) fully on the subject that day.

SUB-COMMITTEE No. 5.

The Secretary read the report of the Selection Committee's first meeting whereat certain applications had been considered and Messrs. Watts and Benson had agreed to report upon lands suitable for fruit, wheat and dairying pursuits with a view to setting aside certain areas if at all possible for returned soldiers.

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Also that it had been arranged to meet every Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. and that Mr. Adams of the Lands Department had been appointed Secretary to their Sub-Committee.

SUB-COMMITTEE No. 6.

Mr. MacDonald explained that there had not been time to call a meeting of his committee but that they would do so at an early date. He wished to know, however, whether his committee had the power to move in the matter without first obtaining the consent of the whole Council, to which question the Chairman replied in the affirmative.

FUNDS:

The question of providing funds came in for a good deal of discussion and the opinion was strongly expressed that in order to meet the huge financial responsibility involved in providing for returned soldiers it was imperative that the Federal Government should provide a substantial sum towards the expense.

With regard to the cheque for £612 odd received by the Hon. Secretary from the Under Secretary to the Chief Secretary towards the objects of the War Council it was decided on the motion of Mr. Bond, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, that the money be placed in the Government Savings Bank to the credit of the War Council and that the Government be asked to allow interest on the whole amount standing to the credit of that account.

The reply of the Chairman of the Administrative Committee, Queensland Patriotic Fund (Sir Alfred Cowley) to the suggestion of the Chairman of the War Council (Hon. T. J. Ryan) that the Queensland Patriotic Funds Relief Committee be represented on the War Council Finance Committee and the control of the £60,000 reserved for and any further subscriptions for disabled and wounded soldiers be vested in the joint committee was read and it was agreed that no further action could be taken at present and that the letter should simply be acknowledged.

NEXT MEETING.

In order to suit the convenience of the majority of the members it was decided to hold the War Council meetings during the evenings and the next meeting was, therefore, fixed for 7.45 p.m. Secretary for Lands Office, on Monday next 8th instant.

*C. A. Neeson*

Hon. Secretary.  
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Confirmed

*J. M. Hunter*

Chairman, Queensland War Council.

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QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes - 8:11:1915.

Apologies. Colonel Evans, C.M.G.  
Colonel Thynne, M.L.C.,  
J.G. Appel Esq., M.L.A.

Present. Hon. J.M. Hunter, M.L.A., - Chairman.  
Alderman Down,  
Alderman Davey,  
L.M. Bond Esq.,  
M. Becker Esq.,  
W.R. Grampton, Esq.,  
H. MacDonald Esq.,  
Dr. Robertson.

Minutes. Confirmed.

Business arising out of minutes.

Secretary advised the Council as follows :-

Constitution Country Committees.

Revised by Sub-Committee appointed and now in hands  
of Printer.

Mr Beale has accepted the appointment of assistant Hon. Treasurer.

### Accounts.

An account has been opened in the Government Savings Bank in favor of the Queensland War Council, the \$612 odd forwarded by the Chief Secretary, deposited and arrangements made to obtain interest on the full amount standing to the credit of the account each month.

Correspondence.

Mr Hoges letter re extension of age for compulsory training.

Resolved to forward letter to Defence Department with the Council's approval of the suggestion.

Manufacture of Acetone from Brigalow timber.

Resolved to refer papers to the Secretary State Munitions Advisory Committee for perusal and consideration of his committee.

Instructions issued by the Defence Department re temporary employment

Resolved to refer papers to Employment Committee.

## Reports



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# Reports of Sub-Committees.

No. 1. Owing to Mr Thynne's absence no report received.

No. 2. His Worship the Mayor explained that he had not yet called his sub-committee together but would do so as soon as practicable.

No. 3. Dr. Robertson submitted the minutes of the first meeting held by his sub-committee on 5th November, at the War Council offices, when five soldiers were examined, four of whom required further treatment and are to reappear before the board at a future date, the other was not in a position to say what work he would undertake or learn but would communicate with the Secretary as soon as possible with regard thereto.

Report adopted.

No. 4. Mr Crampton submitted the minutes of the first meeting held by his sub-committee in the War Council offices on 2nd November, including the election of Mr S. Earle as Vice-Chairman, Mr F.E. Walsh, Hon. Secretary and Mr M. McIntyre, Assistant Hon. Secretary to the Sub-Committee.

The following resolutions were also passed, viz :-

(1) The appointment of a competent paid typist to control the clerical work attached to this office and ask that authority be given to the committee to appoint (or that the Government supply) one forthwith as the question of employment for returned soldiers is already a pressing one.

(2) That an urgent request be sent to the War Council for a census card (sample to be supplied) of all discharged soldiers returned to Queensland.

It was also arranged that the Labor Department would supply for the present an officer to attend daily at the War Council offices from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for the purpose of registering applicants for employment. Also resolved that the Defence Department be asked to furnish a list of all soldiers who have been discharged to date.

Decided that the Public Accountants Institute be invited to send a representative to this Sub-Committee.

Ordinary meetings were fixed for 11 a.m. each Tuesday.

Before dealing with the report of No. 5 Sub-committee a discussion took place as to the method of bringing under the notice of employers discharged soldiers who were available for employment and it was decided to draw their attention through the medium of the local papers.

No. 5. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee for settling soldiers on the land (Hon. J.M. Hunter) reported the result of the weekly meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd November, when they had before them the offer of fruit farms at Stanthorpe for lease on the share system. The Committee, however, before dealing finally with offers of farms on the share system desire to fix a minimum length or period of lease together with such conditions pertaining thereto as will fully protect the returned soldier's interests. A draft lease is to be prepared with a minimum period of least of 20 years for further consideration



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## No. 5 (Contd).

The Committee also discussed at length the different classes of settlement to be made available and in this connection they have under consideration the best ways and means whereby they could approach the owners of large areas of undeveloped land along railway lines which the owners appear to have no immediate use for.

It was arranged with Mr Benson, to inspect, while in the Bowen District, Crown lands suitable for tobacco and fruit growing.

Report adopted.No. 6 Finance.

Mr MacDonald submitted the report of the first meeting held by his finance sub-committee on Thursday, 4th November, and stated that Mr Bain at the request of the committee had consented to act as Hon. Secretary. The duties of the Sub-Committee were explained. The method by which substantial funds could be provided was considered but it was decided that no definite scheme would be submitted until after the receipt of information which is being sought in the Southern States. It was not thought advisable to appeal to the public for contributions to a new fund whilst so much money was already held by other funds for purposes identical with the War Council's objects. The Committee were emphatic in the opinion that the administration of funds by various relief committees was inadvisable and steps should be taken to ensure the proper co-operation of the administrators of such funds with the War Council, and also that the War Council should endeavour to obtain from the Patriotic Committee the amount it specifically held for "Disabled and wounded soldiers' Fund". Enquiries were also being made regarding any balances that may still be existing on behalf of old funds, such as "Patriotic", "Flood Relief", etc, so that, if necessary, parliamentary action might be taken to secure them for War Council purposes. Meetings were fixed for the present for Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Report adopted.EDUCATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE.

Moved by Mr Tolmie, seconded by Mr Becker that the Hon. H.F. Hardacre be asked to form an educational sub-committee to work in conjunction with the medical and employment committees. The functions of the committee to be the training of soldiers who are not able to follow their previous occupations on educational, technical and commercial lines, in order to fit them for other spheres of duties and to suggest to Mr Hardacre that Mr Storey, Under Secretary for Education, be included on the new committee.

FUNDS.

The Chairman explained that immediately after the conclusion of the previous meeting he had wired to the Hon. T.J. Ryan, who was then on his way to Melbourne, as follows :-

- " At meeting War Council this morning opinion strongly expressed
- " that in order to meet huge financial responsibility involved in
- " providing for returned soldiers imperative Federal Government
- " should provide substantial sum towards that expense. "

and stated that no doubt Mr Ryan would have some information on the subject after his return from Melbourne.



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EXPENSES.

The Secretary brought up the matter of expenses in connection with the operations of the War Council and it was decided to defer the matter until it was known what the Federal Government purposed doing in the matter of funds.

OPERATION ON WAR COUNCIL'S FUNDS.

Moved by Mr Tolmie and seconded by Mr MacDonald that withdrawals and cheques should be signed by the Chairman or Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the Secretary, that is to say the documents will be signed by two and countersigned by the Secretary.  
officers

PRESS REPORTS.

The question was raised as to the advisableness of Chairmen of Sub-Committees giving the Press reports of business transacted at sub-committee meetings and it was agreed that reports may be given, but the extent of the information so given to be left to the discretion of the Chairman of each sub-committee.

NEXT MEETING.

Fixed for 7:45 p.m. at Lands office, Monday, 25th instant.

*C. A. MacDonald*

Hon. Secretary,  
20:11:1915.

Confirmed -

Chairman.

15. 11. 15



Minutes = 15:11:15.APOLOGIES.

Hon. J. Tolmie,  
" J. Adamson,  
" J.M. Hunter.  
Mr Crampton.

PRESENT.

Hon. T.J. Ryan, - Chairman,  
" H.F. Hardacre.  
Colonel Evans, C.M.G.  
Alderman Down,  
" Davey,  
L.M. Bond,  
M. Becker,  
J. MacDonald,  
Dr. Robertson.  
J. G. Appel,  
Colonel A.J. Thynne.

MINUTES.

Confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. From V. Drury re Jimbour House - Resolved no action.
2. " J. Kennedy, Townsville - Referred to Land Settlement Committee
3. Rudyard Kipling's speech - Referred to Recruiting Committee.
4. Bryce's report on German outrages - Referred to Recruiting Committee.
5. Copy of a report from Theodore Fink, Chairman, Finance Committee, Victorian War Council re manufacture of artificial limbs in Australia.  
Referred to Medical Committee.
6. Resolution re improving the condition of the Blind. - Referred to Educational Committee.
7. Application from W.B. Cookson to be allowed to assist in recruiting movements especially by means of cinematograph. -  
Referred to Recruiting Committee.
8. List of queries by Western Australia and the Federal Parliamentary Committee's reply thereto.-  
Discussed and sub-committee formed to draft resolution re funds. (See funds).

SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORTS.No. 1. Recruiting.

Colonel Thynne submitted a report on the City Campaign which began on Friday 5th, and continued until the evening of Saturday 13th November. Addresses were delivered in the City, during each day and evening (including Sunday) in the streets, Race meetings, places of amusement, Botanical gardens, Schools of Arts, &c, and Warehouses.

Troops paraded the streets each day (except Sunday).

A large meeting was held in the Exhibition Hall on Saturday 13th November when addresses were given by Sir Arthur Morgan, (Chairman), His Excellency the Governor General of Australia, the Hon.



The Premier of Queensland, the Postmaster General of the Commonwealth Hon. Jas. Toimie, Hon. A.J. Thynne, M.L.C., and Chaplain Rev. Cannon Garland.

Addresses were also delivered in the suburbs and at seaside resorts during the week.

On the whole the results generally are disappointing, judging on the daily figures of men offering. Immediate results were not, however, expected and it was impossible to make preparations for immediate acceptances of men who felt disposed to join the forces. It is hoped, however, that the earnestness and force of the many eloquent appeals which were made will cause large numbers to realise that the cry for more men is a very serious one and lead them to reconsider their own positions with a view to releasing themselves for the services of the Empire.

The Recruiting Sub-Committee is very much indebted to the various municipalities and Shire Councils which cordially co-operated with the desire of the Sub-Committee to hold meetings and deliver addresses and also to a large number of speakers who in the press of public and private business and at considerable inconvenience in most cases nevertheless made an opportunity to deliver forcible and convincing appeals whenever and wherever requested to do so.

Report adopted and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy to the Federal Parliamentary Committee.

#### Sub-Committee No. 2.

Alderman Down reported that the first meeting would take place on Wednesday, 17th instant.

#### Sub-Committee No. 3.

Dr. Robertson reported that no meeting had been held during the week.

#### Sub-Committee No. 4.

Mr Bond (for Mr Crampton) submitted the minutes of two meetings held during the week on 9th and 15th instant.

#### Business 9th instant.

Resolved that in view of the letter received from the War Council, the resolution in regard to Census cards be not proceeded with, and that registration be adopted and advertised.

Mr Madsen reported that he had an opening for a returned soldier as a lift attendant at Overalls but that on it being offered to a suitable man, the man explained that he could not get his discharge for three months after landing.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Military Authorities for confirmation of this man's statement and to ascertain if the Regulations could not be varied in cases in which the Sub-Committee could find employment. It was decided to give full particulars to the press regarding available labour to advertise the matter as much as possible. Mr Ranson suggested circularising all employers asking them to keep the Committee in mind whenever they had any openings. The suggestion was left in abeyance.

Decided that the registration clerk should ask all applicants for employment to produce Dr. Robertson's certificate, showing what class of work they are fitted for.

Resolved that the Sub-Committee meet at 11 a.m. on Mondays instead of on Tuesdays as previously agreed upon.

A summary of Returned soldiers who registered their names for employment from 9th to 12th November was also submitted, also a statement of action taken in connection with previous list.



Sub-Committee No. 4 (Continued),Business - 15th instant.

Resolved that in all cases of registration, applicant's previous employers be written to, asking if the applicant could be re-placed in his previous employment, or in any other capacity.

Resolved that all matters relating to employment be referred to this sub-committee, and be dealt with by this Sub-Committee, and that the War Council be asked to forward the reply received from the Commissioner of Police in the case of Morris.

Mr Earle reported that one or two men could be employed delivering samples of merchandise in the suburbs by the representative of a Southern Firm, and promised to arrange accordingly, with the Secretary.

Suggested that a full list shewing the numbers of all persons sent to employment each week, should be sent to all members of the Sub-Committee, in addition to the list shewing the additional registrations in each week.

Resolved that secretaries of all employers' associations or organisations be requested to furnish lists of the names and addresses of the members of such associations in the Metropolitan area, with a view to circularising all such members in regard to openings.

Agreed that meetings be only held when considered necessary by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Monday at 11 a.m., being adhered to as far as possible, as the day and time of meetings, when necessary.

Report adopted.Sub-Committee No. 5.

The Secretary read the report of the Land settlement committee which stated that the Committee had before them a letter from Mr T.W. Potts offering a property of 838 acres within 30 miles from Brisbane. Price per acre 10/-. The Committee arranged to get Mr Watts, Land Commissioner, to report.

The Committee had under consideration an area of Crown Land on the North Coast line suitable for fruit growing and in this connection the Committee found themselves faced with the difficulty of locating sufficient suitable Crown lands near railway communication and it was suggested that owners of large areas of undeveloped lands along railway lines might be communicated with in order to ascertain if they were prepared to gift or grant a lease of such lands until suitable Crown lands were available.

Report adopted.Sub-Committee No. 6.

The Secretary read the report of the Finance Committee which stated that enquiries had been made re outstanding balances of old Relief and other Funds, but that little or no information had so far been obtained, except that the "Boer War Fund" balance had been paid over to the Patriotic Committee. Enquiries on this subject are being continued.

The Committee reiterate the hope that the amalgamation of the administration of the various Relief Funds will be effected without delay.

The Committee again suggest to the War Council that efforts be continued to secure an endowment from the Commonwealth Government, and further recommend that local public subscriptions which may be secured by the Finance Sub-Committee be subsidised by the Queensland State Government to the extent of £1 for £1.

Report received.



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FUNDS.

A long discussion took place on the question of providing funds to carry out the functions of the War Council. It was eventually resolved ~~on~~ on the motion of Colonel Evans seconded by Mr Appel that a sub-committee consisting of -

Mr MacDonald - Chairman, Finance Committee.  
Colonel Thynne,  
Hon. H.F. Hardacre,  
Colonel Evans.

be formed to draft a resolution to be forwarded to the Federal Parliamentary War Committee on the subject.

On the motion of Hon. H.F. Hardacre seconded by Mr Bond it was decided to leave the matter of appointing Sir Robert Philp and Sir Alfred Cowley to the Council, which had been suggested, in the hands of the Premier.

It was stated that the Standard Newspaper had a fund of £500 for the benefit of disabled and wounded soldiers which on application being made would most likely be transferred to the War Council and the Secretary was instructed to take action accordingly.

EXPENSES.

The Chairman suggested that the Secretary should communicate with him as Chief Secretary regarding the cost of printing, stationery, &c.

NEXT MEETING.

Fixed for Monday, 22nd instant, at 7:45 p.m.

*C. A. McIlroy*  
Hon. Secretary.  
17:11:1915.

Confirmed.

*J. M. Hunter*  
Chairman.

22. 11. 15



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*Chas. Thompson*

PRESIDENT: Hon. J.M. Hunter, M.L.A. - Chairman.  
Colonel Evans, C.M.G.,  
Alderman Down.  
M. Becker Esq.,  
W. R. Champton Esq.,  
J. MacDonald Esq.,  
Hon. Jas. Tolmie.  
Dr. Robertson.

MINUTES. Confirmed.

BUSINESS EX MINUTES.

Secretary advised having dealt with all the correspondence referred to at previous meeting in accordance with instructions.

The Daily Standard Newspaper had been written to and the Manager personally interviewed with regard to their fund of \$500 for disabled and wounded soldiers. The matter would be submitted to their directors and a supply sent in due course.

Mr Hunter stated that with reference to the inclusion of Sir Robert Philp and Sir Alfred Cowley to the War Council, the Premier had interviewed these gentlemen but they did not consider it advisable to be on the War Council while they were administering an entirely separate fund.

Mr Hunter also explained that it has been decided in reply to the Secretary's request to supply the necessary stationery for War Council offices.

## RESOLUTION RE FUNDS.

Mr MacDonald, Chairman - Finance Committee moved and Mr Crampton seconded that the Resolution drawn up by the sub-Committee appointed at last meeting and amended at this meeting, i.e.:-

This Council considers that the question of providing the necessary funds to carry out its functions is of paramount importance.

In view of the response already made to local patriotic appeals whereby a sum of approximately \$500,000 has been subscribed, principally as under, viz :-

Queensland Patriotic Fund...	£240,000
"The Day" ... ..	126,000
"Courier" Fund ... ..	106,000
Railway Employees.. ...	15,000

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it is considered advisable to make any additional appeal to the  
voluntary giving public at the present juncture when the demands now  
made upon the resources of individuals are making serious inroads  
upon their powers of continuing their generous contributions to such  
funds.



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Further it is considered that the small portion of the abovementioned funds reserved for the benefit of disabled and wounded soldiers, approximately £60,000, even if the whole of it were placed at the disposal of the Council, which is not at all likely, would be altogether inadequate for the purposes of the War Council.

It is the unanimous opinion of the Queensland War Council therefore that if the huge financial responsibility involved in providing for the employment and settlement of Returned Soldiers, etc, is to be adequately met, it is imperative that the Federal Government, with perhaps the assistance of the States, should provide a substantial sum towards that end. Otherwise it is feared that the State War Councils will fail in carrying out the objects for which they were established.

The extreme importance of the matter is urged for your earnest and earliest consideration.

be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

(The amendments consisted of the substitution of the words at the end of the 3rd paragraph "Purposes of the War Council" instead of "Purpose of settling soldiers on the land", also the addition of the word "etc", after "soldiers" in the 3rd line of the 4th paragraph).

#### COUNTRY LOCAL WAR COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

The Secretary reported having communicated with 32 Municipalities and Shire Councils since last meeting with regard to formation of Local War Council Committee.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Education re proposed Educational Committee.

Moved by Dr. Robertson, seconded by Mr Becker that the personnel of the proposed sub-committee should include the Under Secretary for Education, representatives from the Technical Colleges, Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institutions, School Teachers Association, Public Accountants, Typing Association, Chamber of Manufactures.

Carried unanimously.

Question and answer House of Commons re emigrating returned soldiers for land settlement in the Colonies received and contents noted.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS RE STATE MEDICAL WAR COMMITTEE.

Referred to Chairman of Medical Sub-Committee.

#### SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS.

No. 1. No report.

No. 2. Alderman Down reported that the first meeting of the subcommittee for advice and assistance to dependants was held at the Council Chambers on Friday, 19th November, 1915, at 3 p.m. Present - His Worship the Mayor (Alderman G. Down) in the Chair, and Mesdames T.J. Ryan and DeLittle. After a general discussion it was decided that it would be advisable to increase the number of members of the Committee by appointing two additional ladies and that action in this direction should be taken at the next meeting which is to be held on Friday, the 26th instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., and also -



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That the Chairman should impress upon the War Council at its next meeting the paramount importance of providing the sub-committee with adequate funds to enable it to afford dependants in need of same assistance of a substantial nature.

Report adopted.

No. 3. Dr. Robertson reported that 15 returned wounded soldiers had been examined on 18th instant and action taken as follows:

Private L. O. Grady, 9th Battalion. Loss of left arm - to be referred to artificial arm maker for report.

Private W. H. Ball, 9th Battalion. Loss of right eye, to be referred to Dr. Taylor for provision of artificial eye.

Private Bolton, 9th Battalion. Referred back until his wound is healed.

Lance Corporal F. W. Neal, 9th Battalion. Discharging sinuses of buttock, septic hip joint. Referred back until his wound is healed.

Trooper F. T. Snowden, 5th Light Horse. Shell shock and discharging ears. See Major Robertson.

Private Mills, 15th Battalion, Rheumatism. Recommended to go in for exercises. Going to try and take up his original occupation.

Private S. F. Parker, 2nd Light Horse. Traumatic cataract in right eye. Position arranged for by P.M.O.

Corporal J. C. Henderson, 9th Battalion. Will come up later if necessary.

Private C. H. McHugh, 1st Army Veterinary Corps. Rheumatism. Referred to Mr Crampton.

Private G. Brindell, 15th Battalion. Shot through arm - musculo spiral paralysis. (Butcher by trade). Referred back for two months.

Private McAndrew, 15th Battalion. Wound in shoulder and paralysis of left arm. Referred to Mr Crampton to see if life job available.

Private F. Wilson, 9th Battalion. Referred to Mr Crampton.

Private Harman, 9th Battalion. Referred to Mr Crampton.

Gunner H. S. Poll, 7th Battery, Field Artillery. Rheumatism. Going back to original employment.

It has also been arranged with the Queensland Patriotic Committee to supply artificial limbs and eyes where necessary from their funds. Arrangements had also been made with the Opticians and Artificial limb makers to supply, eyes, spectacles and artificial limbs at hospital rates.

Report adopted.

No. 4. Mr Crampton advised that no meeting had been held during the week but that the executive were dealing with any matters requiring attention.



## No. 5. Reports as follows :-

The weekly meeting of the Sub-Committee nominated in connection with the settlement of returned soldiers on the land was held in Parliament House on Wednesday, 17th November. The Minister for Lands (Hon. J.M. Hunter) in the Chair. The Committee had before them several communications offering properties for sale. Reports are being obtained on such properties as appear to be the most suitable for the purposes of the Committee. A report was received from Land Commissioner Watts on the property gifted by Mr Verrier of Eumundi when it was agreed to accept Mr Verrier's generous gift.

The Committee have decided to increase the number of the Committee and in this connection have asked Mr Moss of Dalgety and Coy, and Mr Taylor, Grain and Produce Merchant if they will accept office as a Member of the Committee.

Report adopted.

Mr Hunter stated that his Department were arranging for the necessary survey and transfer of deeds, etc, in connection with the property gifted by Mr Verrier.

No. 6. Mr MacDonald advised that in view of the resolution passed regarding funds no meeting had been held but it had been ascertained that there was a sum of approximately £800 lying to the credit of the "Yongala" fund which his committee purposed endeavouring to secure for War Council purposes.

Next meeting fixed for Monday, 29th instant, at 7.45 p.m. - Executive Buildings.

*G. A. Mervin*

Hon. Secretary,  
23.11.1915.

Confirmed

*Herbert Freeman Hardacre*

Chairman.

29. 11. 15



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QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.  
 Minutes = 29:11:15.

Apologies.

Hon. T.J. Ryan, M.L.A.,  
 Hon. J.M. Hunter, M.L.A.,  
 Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.,  
 Colonel Evans, C.M.G.,  
 Mr Appel.

Present.

Hon. H.F. Hardacre, M.L.A., (Chairman).  
 Alderman Down.  
 " Davey.  
 L.M. Bond, Esq.,  
 J. MacDonald, Esq.,  
 Hon. J. Tolmie, M.L.A.,  
 Colonel Thynne, M.L.C.,  
 Dr. Robertson  
 M. Becker.

Minutes. Confirmed.Business ex minutes.

The Secretary advised having forward the Resolution passed at last meeting to the Federal Parliamentary War Committee also copies to each State War Council.

Correspondence.

Resolved that a copy of the reply from Defence Department to Mr Huges' proposal re compulsory training be forwarded to Colonel Thynne through whom Mr Huges' suggestion had been received.

Resolved that the Secretary reply to the letter received through the Federal War Committee from the Hon. Secretary, Northern District Patriotic Fund, Cairns, enquiring re provision of artificial limbs.

Mr Bond submitted a letter addressed to him by Mr V. Rendle on behalf of himself and five (5) others who wished to proceed to England to join the Royal Flying Corps, but although willing to forego pay until enlisted in England they are unable to pay for their passages and requesting the War Council to assist them in obtaining from the Military Authorities second class passages to England and accommodation in England until the Military Authorities there enlist them.

Resolved to forward a copy of the letter to the Defence Authorities soliciting fullest information concerning the proposal and to ascertain what prospect there was of the request being complied with.

Country War Council Committees.

Secretary reported that 93 Local Authorities had been communicated with re forming Local War Council Committees and three replies had been received, viz :-



Country War Council Committees (Contd).

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From Clifton Shire Council enquiring from what source funds would be supplied for the maintenance of Local War Council Committees.

Resolved that the Secretary reply drawing attention to that portion of the Constitution of Local War Council Committees dealing with funds and also to state briefly the position of the War Council in the matter and refer to the action being taken towards obtaining financial help from the Federal Government.

From Cambooya Shire Council. Stating that there were Local Committees dealing with Patriotic Funds for relief to Dependants and returned wounded soldiers and recruiting and that there did not seem to be any necessity for forming another Committee.

After discussion decided to let the matter of a reply stand over until next meeting when no doubt further information would be forthcoming re the Federal War Committee's proposals in connection with the raising of 50,000 more recruits in Australia.

The Secretary informed the Council that he had not so far communicated with local authorities in the Suburban area such as Toowong, Taringa, Windsor, &c, nor in the far distant portions of the State such as Diamantina, Mackinlay, Boulia and asked for instructions.

Decided on the motion of Colonel Thynne seconded by Mr Becker that all local authorities no matter where situated should be communicated with.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

Finance.

Mr MacDonald reported that his sub-committee held a meeting on Thursday, 25th instant, when he had explained that the War Council was taking the financial position into serious consideration and had approached the Federal War Committee on the subject also that enquiries were being continued with regard to balances of funds collected for purposes such as The Flood Relief Fund, the Yongala Disaster Fund, &c.

Report received.

The Secretary also reported that he had received from the Federal War Committee a cheque for £200 being the Queensland War Council's share of the Darwin Australia Day and the Pine Creek and District Patriotic Leagues collections which had been forwarded to the Federal War Committee for the relief of Australian sick and wounded and for the dependants of Australian Soldiers fallen in the War.

Decided to acknowledge receipt with thanks and to note the conditions, viz : To be spent strictly on the objects for which it was subscribed and that no portion of the money may be used for administrative purposes.

Recruiting.

The Secretary submitted a letter received from the Federal Parliamentary War Committee acknowledging receipt of the Recruiting Sub-Committee's report in connection with the recruiting campaign in Queensland and stating that further proposals of an important character re recruiting will be shortly forwarded to the Council.



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Recruiting (Continued).

Colonel Thynne submitted the report of the Recruiting Committee which read as follows :-

" The Recruiting Committee, as a whole, is disappointed with the results of our recent effort to increase the number of recruits coming forward from Brisbane and suburbs, and that, failing compulsion some other means must be devised of bringing home to eligible men in Brisbane the urgent need for more and still more recruits. A number of employers have stated that they are prepared to give a straight hint to eligible men in their employ that their duty is at the front, but hesitate to do so until the Government Departments take the lead in the matter. Returned soldiers who have taken part in the recent Sydney campaign state that employers there are notifying eligible employees that it is up to them to join, that they are expected to join and that their places will be temporarily filled and be open to them when they return. Eligible employees also openly state that as long as the young single men in Government employ "hang on to their sort jobs", they are not going to enlist. This feeling seems to be a very prevalent one and seems difficult to combat. When in Townsville recently our Honorary Assistant Secretary (Mr Wyde Ball) was informed that the Townsville men were not enlisting and that practically the whole of the recruits coming forward were from the country districts. The Recruiting Committee have also had under their consideration the published reports of the proposals of the Federal War Council which is not quite explicit as to the functions of the Recruiting Committee. The Committee are ready and willing to undertake the working of the scheme throughout the State if desired and in that view they suggest some modifications such as requesting replies to War Census circulars to be sent to the Recruiting Committee instead of the Mayors or Presidents of Local Authorities who have no organisation as yet to deal with such correspondence, and also that Mr Knibbs be asked to send to the Recruiting Committee a list of the names and addresses of the persons in the State to whom his circulars have been sent. This would enable the Committee and those working everywhere with them to get into touch with men who either send in unsatisfactory replies or send in no replies at all. "

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the proposal to raise more recruits, and it was the unanimous opinion of the Council that the recruiting sub-committee should organise the raising of Queensland's quota, with perhaps the assistance of the local authorities.

It was also resolved that the Federal Parliamentary War Committee's letter be acknowledged and that they be informed that the scheme as published in the press had already received careful consideration by the Recruiting Committee who were quite prepared to undertake the work and to suggest that a list of names and addresses of all those who are being communicated with by the Federal Committee is forwarded to this Council for the information of the Recruiting Sub-Committee.

It was also resolved that the Federal Parliamentary Committee be requested by letter-gram to forward details of scheme as early as possible.

Dependants of Killed.

No Report.

Medical Committee.

No report.



Employment Committee.

Secretary reported having received from the Secretary, Employment Committee a summary of Returned Soldiers having registered for employment between 14th and 29th November, viz: 15, four (4) of whom had been provided for.

Land Settlement.

No report.

General Business.

Nil.

Next meeting.

Fixed for 7:45 p.m., Monday, 6th December.

*C. A. Norrison*

Hon. Secretary,

1st December, 1915.

Confirmed

*W. Hunter 6/12/15*



QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

6: 12: 1915.

Apologies. J. G. Appel M.L.A.,  
W.R. Crampton Esq.,

Present. Hon. J.M. Hunter, M.L.A., (Chairman).  
Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.,  
Hon. J. Tolmie, M.L.A.,  
Hon. A.J. Thynne, M.L.A.,  
Colonel C.B. Evans, C.M.G.,  
Alderman Down,  
Alderman Davey,  
L.M. Bond Esq.,  
M. Becker, Esq.,  
J. Macdonald Esq.,  
Dr. W.N. Robertson.

Minutes. Confirmed.

Business ex Minutes.

Secretary advised having taken action in accordance with minutes.

Correspondence.

Better from Chairman, Federal Parliamentary Committee dated 26:11:15 (received by Secretary 6:12:15) read and discussed.

Moved by Mr Becker, seconded by Mr Bond that the re-commendations be passed on to the recruiting committee to deal with.

Moved by Mr Tolmie, seconded by Mr McDonald that a telegram be despatched to Melbourne pointing out that it is essential the proposal contained in letter dated 30th November be carried out to ensure success in Queensland.

✓ Letter from Munitions (Advisory) Committee re manufacture of acetone from Brigalow timber, contents noted.

Letter from Federal Parliamentary Committee re instructions issued by Defence Department in connection with the collection of a census of soldiers in regard to their treatment and re-employment read and contents noted.

LOCAL WAR COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

Secretary advised that advice of the following committees having been or about to be appointed had been received, viz :-

Port Curtis.  
Howard.  
Roma.  
Sherwood.  
Beaudesert.

and that the Town Clerk, Townsville, had referred the Chairman's letter of 1:11:15 to the Local Townsville Patriotic Fund Committee.



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## SUB- COMMITTEES.

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*Standard*Finance.

Mr Macdonald reported having received £41: 4: 8 through the Chief Secretary from Alpha for the funds of the War Council.

That the Daily Mail Newspaper Coy had replied to our request for their fund of £500 to the effect that they were waiting decision of Government regarding control of Funds generally.

Recruiting.

Colonel Thynne informed the Council that recruiting was still proceeding.

Resolved unanimously that Messrs. Wyldie, Balland W.C.

King be included on the Executive of the Recruiting Committee as Hon. Assistant Secretaries.

Advice and assistance to dependants of the Killed.

No report.

Resolved unanimously that the Mayoress (Mrs Down) and Mrs H.J. Diddams be appointed to the Committee.

Medical.

Dr. Robertson reported that his committee had examined 20 soldiers during the day and had made recommendations according to the necessities of each.

He also had pleasure in stating that in some cases the previous employers had signified their willingness to take back the soldiers in their previous occupation on discharge or as soon after as they desired.

Employment.

No report, but the Secretary advised for Mr Crampton who was unavoidably absent through sickness in his family that the Executive were dealing with all matters arising and that the whole of the Employing Associations were being communicated with regarding the employment of returned soldiers.

Land settlement.

No meeting.

General. Nil.

Next meeting.

Fixed at 7:45 p.m.

*G. A. Hunter*

Hon. Secretary,  
10:12:1915.

Confirmed.

*J. M. Hunter*  
Chairman.



QUEENSLAND ... WAR ... COUNCIL.

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Minutes - 13:12:15.

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Apologies.

Hon. T.J. Ryan.  
Colonel Thynne.  
H.F. Hardacre.  
Alderman Down.  
Hon. J. Telling.

Present.

Hon. J.M. Hunter, (Chairman).  
Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.,  
Colonel Evans, C.M.G.,  
Alderman Davey.  
M. Becker Esq.,  
W.R. Crampton Esq.,  
J. MacDonald.  
H.G. Appel Esq., M.L.A.,  
Dr. Robertson.

Minutes. Confirmed.

Correspondence and Local War Council Committees.

Resolved to reply to question raised by the Clifton War Council Committee re administrative expenses as follows :-

- " That Country Committees have authority to collect funds locally
- " from which current expenses may be deducted, but it is expected
- " that all officers are Honorary.

It was also decided to adopt this as a generally reply to any such enquiries.

Nanango.

With regard to the action of the Nanango War Committee regarding Recruiting in which they did not bind themselves to carry out the whole proposal of the Commonwealth Government with regard to enquiries, it was resolved to request Colonel Thynne to deal with the matter.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Finance.

Members of this Committee met in the offices of the National Association on Thursday 9th and correspondence was read from the Hon. Secretary, Queensland War Council, covering copies of communications from the Federal Parliamentary War Committee and the Secretary of the Darwin and Pine Creek Australia Day General Committee on the subject of a donation of £200 forwarded to the credit of the Queensland War Council.

A further letter was received from the Hon. Secretary of the Queensland War Council, advising that a sum of £41: 4: 8 had been received from the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, being proceeds of a Patriotic Entertainment at Alpha in aid of the Australian Wounded Soldiers' Fund.

Special instructions accompanied the £200 donation to the effect that no portion of this money was to be used for administrative expenses.



Finance (contd.).

Mr E.J. Maplestone, Member of Committee, under date 6:12:15, wrote tendering his resignation as a member of the Finance Sub-Committee. The letter was received and resignation accepted.

Mr G.L. Beal, Assistant Honorary Treasurer of the Queensland War Council, submitted the Bank Pass Book showing a credit balance of £853:15: 4.

Report adopted.

Recruiting.

The Secretary advised that Colonel Thynne had phoned stating that owing to indisposition he would not be present at the meeting of the War Council to-night, but wished to report that thorough arrangements were being made in order to be ready to carry out the proposal to raise Queensland's quota of the 50,000 men required in addition to reinforcements.

There would be a lot of organising necessary and he hoped to arrange for the work to be carried out voluntarily.

So far as he could see at present it would require about 25 willing hands and as the War Council offices were not quite suitable for so many he asked authority to rent, if necessary, for about 5 or 6 weeks space in the Kodak building for about £2 per week, which together with the space being gratuitously given by Mr Wylie Ball, one of the Hon. Secretaries, would admit of the work being carried out expeditiously.

Report adopted and authority given to Colonel Thynne to incur the necessary expense mentioned therein.

Relief.

No meeting.

Medical.

Dr. Robertson reported having examined 30 soldiers on the 13th instant and had dealt with each one on his merits. See list on Medical File.

Report adopted.

Employment.

Mr Crampton reported having received applications for employment from 19 returned soldiers from 30th November to 13th December, inclusive, which are receiving attention vide list on employment file.

He also mentioned positions had been found for six (6) since last meeting and that all the employment associations were being circularised with a view to finding employment for the returned soldiers offering.

Report adopted.

Land settlement.

The Committee had before them reports by Land Commissioner Watts, on properties under offer to the Committee but on careful consideration of the reports it was found that the properties were unsuitable for the purposes of the Committee.

The Committee had also under consideration the best ways and means for successfully carrying out the functions and duties



Land settlement (Continued).

of the Committee with regard to procuring land for the settlement of returned soldiers and it was arranged to deal solely with this matter at the next weekly meeting of the Committee.

Report adopted.

Finance.

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On being informed the Secretary that no acknowledgment had been received from the Federal Parliamentary Committee to the resolution passed on the 22nd November, Colonel Evans moved and Mr Crampton seconded that a telegram be forwarded asking how the matter stood.  
Carried unanimously.

On the suggestion of the Chairman - Hon. J.M. Hunter - it was further resolved (moved by Mr Becker, seconded by Hon. J. Adamson) that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister and also to the Minister for Defence.

Next meeting, fixed for Monday, 10th January 1916 at 7:45 p.m.

*C. A. Hunter*

Hon. Secretary,  
15:12:1915.

Confirmed,

*T. J. Hunter*  
Chairman.

*24/1/1916*



## QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL

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b Minutes of meeting held - 24: 1: 1916.

Present: Hon. T.J. Ryan, M.L.A. - Chairman.  
 Hon. J.M. Hunter, M.L.A.,  
 Hon. John Adamson, M.L.A.,  
 Hon. H.F. Hardacre, M.L.A.,  
 Alderman Down.  
 Alderman Davey.  
 Mr L.M. Bond.  
 Mr M. Becker.  
 Hon. J. Page, M.H.R.,  
 Mr J. Macdonald.  
 Hon. A.J. Thynne, M.L.C.,  
 Dr. W.N. Robertson.

Apologies. Colonel Evans, C.M.G.,  
 Mr W.R. Crampton.

Minutes. Minutes of previous meeting confirmed.

Secretary's Report.

On the motion of Colonel Thynne, seconded by Mr Davey, the Secretary's report, dated 20th instant, summarising the business transacted since the last meeting of the War Council was received and adopted.

Business arising out of minutes.

Secretary reported that all necessary action had been taken in accordance with last minutes.

Correspondence.

✓ Resignation of Hon. Jas. Tolmie.

On the motion of Mr Bond, seconded by Mr Page, it was decided to accept the resignation with the following addition:

" This Council is of opinion that Mr Tolmie has failed to  
 " recognise the responsibility of the position which he  
 " accepted. "

Appointment of Colonel Lee and another Military officer.

✓ In compliance with the request of the Commonwealth Prime Minister it was decided on the motion of Colonel Thynne, seconded by Dr. Robertson that Colonel Lee and Lieut-Colonel Wallace Brown (who had been nominated by Colonel Lee) be appointed members of the War Council. These Gentlemen being already on the Recruiting Committee.

✓ Offer of Services.

F.G.C. Henslow - Moved by Mr Hunter, seconded by Mr Davey that the offer be acknowledged with thanks.



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Correspondence.Offer of Services.

✓ Grisp Poole - Resolved that the offer be acknowledged, with thanks, and Mr Poole informed that there is no position at present to which he could be appointed.

Exchange of War Council Minutes.

✓ Unanimously agreed to reciprocate the action of the War Council in the other states in supplying copies of the minutes of the War Council meetings.

Disloyal utterances, etc.

✓ The correspondence from the Hon. Jas. Tolmie re Karl Hartan, making disloyal utterances and obtaining naturalization papers was discussed and decided to refer the matter to the Minister for External affairs.

✓ The complaint from the Secretary of the Murgon War Council, re alleged secret meetings of Germans, etc, was discussed and decided to refer the matter to the Military Authorities.

Mr Barton's suggestion re returned soldiers prior to discharge.

✓ Mr Barton's letter was discussed and decided to refer the matter to the Employment Committee for consideration.

Recruiting.

✓ Colonel Thynne reported as follows :-

" The opening and classifying of the Enlistment Appeals is proceeding satisfactorily, and we have almost reached that stage when each delivery can be completed on the same date as delivered.  
 " The work has been extremely heavy, but generous help has been voluntarily rendered by several gentlemen during the day and a number from the Customs, Railways and Local Government Staffs during the evenings.  
 " We have worked continuously seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 10 to 10.30 p.m., to get the necessary classification well in hand, and another week or two should reduce it to more manageable proportions.  
 " The whole of the system adopted had been explained to the Commonwealth Statistician.  
 " Recruiting is proceeding satisfactorily in Queensland, and we are waiting instructions from the Commandant to call up the men who have given affirmative replies to their Enlistment Appeals.  
 " The number of replies dealt with now total over 42,000, and are coming in at the rate of about 3,000 per day.  
 " Later we will need to organize a platform campaign throughout the State, in order to secure a steady flow of recruits to the number 2,000 per month required. This cannot be done effectively without financial aid. Recruiting in the other States of the Commonwealth is controlled and financed by the State Parliaments, in Queensland entirely by voluntary effort, and almost entirely financed by the Members of the Committee, the extent of the State aid received being the grant of £200, for printing and posters and the providing and provisioning of the special Recruiting trains, which proved such a great success in the Country districts.  
 " Were this repeated, say in March or April - leaving us ample time to prepare - but taking in a larger number of smaller Towns, a series of local marches could be arranged terminating at Recruiting Centres coincident with the arrival of the train. By this means I feel sure a large number of recruits would be gained, not reached by other means.  
 " Were there any prospect of further trains being granted, preliminary arrangements could be proceeded with at once. Now that War Councils



*Relief  
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and assistance Sub-Committee of the State War Council or of adding the members thereof to the existing War Council Sub-Committee - No definite decision in the matter was arrived at, and the meeting terminated.

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Minutes of Meeting of State War Council Sub-Committee No. 2,  
held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, on Monday morning the  
10th January, 1916, at 11 a.m.

PRESENT - The Mayor (Ald. G. Down) in the chair, and Mesdames  
de Little, Diddams, and the Mayoress.

The Chairman explained that notwithstanding there was no real  
absolute necessity for the meeting inasmuch as no provision had  
as yet been made to supply the Committee with the necessary funds  
to enable them to start on practical work, nevertheless, he deemed  
it advisable to convene the meeting this morning in order to afford  
the members an opportunity of having an informal discussion of a  
general character and thus become conversant with the present  
position of matters, and he read a letter dated the 16th December,  
1915, from the Secretary of the Federal Parliamentary War Committee,  
addressed to the Secretary of the Queensland War Council, upon the  
question of finances, remarking that this reply did not, to him, seem  
to be at all satisfactory, but of course it was a matter to be dealt with  
by the State War Council.

The Chairman also reported that as a result  
of personal enquiries made by himself of the Secretary of the  
Queensland Patriotic Fund a day or two previously he had learnt that  
a Sub-Committee of the Queensland Patriotic Fund Committee designated  
"The Relief Sub-Committee" was in existence whose function it was to  
investigate applications and provide relief and assistance to depend-  
ents of the killed, that up to the present this Sub-Committee had  
dealt with all applications which had come in representing about 28  
women and 37 children, that they had granted financial relief to such  
applicants to the extent of between £800 and £900 and that there was  
a sum of £20,000 set apart for this special purpose.

A general conversation ensued in the course  
of which the opinion was expressed that with the view of preventing  
overlapping and ensuring co-ordination it might be advisable in the  
future to consider the advisability of appointing the Relief Sub-Com-  
mittee of the Queensland Patriotic Fund Committee as the advice and

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to to financial war state and to assistance sub-committee of the State War Council or of  
adding the members thereof to the existing War Council sub-  
committee - No definite decision in the matter was arrived  
at and the meeting terminated.



MINUTES OF MEETING OF STATE WAR COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 1  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, ON MONDAY MORNING THE  
10TH JANUARY, 1916. AT 11 A.M.

PRESENT - THE MAYOR (AID. G. DOWN) IN THE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS  
OF THE COUNCIL, MR. DODD, MR. DODD, MR. DODD, MR. DODD, MR. DODD.

THE CHAIRMAN explained that notwithstanding there was no test  
applies necessarily for the meeting inasmuch as no provision had  
as yet been made to supply the Committee with the necessary funds  
to enable them to start on practical work, nevertheless, he deemed  
it advisable to convene the meeting this morning in order to allow  
the members an opportunity of having an informal discussion of a  
general character and thus become conversant with the present  
position of matters, and he read a letter dated the 10th December,  
1915, from the Secretary of the Federal Parliamentary War Committee,  
addressed to the Secretary of the Queensland War Council, upon the  
question of finances, remarking that this reply did not, to him, seem  
to be at all satisfactory, but of course it was a matter to be dealt with  
by the State War Council.

THE CHAIRMAN also reported that as a result  
of personal enquiries made by himself or the Secretary of the  
Queensland Patriotic Fund a day or two previously he had learnt that  
a sub-committee of the Queensland Patriotic Fund Committee designated  
"The Relief Sub-Committee" was in existence whose function it was to  
investigate applications and provide relief and assistance to depend-  
ents of the killed, that up to the present this sub-committee had  
dealt with all applications which had come in representing about 22  
women and 27 children, that they had granted financial relief to about  
applicants to the extent of between £200 and £300 and that there was  
a sum of £20,000 set apart for this special purpose.

A general conversation ensued in the course  
of which the opinion was expressed that with the view of preventing  
overlapping and ensuring co-ordination it might be advisable in the  
future to consider the advisability of appointing the Relief Sub-Com-  
mittee of the Queensland Patriotic Fund Committee as the adviser and

are in active operation throughout the State, the local arrangements could  
safely be left in the hands of local Committees, assisted by the Recruit-  
ing Sergeants.

The need for funds is, however, extremely urgent. Our financial balance  
is a heavy one, and now that the Paymaster has ruled that no moneys other  
than Recruiting Sergeants wages and their out of pocket expenses are to be  
paid on their account, our position is serious, as, understanding that  
necessary furniture, t-ylists' wages, telephone facilities, circulars giv-  
ing instructions to Shires and Recruiting Officers, Rubber Stamps, Files,  
Card index Boxes and other items, could be met from their account, they  
have been obtained, and the accounts must be met. This additional debit  
to date amounts to close upon £100.  
It is estimated that, excluding the existing debit on the old account we  
shall require £500 to cover expenses up to the completion of our classifica-  
tion, say the end of April.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with  
the Federal Authorities relative to an appropriation - mention of which had  
already appeared in the Daily Papers in connection with the cost of printing,  
typing, telephone extensions, etc.

#### Funds.

Mr Macdonald reported as follows :-

- I beg to advise that members of this Committee met in the office of  
the National Association on Thursday last, 20th instant.
- Consideration was given to the subject matter contained in the Hon.  
Secretary's communication of 17th instant, bearing upon methods of  
collecting funds for the purposes of the War Council, and advising  
that 36 Local War Council committees had been formed and 19 were in  
course of formation. It was agreed that the time at the disposal  
of the sub-committee for consideration of this very important subject  
was too limited to permit of a report being submitted to the meeting  
on 24th instant. Copies of the Hon. Secretary's communication have  
been forwarded to each member of Committee, who will meet again on an  
early date to further deal with the matter. Their recommendations  
will be submitted to you on the earliest possible date.
- Mr G.L. Beal, Assistant Hon. Treasurer, to the War Council, reported  
that the balance to the credit of the Council now stood at £1065:16:1

#### Government Control of Patriotic Funds.

After some discussion it was unanimously resolved  
on the motion of Colonel Thynne, seconded by Mr Macdonald that the  
Council recommend to the Government that the Bill enabling them to take  
over control of Patriotic Funds where the governing bodies consent be put  
through at a meeting of Parliament on the following day.

#### South Brisbane Patriotic Fund donation.

Mr Davey on behalf of the South Brisbane Patriotic  
Fund handed in a cheque for £100 donated by the Committee for War Council  
purposes. It was unanimously decided to thank the Committee for their  
generous donation.

#### MEDICAL.

Dr Robertson reported his committee had held two  
examinations since last meeting and each case had been dealt with on its  
merits. He suggested that men who had lost an arm might be found employ-  
ment in the Postal Department as letter carriers and it was decided that  
the Secretary should communicate with the Hon. J. Page, M.H.R., request-  
ing him to take the matter up.



General.

✓ Mr Davey, Ex-Mayor of South Brisbane, raised the question of his position on the Council since the election of a new Mayor. The feeling of the meeting was that in view of the fact that the Mayor of North Brisbane, the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Manufacturers would no doubt be in a similar position it was considered inadvisable to alter the personnel of the Council, but the matter would be looked into and further considered.

Next meeting.

Agreed to hold next meeting on Monday, 7th February, in the Chief Secretary's office, at 7:45 p.m.

*C. A. Norrington*

Hon. Secretary,  
27: 1: 1916.

Confirmed-

*J. M. Hunter*

Chairman.

*7<sup>th</sup> February 1916*



QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes of meeting held 7th February, 1916.

Present. Hon. T.J. Ryan, M.L.A., (Chairman).  
 Hon. J. M. Hunter, M.L.A.,  
 Hon. John Adamson, M.L.A.,  
 Hon. H.F. Hardacre, M.L.A.,  
 Colonel Evans, C.M.G.,  
 Alderman Down.  
 L. M. Bond, Esq.,  
 M. Becker Esq.,  
 W. R. Crampton, Esq.,  
 J. Page, M.H.R.,  
 Colonel, A.J. Thynne, M.L.C.,  
 Dr. W.N. Robertson.

Apologies. J. McDonald Esq.,  
 Colonel Wallace Brown.

MINUTES.

Minutes confirmed. *as amended by inclusion of particulars of meeting and of Council. (pages 81 & 82)*

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES.

Commonwealth Treasurer's letter dated 27th January intimating Commonwealth Government had granted £680, for incidental expenses in connection with Recruiting and that £170 will be made available immediately, was discussed. Decided to request the Treasurer to pay the £170 into the Commonwealth Bank, Brisbane, and the Secretary was instructed to wire for particulars as to the manner in which the money is to be spent.

Colonel Thynne was requested, after having remarked on the financial requirements of the Recruiting Committee in connection with its operations throughout the state, to submit a statement of the exact financial position at the next meeting of the War Council.

Re appointment Alderman Davey (Ex-Mayor of South Brisbane), after discussion it was decided on the motion of Colonel Thynne seconded by Colonel Evans that the appointment of Aldermen Davey and Down as members of the Queensland War Council be regarded as individual appointments, notwithstanding any change that may take place in their official capacities as mayors of South Brisbane and Brisbane. This decision to be applied in other cases should similar circumstances arise.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Defence Department re enlistment of munition workers.

Decided to refer the matter to the munitions committee and a copy of the instructions to be sent to the Recruiting Committee.

From Defence Department re temperance drinks and providing means of recreation, &c.

Decided to refer matter to Colonel Lee, Commandant.

Anonymous letter from Nanango re German Photographer.

Decided to refer matter to Military Authorities.



Correspondence (Contd).

From Hon. H.F. Hardacre re Thomas' complaint regarding his offer of services and disloyal utterances Germans.

Decided to refer the matters to the Recruiting Committee and the Medical Authorities.

From Defence Department re personnel of Warwick Recruiting Committee.

Decided to refer the matter to the Recruiting Committee in Brisbane.

MINUTES FROM OTHER STATES.

Secretary reported having received minutes of meetings from State War Councils in South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania and that copies of the Queensland War Council minutes of last meeting - 24th January - had been forwarded to all the States in accordance with instructions.

LOCAL WAR COUNCILS.

Secretary reported that 76 local War Councils had been formed to date.

Preserpine.

The Secretary of the Preserpine War Council forwarded copy of a letter addressed to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, relative to persons of enemy descent not being supplied with recruiting forms. Decided to wait result.

Winton.

The Secretary of the Winton War Council's letter relative to the holding of any funds locally subscribed was discussed and decided that the Secretary should write pointing out the advantages of concentrating all subscriptions in one general fund. Allowing the local war councils to draw up to the amount subscribed if absolutely necessary.

Rockhampton.

Secretary reported having asked the Mayor of Rockhampton to form a War Council and in reply to his request for further information had forwarded several copies of the constitution and had explained as fully as possible the objects of the War Council and local committees. No reply had been received from Rockhampton but from a report in the Rockhampton Daily Record it appeared that the proposal is not likely to be carried out there. Decided to wait a reasonable time and ask the Mayor of Rockhampton to advise how the matter stands.

Ingham.

The Secretary submitted correspondence and telegrams in connection with the appointment of a labor representative on the analysing committee at Ingham, where the person appointed had been selected by a general meeting and not by the labor organisations. Decided to refer the matter to the Recruiting Committee to settle.

Lowood.

The Secretary submitted correspondence and telegrams between the War Council, Federal Parliamentary Committee and the Lowood War Council Committee in reference to the taking over by the local War Council of Recruiting matters which were being attended to by the Shire Council on which there was German influence. The matter having been satisfactorily settled the action taken was noted.



LOCAL WAR COUNCILS (Continued)Normanton.

The Chairman of the Carpentaria Shire Council's telegram to the Federal Parliamentary Committee asking for confirmation of his appointment, which he stated had been questioned, was discussed and the Secretary was instructed to obtain further information before taking any action towards confirming the appointment.

Mackay.

The Mayor of Mackay letter intimating the formation of a local War Council was noted with pleasure and it was decided to advise him on the questions raised about funds held by committees who had amalgamated with the local War Council, that any funds collected prior to the amalgamation could be disbursed in accordance with the original intention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.Recruiting.

Colonel Thynne reported that 87,000 out of 99,000 replies had been received that 84,000 had been marked off, work was being carried out by voluntary assistance both during the day and in the evenings and also stated that so far as progress in connection with the raising of the 50,000 men and reinforcements was concerned that Queensland was occupied second place.

Complaint re employment of Germans in the Government service, &c.

Colonel Thynne submitted a letter dated 24th January drawing attention to an alleged statement which had been made regarding the employment in the Railway service of a number of Germans and the employment of Germans in Shire Councils, &c. ~~Decided to~~ and their disloyal utterances in certain portions of the state. Decided to refer the matter to the Railway Commissioner and the Military Authorities for investigations.

Finance.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported as follows :-

- " The Finance Sub-Committee are of opinion that, pending
- " the receipt of further information on the subject of
- " the £10,000,000 or £20,000,000 Loan, of which mention has
- " been made by Mr J.C. Watson, and to which reference was
- " made at the last meeting of the War Council, and in
- " anticipation of the conference to be held in Melbourne
- " on the 16th instant, it would be premature to submit any
- " scheme on the subject of raising funds locally. "

Report adopted.

Secretary reported having received £5 from Windorah and advice of £96:10: 2 from the Federal Parliamentary Committee as Queensland's proportion of a sum of £664:10: 2 collected at Urandangle.

Employment.

The Chairman of the Employment Committee reported as follows :-

- " The Chairman explained the reason for not having summoned a
  - " meeting for so long a period, and read a statement of the
  - " business that had been transacted since previous meeting,
  - " as follows :-
  - " Men registered - 52. Placed in positions - 35.
  - " Obtained work for themselves - 2. Unplaced - 5. Not yet
  - " discharged - 1. Unsatisfactory - 6. Awaiting decisions - 3.
- The Chairman said that the report disclosed a very satisfactory



## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Contd)

Employment (Contd).

" position and that there had been no occasion for summoning the members to a meeting.  
 " Mr Earle stated that it had come under his notice that the Commissioner of Police had refused to grant permits to returned soldiers to canvass for orders for a book at street corners. Mr Bond expressed the opinion that if the application were made through the Committee we might be able to help the applicants and ~~advise the Secretary~~ Mr Earle promised to make further enquiries and advise the Secretary. Mr Bond remarked that lists had not been sent out to the members as agreed upon, and it was resolved that weekly lists showing names and occupation of unprovided balance should be sent out weekly, together with a summary of the week's transactions.  
 " Correspondence. The report of Mr Henderson, Clerk in Charge of the War Council office, of his transactions in connection with the employment sub-committee was read and received with satisfaction. The request contained therein for Office assistance was discussed.  
 " Mr Sturges moved and Mr Madsen seconded that the appointment of a lady typist be recommended to the War Council.

Carried.

" Letter from Mr E.J.P. Barton, re providing occupation for returned men while in hospital, and fitting them for subsequent employment. After discussion during which the Chairman pointed out that the matter was more for the Education Committee than this Committee, Mr Bond moved and Mr Becker seconded that Mr Henderson should visit the hospital as necessary to personally interview the men and ascertain particulars as to the class of employment they would be seeking and were fitted for when discharged, and to furnish reports on such visits to the Chairman.

Carried.

" Letter from Secretary of War Council enclosing sample census cards and stating what action he had taken and proposed taking with the census cards that had already come to hand from the Defence Department.  
 " Mr Bond moved and Mr Earle seconded that the Committee's appreciation of the work done by the Secretary of the War Council in connection with the cards be recorded in the minutes.

Carried. "

Report adopted.

and Secretary instructed to write to the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department, regarding temporary assistance, at the War Council offices.

Relief to Dependents of the Killed.

No report.

Medical Committee.

No report.

Land Settlement Committee.

No report. Mr Hunter explained that it was not considered advisable to take any definite steps in connection with land settlement matters until after the conference which is to be held in Melbourne on the 16th instant.

Next meeting.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 21st instant at 7:45 p.m.

Confirmed.

*T. J. Ryan*  
 Chairman.

*G. A. Robertson*  
 Hon. Secretary.  
 15: 2: 1916.

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QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes of meeting held 21st February 1916.

Present.

Hon. T. J. Ryan, M.L.A., - Chairman.  
Colonel Evans, C.M.G.,  
Alderman Down.  
Alderman Davey.  
L. M. Bond Esq.,  
M. Becker Esq.,  
W. R. Crampton, Esq.,  
Hon. J. Page, M.H.R.,  
J. MacDonald Esq.,  
Colonel Thynne, M.L.C.,  
Colonel Lee, D.S.O.,  
Lieut Colonel Brown.

MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting, 7: 2: 1916, confirmed.

BUSINESS ex MINUTES.

Thomas' complaint.

Replies received from the Hon. Assistant Secretary and Lieut McKnight of the Recruiting Committee were read and it was resolved to forward the papers to the Hon. R.F. Hardacre from whom they were received.

Funds for Recruiting Committee.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the previous meeting (7th instant) Colonel Thynne, Chairman-Recruiting Committee, submitted a letter addressed to him by the Hon. Assistant Secretary of the Queensland Recruiting Committee, setting forth the financial position of the Committee, which briefly summed up showed their total liability in the neighbourhood of £450, the estimated expenditure required to release the indebtedness and carry on the campaign would be £1,000. £500 of which they asked should be made available immediately.

The Secretary stated that he had received a telegram from the Commonwealth Treasury to the effect that the first instalment of the £680 voted by the Federal Parliament had been forwarded to the Sub-Treasury, Brisbane, on the 17th instant and he had that morning signed a voucher authorising the amount to be paid into the Commonwealth Bank to the credit of the Queensland War Council.

The Secretary also stated that he had communicated with the Federal Parliamentary War Committee regarding the point raised by the Recruiting Committee as to whether travelling and incidental expenses of the voluntary employees could be met therefrom, there being no paid employees on the committee.

The Chairman explained that the £680 voted by the Federal Government would, if the decision with regard to expenses of voluntary employees were satisfactory, more than cover the present indebtedness of the Committee. After discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of Colonel Thynne - Chairman-Recruiting Committee - Hon. Jas. Page and the Secretary.



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BUSINESS ex MINUTES(Contd.).Method of operating on the account for recruiting expenses.

The Secretary submitted the recommendation made by the Recruiting Committee that the account should be operated on by Mr W. G. King, Hon. Assistant Treasurer, the cheques to be countersigned by Colonel Thynne, Mr P.B. McGregor, or the Hon. Assistant Secretary (F. Wylde Ball). After a good deal of discussion it was considered that either the Secretary or the Assistant Treasurer should be associated with the disbursements from this fund. It was ultimately resolved that cheques should be signed by either Mr King or Mr Ball (Hon. Assistant Treasurer and Hon. Assistant Secretary to the Recruiting Committee, respectively) and countersigned by the Secretary to the War Council (C.A. Murton).

Assistance War Council offices.

The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary, wrote in reply to the War Council's request for extra assistance at the War Council offices, that it had been approved to grant temporary assistance.

CORRESPONDENCE.Inwards.

The Secretary stated that since last meeting 86 inwards letters inwards letters had been registered, the following being submitted, i.e.,

From Goombungee War Council drawing attention to the fact that there were persons in the district of enemy birth and parentage who were hostile to and discouraged recruiting, etc.  
Resolved to forward the letter to the Military Authorities.

From the Military Authorities in reply to the Murgon War Council's letters of 19th and 20th January, relative to alleged meeting of Germans, etc.  
Resolved to forward a copy in reply to the Murgon War Council.

From Lowood War Council regarding the removal of the school teacher at Brenslau and other matters relative to the German element in that district.  
Resolved to refer the matter of transferring the school teacher to the Premier and the other matters affecting the German question to the Military Authorities.

From Cunnamulla War Council. Report shewing progress made to 7th instant, received and noted.

COPIES OF MINUTES FROM OTHER STATES.

Copies of Minutes were tabled as under :-

Victoria	-	From September 1st to February 16th. 16.
Tasmania	-	From February 3rd to February 10th, 1916
South Australia	-	January 28th.
West Australia	-	February 1st.

The Secretary reported that he had perused minutes, noted and advised committees concerned of any matters of interest to the Queensland War Council.

ACCOUNTS.

The following account was passed for payment.

Simpson & Halligan for 1,000 cards for Medical Committee  
£1:15: 0.



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Recruiting.

Colonel Thynne, Chairman-Recruiting Committee, reported that the recruiting so far as Queensland was concerned was still progressing satisfactorily.

Colonel Lee, D.S.O., Commandant, who was present for the first time confirmed Colonel Thynne's statement and spoke in an appreciative manner of the excellent work performed by the Recruiting Committee.

Funds.

No report but Mr MacDonald, Chairman-Finance Committee, stated that as soon as the result of the Conference, which was being held in Melbourne, regarding the land settlement question was known, the matter of obtaining funds would receive the attention of the Committee.

Alderman Davey of the South Brisbane Council suggested that the advantages to be gained by diverting to the War Council funds for patriotic purposes be advertised to a much greater extent than it is at present and it was resolved to refer the matter to the finance committee for consideration.

Employment.

Mr Crampton, Chairman-Employment Committee, reported that the same success as reported at last meeting in placing returned soldiers in employment had not been continued, owing he thought to the depression in trade. On the whole, however, the report could be regarded as fairly satisfactory, there being only 12 unprovided for out of a total of 106 registered.

Colonel Evans informed the Council that the Railway Department was doing its share in placing returned soldiers and he was considering the advisableness of training men who had lost an arm as checkers in the Goods shed or ticket collectors.

General.

Alderman Davey submitted a letter he had received from Private H.A. Taylor of Pomona regarding promise of a pension and deeds of some land he (Taylor) had selected in the Pomona District. Colonel Lee asked that the matter be referred to the Military Authorities which was agreed to.

NEXT MEETING. x

The next meeting was fixed for Monday, 6th March, 1916.

\* Postponed to 13/3/16

G. A. Hunter

Hon. Secretary,  
25: 2: 1916.

Confirmed. 13/3/16

*G. A. Hunter*  
Chairman.



*Confidential*

Minutes of Queensland War Council Meeting held 13th March 1916.

Present.

Hon. J. M. Hunter - Chairman.  
Hon. J. Adamson M.L.A.  
Col. Evans C.M.G.  
Alderman Davey  
L. M. Bond Esq.  
M. Becker Esq.  
W. R. Crampton Esq.  
Hon. J. Page M.H.R.  
Col. A. J. Thynne M.L.C.  
Dr. W. N. Robertson.

Apologies.

Hon. T. J. Ryan - Premier.  
Brigadier General Lee D. S.O.  
Alderman Down  
J. Sharpe Esq. M.H.R.  
J. MacDonald Esq.  
J. G. Appel Esq. M.L.A.

Minutes.

Minutes of Meeting held on the 21st. February confirmed.

Business arising out of Minutes.

Funds for Recruiting Committee.

A. Travelling expenses voluntary staff.

✓ Moved by Hon. T. J. Page seconded by Colonel Evans that the matter of incurring travelling and other incidental expenses ex the funds provided by the Commonwealth Government for recruiting purposes be left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Assistant Treasurer, any accounts passed by them to be confirmed at the following meeting of the War Council.

Carried unanimously.

B. Method of operating on account.

✓ Moved by Hon. J. Page, seconded by Hon. J. Adamson that the arrangements made by the Chairman under which cheques are to be signed by the Hon. Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the Hon. Secretary be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Assistance at War Council Offices.

✓ The Secretary, Public Service Board, advised that Mr.

R. Tweedie had been appointed a clerk at the War Council Offices on and from 29th February.

Germans in the Public Service.

✓ The Secretary submitted several letters on the above subject including replies from the Railway and Military Authorities and the Under Secretary, Chief Secretary, to the Recruiting Committee's letter of 24th January on the subject.

A good deal of discussion ensued during which attention was drawn to the fact that an officer holding the rank of Captain was being employed on the Head Quarters staff - name Buttner.



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It was stated that this officer was of German Nationality and had been transferred from Western Australia to Queensland and it was considered that retention on the Head-Quarters Staff of No. 1 Military District was inimical to the recruiting and the interests of the A. I. F. Generally. Moved by Col. Evans seconded by Hon. J. Page that the Secretary write to the Federal Parliamentary War Committee requesting them to take such action as would result in the withdrawal of this officer from Queensland.

Carried unanimously.

With regard to the general question it was decided that owing to the number of groundless complaints which had been investigated no action be taken unless specific instances and names were given in the complaint lodged.

With regard to employment of aliens the Vice-Chairman Hon. J. Hunter explained that it was the policy of the Federal and State Governments to give employment as far as possible in the following order.

1. Married Britishers
2. Single Britishers
3. Sons of Alien Races.

Secretary instructed to inform Recruiting Committee accordingly.

#### Correspondence.

From the Chairman Relief Committee, Queensland Patriotic Fund conveying decisions arrived at in connection with -

- ✓ 1. Granting financial aid to returned disabled soldiers.
- ✓ 2. Supply of artificial limbs.

The offer of the Queensland Patriotic Committee to co-operate with the War Council in the above matters was accepted with satisfaction. Resolved that the Secretary write thanking Chairman of the Committee accordingly.

From Hon. E. G. Theodore re Child's application for assistance in commencing business. The Secretary reported that on investigation it was doubtful whether the statements quoted by Childs was borne out by facts. It was decided to take no action and the matter be thoroughly investigated.

From Education Department intimating that the undermentioned Gentlemen had been nominated as members of the Educational Committee :

Name of Association or Institution	Names of Representatives.
Department of Public Instruction	Under Secretary (Mr. J. D. Story) Chief Insptr of Schools (Mr. A. S. Kennedy) Superintendent of Technical Education (Mr. L. Morris) Deputy Superintendent of Technical Education (Mr. R. M. Riddell)
Queensland Teachers' Union	President (W. F. Bevington, Head Teacher State School Woolloowin)
Queensland Chamber of Manufacturers	Mr. P. J. Maher C/o Automatic Bakeries Brunswick Street, Valley



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Queensland Blind Deaf and  
Dumb Institution

Mr. A. J. Lamont Edmonstone St.  
South Brisbane.

Queensland Institute of Account-  
ants

President (Mr. William Kelso  
City & Suburban Building Society  
Creek St.)

Queensland Shorthand Writers  
and Typists Society

Mr. W. Schoch C/- Central Technical  
College Brisbane.

Moved by Dr. Robertson seconded by Hon J Adamson that the  
appointments be confirmed.

From the Secretary of External Affairs re vacancies for constables in the Northern Territory. Decided to refer this to the Employment Committee with a request that the matter be given as much publicity as possible.

#### Committees.

##### Recruiting Committee.

Colonel Thynne submitted the attached lengthy report from the Recruiting Committee which speaks for itself.

Accounts for payment. The following accounts totalling £38/11/6 in connection with recruiting expenses were passed for payment on the motion of Hon J. Page seconded by Dr. Robertson.

Kodak Ltd.	£0 : 14 : 0
Australian Typewriter supplies	14 : 0
Cobb & Co	10 : 0
F. W. Ball	10 : 0
Oxlade Bros.	17 : 6
"	3 : 15 : 0
Ahles & Co. W.	8 : 6
Muir's Printing Co.	1 : 15 : 0
Queensland Trading Co.	1 : 19 : 9
D. Barry	1 : 0 : 0
Imperial Typewriter Agency	2 : 0
Turner Co.	1 : 3 : 6
Langley Simmonds & Co.	16 : 0
"	1 : 0 : 0
"	1 : 1 : 0
"	2 : 5 : 3
Oxlade Bros.	20 : 0 : 0
	<u>£38 : 11 : 6</u>

Free passes for recruiting sergeants etc. The Secretary submitted correspondence between the Recruiting Committee and the Commissioner for Railways with reference to the above which had been referred to the War Council. It was noted that the Minister for Railways had already granted free passes to recruiting sergeants. With regard to the all lines pass required by the Hon. Assistant Secretary (Mr. F. W. Ball) it was decided that any fares and travelling expenses which it was necessary for Mr. Ball to incur in connection with recruiting matters should be defrayed out of the money voted by the Commonwealth Government for the purpose.

O.S. Stamps - Anzac Committee. The Secretary explained that he had authorised the Recruiting Committee to supply £5 worth of O.S. Stamps to Cannon Garland, Hon. Secretary of the Anzac Committee on his personal guarantee that if the War Council did not confirm his action that the stamps would be paid for. The Hon. Assistant Secretary Recruiting Committee had also written intimating that Cannon Garland has applied for a further issue of £5 worth of these stamps. After a good deal of discussion it



## QUEENSLAND RECRUITING COMMITTEE.

Enlistment AppealPresent system of handling replies.

1. The reply forms immediately they are received, are dated, numbered consecutively and packed up in bundles of 1000 each.
2. These bundles are then sent to the Home Department where the forms have stamped on them the No. of the Shire they belong to.
3. On return to this office, each form is marked with the group number it belongs to.
4. A "check slip" is made out for every form. These slips are sent to Melbourne.
5. Affirmative replies are then removed from the bundles, the men who sent them are called up, and their reply forms replaced in the bundles.
6. Cards in duplicate are then made out for every reply form received.
7. One set of cards is filed in consecutive order. The other set is classified under shire headings and sent to the local recruiting committee in each centre for report.
8. All the actual reply forms are filed under shire headings.
9. A list is compiled showing the occupations of the men who answer in the affirmative.
10. A register is kept showing all details concerning the affirmatives as they are called up from day to day.



## QUEENSLAND RECRUITING COMMITTEE.

Report of Executive Committee.

Since the last meeting of the General Committee, your executive have had a busy time in promoting to the best of their ability the principal object for which the Committee was formed, viz. Recruiting for the Australian Imperial Forces throughout the state, and we are pleased to report a considerable and satisfactory measure of success. We have much pleasure in being able to state that the difficulties in the way of the Committee, which at first appeared formidable have been quite removed, and that the most cordial spirit of co-operation has long existed between the Defence Department and your Executive Committee and Officers.

In the month of September last, the Commonwealth Government announced that it had been decided to offer to the British Government the new army of 50,000, together with a supply of reinforcements for both the forces already formed, and for the New Army, of which Queensland's proportion would be at the rate of 2,000 per month. Your Committee gave this matter immediate consideration, and made certain recommendations to be mentioned presently.

It was announced that the Prime Minister (Mr. Hughes) was sending to every man of military age in the Commonwealth, an appeal to enlist, or state his reasons for not doing so, that the duty of replying was absolute under the War Census Act and further that such replies were to be sent to the nearest Local Recruiting Body. Local Committees were to be formed to deal with replies, the Town or Shire Clerks being the local secretaries, and supervisors.

It appeared to your Committee that the conditions existing in Queensland had not received due consideration in the preparation of this scheme, and that there was danger of its failure, owing to the great distances of many of the Local Authorities, the intervals between meetings and particularly to the fact that the Town and Shire Clerks were coming to their busiest time, winding up their year's financial work, compiling their rate books and voter's rolls, and preparing for the annual Elections soon after the commencement of the New Year.

Your Executive recommended to Mr. Knibbs, the Commonwealth Statistician, that in sending out the appeal to all Queenslanders he should arrange that the replies should all be sent to this Committee, who would deal with them, and also that he should send us a complete list of the names and addresses of all persons in Queensland who were required to send in replies.

Neither of these recommendations was accepted, and with the view of meeting the danger of failure or of delay, your Executive Committee communicated with all the Local Authorities requesting them to send us all the replies and offering to classify them, to supply the Commandant with the names of all who were ready to enlist and to return to each Local Authority the names of all the persons in its area who had not offered to enlist, so that the Government scheme might be fully carried out.

An important event had in the meantime occurred in the constitution of a Federal War Council and the creation of a State War Council, which were each charged as one in its objects with recruiting in its State. After the State War Council for Queensland was formed, they invited the Chairman of your executive to become a member of the War Council; on his recommendation the appointed the other members of the executive as the sub-committee with him for



recruiting. The War Council entrusted that Committee with the conduct of recruiting, so that the Members of the Executive Committee have been exercising the authorities delegated to them originally by the General Committee, as well as those delegated to them by the State War Council.

In offering to undertake the classification and subsequent dealings with the replies to the Prime Minister's Appeal, your Executive took upon themselves a very heavy task. The amount of clerical work involved is very great, and reliance has been placed on the voluntary assistance of patriotic people in the community to enable the work to be done, and a large amount of help has been forthcoming. It is estimated that the Prime Minister's Appeal has been sent to about 140,000 men in the State. Up to the present time we have received 112,000 replies. As these were opened they were stamped with consecutive numbers and then allocated to their respective areas. The next step was to make out check slips giving the identification numbers and letters, and the effect of each reply and 106,000 of these have been mailed to the Commonwealth Statistician.

A card index system has been installed through which when completed immediate reference can be made to the circumstances connected with any individual reply.

For all those men whose replies expressed a readiness to enlist, only one card is necessary for each person. Up-to-date 3,800 of these men have been called up.

For all those who gave negative answers to the Prime Minister's Appeal, two cards are required, one for our own records, and the other for the use of the Local Committees and Recruiting Sergeants. Some progress has been made with these as about 22,000 have been dealt with up to date, but there still remains a very great amount of work to be done.

Full recognition is due to voluntary workers who have generously given their assistance to us in this work. Their names are being recorded with a view to a more formal individual acknowledgment of their services. Men from Government Offices both Federal and State, and from Private Companies and Firms, have given valuable help, and we have also received substantial assistance from a number of women, who give their time, chiefly during daytime in a patriotic and unselfish spirit.

The matter of urgency now to be dealt with is the preparation of the cards for use of the Recruiting Sergeants and Local Committees. The efficiency of the local work and of the personal approach to individuals, which is very important, depends a good deal upon this, and we shall need all the assistance we can get to push on this work. We can accommodate up to 70 persons at a time, sometimes we have that number at night time for 2 or 3 hours but there is much room for workers during daytime, as we have only about 20 on an average during daytime.

It is not necessary to do more than refer to the importance of getting the soldiers from this State enlisted and put into training as soon as possible, in order that their force may be brought to bear quickly upon whatever theatre of war they are assigned to. For those who are unable to join the army and are able to give some time each day or each week, there is useful field for their energy in helping this recruiting work.

Your Executive Committee have now a large amount of correspondence daily for dealing with which there is a staff of Women Stenographers who are paid by the Defence Department.



We have to deal with an average of about 450-500 letters each day.

Immediately before Christmas last the Commandant received instructions to form a Committee for mapping out the territorial districts for each of the four battalions of infantry required for the new army of 50,000 men. He applied to the Chairman of your Executive for assistance in this matter as being one of great urgency, and he offered the assistance of the Honorary Secretaries and himself. The Commandant's Committee sat right through the Christmas holidays and completed the task assigned to them in a way that has proved satisfactory.

The pressure of the work of your executive, increased as it has been by the New Army requirements, has been very great, and has borne heavily upon our Honorary Assistant Secretaries almost to breaking point. Weekly meetings of the Executive have been held, to deal with the great variety of questions continually arising, but the pressure has been so great that the Executive have been obliged to defer from time to time the calling of a meeting of the General Committee.

Your Executive trust that you will accord to them your approval, as well as your sympathy and support in the work in hand and what has been done.

The results have shown that the Recruiting Campaigns of last year were conducted on sound principles, viz., Campaigns of education based on the belief that the great bulk of the young men of this Country only needed to understand the necessity for their services, and the tremendous issues at stake in this war, to induce them to take up arms in defence of the Empire and its allies.

These campaigns were ably organised by our then Honorary Organising Secretary, Canon Garland. They succeeded not only in bringing forward at the time a satisfactory response by recruits, but also in keeping up ever since a good steady influx of men. There has been nothing spasmodic or in the nature of a spurt, and what is a very important feature is the fact that the Military Authorities recognise that the great bulk of the men coming in are actuated by high ideals and very keen on learning their duties.

To the many gentlemen who took part in the recruiting meetings and spoke so eloquently and effectively, our hearty thanks are due.

The recruiting trains provided by the Government at the instance of one of your executive Committee - Mr. Adamson - Minister of Railways were very successful.

A recruiting march, that of the "Dungarees" from Warwick to Brisbane was also very successful.

Your executive much regret that Canon Garland, was obliged on account of health considerations to lay down his work as Organising Secretary. He had devoted himself with characteristic energy and capacity to the duties he had undertaken, and it was some reward to him to see the good results attained through his labours, and now that he has laid down the active work of organising Secretary, we respectfully suggest that he may receive some expression of appreciation from the General Committee, as he has thoroughly deserved it.

It has been already stated that our relations with the Military Authorities have been those of cordial co-operation. On our part, we have always regarded the chief purpose of the Committee



as being that of assisting the Military Authorities in every possible way. The Commandant, on whose promotion to the rank of Brigadier General, we most heartily congratulate, has given us every encouragement and support, and has entrusted to us the work of calling up those whose replies to the Prime Minister's Appeal were in the affirmative. We have invited, at his suggestion, Captain Weavers (Camps Commandant) and Lieut. McKnight (Chief Recruiting Officer) to join your executive, and this has contributed immensely to the smoothness and efficiency of the work in hand. There are now Recruiting Sergeants at work all over the State; their appointment has been made by the Chief Recruiting Officer, but the payment is carried out by your Committee, out of the funds provided for that purpose by the Commonwealth Government. These men are paid fortnightly, and the work connected with their vouchers, remittances, etc. is very considerable, so much so that we think it could be very well carried out by the Commonwealth's Paymaster, who has a trained staff at his disposal, and we are endeavouring to get this change brought about.

The work of the Committee since taking over the classification and dealing with the War Census replies has entailed considerable expense. The funds which had been subscribed previously - were mostly supplied by the Members of the Committee themselves and were practically exhausted before this work was commenced, and, in addition, there was a heavy liability in connection with the recruiting film.

The principal expense incurred since the additional work was taken over has been for printing, which was necessitated by our having to issue instructions and directions to all the Shire Clerks and Recruiting Committees in Queensland, and there will undoubtedly be a good deal of future expense under this head.

Besides printing, the expenses chiefly consist of office rent, stationery and sign writing - the latter being - in connection with the large canvas signs now stretching across Queen and Adelaide Streets.

To meet these and other expenses which may arise in connection with recruiting, the Commonwealth Government has placed at the disposal of the War Council a sum of £680.

The expenses incurred would undoubtedly have been much greater but that the Defence Department - in addition to paying the four typistes employed - has also provided two typewriters and the additional furniture and office files required in the work.

A. J. THYNNE,

Chairman,

9th March, 1916.



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was decided to confirm the first supply but owing to the fact that if further supplies were granted applications might also be received from Anzac Committees in other parts of the State, it was decided that no further supplies be granted.

#### Finance.

The Finance- Sub-Committee have the honour to report that Messrs. John Macdonald (Chairman) G. L. Beale, A.W. Cameron, John Reid and J. Bain. (Hon. Secretary) met on Monday 28th ultimo.

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Secretary of the War Council relative to amounts received for purposes stated therein. He also forwarded copy of a letter received by the War Council from the Queensland Patriotic Fund in which that Committee advises certain decisions which had been arrived at with regard to dual control in matters relating to employment and relief offered to returned soldiers.

As the result of a discussion on the duties of the Finance Committee it was decided that something more definite with regard to the administration of the Finance Department could be arranged when War Council matters, more especially in regard to finance ~~xxxxxxx~~ had been further advanced, meanwhile the Finance Committee would do what it could to push the interests of the Council in any reasonable way.

The Hon. Secretary reported that whilst at Warwick, a deputation representing the Local War Council had waited upon him for the purpose of seeking information on certain points which they considered the Constitution did not clearly define. It was pointed out by that Committee that amounts collected in Warwick and District had been transferred to the Headquarters of the Patriotic and Red Cross Committees in Brisbane and that every penny of expenditure required for recruiting purposes in Warwick had been locally subscribed. The Warwick Committee felt that they should have a certain ~~xxxxxx~~ amount of control over amounts collected in their District for the purpose of dealing with local cases, and instance one emergency case in which cash had been paid to a soldier's wife. They admitted that to prevent overlapping and abuse of the various Committee's disbursements, reciprocity between the Country centres and Brisbane was necessary, and they sought information on this subject. Information was also sought on the subject of the control of individuals and bodies outside the Local War Council who were making collections per medium of house to house visits, entertainments raffles etc. but over whom the Local War Council appeared to have no supervising power. It was suggested to the Warwick Committee by the Hon. Secretary that they should communicate with Mr. Murton, Hon. Secretary of the Queensland War Council.

Mr G. L. Beal Assistant Hon. Treasurer, reported that the balance to the credit of the Council now stood at £1,286 : 15 : 9.

#### Employment.

The Chairman Employment Committee, reported as follows :-

Summary of transactions for week ending Saturday 11th March 1916.

Total Registrations to date	134
Registrations during week	15
Registered applicants unprovided for at end of previous week	12
Applicants found employment during week	9
Balance unprovided for at end of week	18

#### Medical Committee.

Dr. Robertson reported two meetings, on the 10th ultimo and 6th instant, of his Committee had been held at which 25 returned soldiers had been examined, particulars of which had been handed to the Secretary.



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Land Settlement.

Mr. Hunter explained that the matters discussed at the conference held in Melbourne were receiving consideration by the Government and decisions on the matters would, he expected, be given at an early date, after which the Land Settlement Committee would become very much more active.

Dr. Robertson, at this stage intimated that it was the intention of Mr. Whyte of Pikedale to donate an area of Fruit Land in the Stanthorpe District for returned soldiers and also stated that Mr. Whyte had drawn attention to the fact that there is a considerable area of Crown Land suitable for fruit growing in the Stanthorpe District. The Secretary was instructed to bring the matter under the notice of the Land Settlement Committee.

Assistance and advice to dependants of the killed.

No report

Local War Councils.Rockhampton.

The Secretary submitted a communication from the Town Clerk Rockhampton, intimating that it had been decided to take no action towards forming a local War Council. Resolved to allow the matter to stand over.

Purga.

A remittance of £6 : 0 : 6 result of a raffle was noted with thanks.

Miriam Vale.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to the questions raised by the Miriam Vale War Council regarding funds. Councillor Stephenson's donation of 20% of Cream returns was also noted with thanks.

Gunnamulla.

A remittance of £6 : 8 : 8 net result of a picture entertainment was noted with thanks. With regard to the £50 being held to cover recruiting sergeants expenses, the Secretary intimated that he had communicated with the Gunnamulla Council with reference to this matter.

Nanango.

The Secretary submitted replies he had received from the Police Authorities through the Defence Department, relative to the complaint made regarding the movements of a German Photographer in that District and it was decided to forward copies to the Nanango Council.

Coombungee.

The matter of the Coombungee Co-operative Dairy Coy dismissing two married men and replacing same by single men and also employing unnaturalised aliens in contracts for cream carting was placed before the meeting and it was decided to wait further advice as to the result of the action already taken by the Coombungee War Council.

Minutes from other States.

Copies of Minuted of War Council Meetings from Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia were tabled by the Secretary and discussed.



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Street Collecting.

✓ It was noted that in connection with the above action was being taken to restrict street collecting to authorised persons or bodies and it was decided on the motion of Colonel Thynne seconded by Mr. Robertson that the Premier be asked to take action under "The Patriotic Funds Administration Act of 1916" to restrict collections for War Funds or Patriotic purposes in Queensland to those authorised by the Chief Secretary.

General.

✓ Private letter Box - G P O.

Moved by Colonel Thynne seconded by Mr. Bond that the Deputy Post Master General be asked to provide a private letter box for the War Council.

Next Meeting.

Next meeting was fixed for Monday 27th instant.

*G. A. Robertson*

Hon. Secretary,  
20.3.16.

Confirmed

*J. M. Hunter*

Chairman.



QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes of Meeting held 27th March, 1916.

Apologies.

Colonel Evans, C.M.G.,  
W. R. Crampton, Esq.,  
J.B. Sharpe, Esq., M.H.R.,  
Hon. J.G. Appel, M.L.A.

Present.

Hon. J.M. Hunter, M.L.A., - Chairman.  
Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.,  
Alderman Down.  
Alderman Davey.  
L. M. Bond Esq.,  
M. Becker Esq.,  
Hon. J. Page, M.H.R.,  
J. Macdonald, Esq.,  
Hon. A.J. Thynne, M.L.C.,  
Dr. Robertson.  
Brigadier-General Lee, D.S.O.

MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting 13: 3: 1916, confirmed.

Business ex Minutes.

Street Collections.

The Secretary advised that he had received from the Under Secretary to the Chief Secretary copy of the regulations framed under the "Patriotic Funds Administration Act of 1916" which the Council had asked the Government to issue.

Correspondence.

From Education Department re proposed Southern Cross Tobacco Fund.

After discussion it was decided to allow this matter to stand over until next meeting in order that members of the Council might in the meantime give full consideration to the proposal, before expressing any definite opinion thereon.

From Commonwealth Prime Minister, enclosing copy of the Western Australian War Council Act and intimating that the Queensland Patriotic Fund had been authorised by the Defence Department to control the collection of goods supplementary to the authorised issue of clothing and rations for the benefit of the fighting forces. Received and noted.

From the Minister for Defence requesting that persons making false declarations on War Census Cards, influencing persons to reply in the negative abusing recruiting sergeants, refusal to reply or submitting evasive replies be reported to the District Commandant with a view to action being taken against such persons. Received and decided to arrange with recruiting committee accordingly.

From Recruiting Committee re disfranchising all enemy aliens and naturalised subjects of enemy origin with regard to Parliamentary and Local Government elections. Resolved on the motion of Colonel Thynne, seconded by Mr Becker to refer the matter to the Federal Parliamentary War Committee for submission to the Acting Prime Minister also to request the State Premier to forward a copy of the resolution to the Commonwealth Premier.



From Recruiting Committee requesting the War Council to obtain authority to require employers, especially munition suppliers, to furnish a list of their employees together with particulars and classification of their employees work in order to obviate a waste of time and expense of enrolling suitable munition workers and afterwards withdrawing them from the Military Corps. Resolved on the motion of Mr Macdonald, seconded by Mr Page that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Federal Parliamentary War Committee requesting that body to take immediate action in the matter. It was also decided to forward a copy to the Munitions Executive Committee.

#### Lieut. Little's case.

Mr Adamson and Dr. Robertson both referred to the case of Lieut Little, a member of the A.I.F., who had enlisted from Queensland and while on active service had lost, the sight of both eyes, right arm and also had a stiff leg and for a time his hearing (latter since restored). It was pointed out that Lieut. Little who is totally incapacitated for work would ordinarily be entitled to a War pension of £91 per annum. Owing, however, to the fact that Lieut. Little, by virtue of his position in the public service prior to enlistment, he was entitled to a super-annuation allowance of £50 per annum the Commonwealth Government acting under the provisions of Section 3 of the War Pensions Act of 1914 would take into account this latter allowance and only grant a pension of £41 per annum. The unanimous opinion of the Council was that the extent of Lieut. Little's injuries called for exceptional consideration and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Mr Becker, seconded by Colonel Thynne that the Secretary communicate with the Commonwealth Government (Minister for Defence) strongly recommending that a full pension be paid in this deserving case. There was absolutely no chance of his sight being restored, both eyes as a matter of fact having been removed.

Artificial eyes. Dr. Robertson explained that the Queensland Patriotic Committee had granted a lump sum of £150 which was considered all they could be expected to do, there was, however, an account for two artificial eyes which he suggested might be made a first charge on the War Council's funds for disabled soldiers and this request was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Mr Macdonald seconded by Dr. Robertson.

Mr Henderson's case (Clerk in Charge, War Council offices). The Secretary drew attention to the fact that Mr Henderson had that morning received advice from the Deputy Commissioner, Pensions Office, that owing to his present employment his War pension of £34 per annum, or 13/2 per week, had been cancelled. This meant that Mr Henderson would be receiving considerably less income than he was earning prior to enlistment. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Commonwealth Treasury Department requesting that the pension be restored if possible and to forward copy of the regulations under which it had been cancelled.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

#### Recruiting.

Colonel Thynne reported verbally that satisfactory progress had been maintained, 115,000 answers had been received and his Committee did not expect that a great many more would come in. 680,000 cards had been compiled in duplicate and he expected that in 5 or 6 weeks the major portion of the work in connection with the cards would be completed.

Colonel Thynne also explained to the Council the position of recruiting in Queensland as compared with the other States and quoted certain communications which had passed between his committee and the Minister for Defence, Melbourne. On the motion of Mr Adamson seconded by Mr Bond it was resolved that the War Council should confirm the necessity for continuing the recruiting with due regard to the necessity for retaining munition workers.



Accounts for payment.

The following accounts totalling £109: 2: 5 were passed for payment.

The Edison & Swan United Electric Co.	£1: 2: 0
Shaw & Sons, Ltd.,	6: 3
Telegraph Newspaper Coy.	9: 0
Turner Company.	40: 7: 3
Oxlade Bros.	4: 12: 6
The Hodgson Press.	62: 5: 5

O.S. Stamps.

The Secretary intimated that applications had been made by the Recruiting Committee for a further supply of O.S. Stamps. He had at the request of the Hon. Assistant Secretary, (F.W. Ball) examined the postage stamp book and had in accordance with the Federal Parliamentary War Committees instructions submitted a voucher to Mr Ball for his certificate in order for a further supply to be obtained. Resolved on the motion of Dr. Robertson seconded by Mr Becker that on receipt of this certified voucher the Secretary be authorised to obtain the necessary stamps.

Finance.

Mr Macdonald reported that the credit balance to date for the disabled soldiers fund was £1,391: 5: 8. He reported having received remittances of £40: 8: 0 from the South Brisbane Patriotic Fund, £50: 6: 3 proceeds of sale of work and garden fete at Alpha and advice of £50 (Queensland's proportion of the draft of an additional £400 from the Northern Territory).

Repatriation Fund.

Mr Hunter explained that it was the intention of the larger States of Victoria and New South Wales to make the first move in connection with the proposed repatriation fund and that Queensland and the other States would follow without delay but more definite information would be available at a latter date.

Accounts for payment.

Following accounts were passed for payment :  
 ✓ Electric Light Coy (Lighting War Council offices). £1: 0: 7  
 ✓ General Post office (Private Letter box). 1: 5: 6

Employment.

The Secretary submitted the report of the Employment sub-Committee for week ended 25th instant, viz :-

✓ Total Registrations to date.	163
Registrations during week.	12
Registered applicants unprovided for at end of previous week.	20
Applicants found employment during week.	23
Balance unprovided for at end of week.	9

Medical.

Dr. Robertson reported no meetings held but several invalided cases had been dealt with since last meeting.

Land Settlement.

No report but the Chairman (Mr Hunter) explained that he and some of his principal officers were taking action to select lands adjacent to railway lines suitable for returned soldiers and they had decided to set aside 56,000 acres for the purpose, it was also proposed, to ensure as much success of this scheme as possible, to establish instructional or testing farms in the centre of each group.

Relief.

No report but Alderman Down, (Chairman) explained that he and some of his principal officers were taking the relief committee and the Queensland Patriotic Fund were dealing with any cases requiring relief and suggested that arrangements



might be made to have that committee represented on the War Council. The Secretary explained that they had already agreed to co-operate in any cases requiring relief and artificial limbs.

#### LOCAL WAR COUNCILS.

##### St. George.

Progress report received and noted.

##### Neosa.

Re suggestion of forming a citizens Defence Force to be controlled locally. Decided to forward a copy of the reply received from the Military Authorities to a similar request from the Goodna War Council.

##### Toowoomba.

Re calling up single before married men. Decided to refer matter to Recruiting Committee.

##### Warwick.

Re resolution regarding administration of Patriotic funds. The Secretary read the telegram he had dispatched in reply to the inquiry :-

- Your letter fifteenth. Some instances Patriotic Bodies have amalgamated War Council. Others are co-operating. Queensland Patriotic Committee here are co-operating with us matter financial aid returned disabled soldiers also artificial limbs. Council has no power force any patriotic body incorporate or co-operate but Patriotic Funds Administration Act recently passed gives them opportunity doing so. Objects War Council would require to be extended cover all objects patriotic bodies. My Council meets to-night. "

##### Fort Curtis.

Re employing single eligible men in the Government service. Decided to refer the matter to the Department's concerned.

#### Minutes from other States.

Copies of minutes from Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia were tabled and discussed. Decided to forward extracts to the various committees interested therein.

#### Next meeting.

Fixed for 7:45 p.m., on 10th proximo.

*G. A. Morrison*  
Hon. Secretary,  
29: 3: 1916.

Confirmed

*J. M. Hunter*  
Chairman.  
10/4/16



## QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes of Meeting held 10th <sup>April</sup> ~~March~~ 1916.

Apologies.

Lieut. Colonel Wallace Brown.  
Hon. J.G. Appel, M.L.A.,  
Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.,  
L.M. Bond, Esq.,  
J. MacDonald, Esq.,  
M. Becker, Esq.,  
Colonel A.J. Thynne, M.L.C.

Present.

Hon. J.M. Hunter, M.L.A., Chairman.  
Colonel Evans, C.M.G.,  
Alderman Down.  
Alderman Davey.  
Hon. J. Page, M.H.R.  
Dr. W. N. Robertson.  
Brigadier General Lee, D.S.O.

Minutes.

Confirmed.

Business ex minutes.

Suggestion from Over Seas Club re Southern Cross Tobacco fund. - Moved by Mr Down, seconded by Brigadier General Lee, that the matter be left to the Department of Education to decide.  
Carried unanimously.

Correspondence.

From Commonwealth Public Service Commissioner intimating that preference would be given to returned soldiers in temporary employment.  
Noted.

From Minister for Defence re alleged non-observance of the secrecy of replies to recruiting appeals.

Referred to Recruiting Committee.

Committee Reports.

Recruiting. No report.

Accounts passed for payment.Maryborough War Council.

✓ Stamps. £0:11: 9  
Maryborough Newspaper 2: 9: 0  
Coy.  
Wide Bay & B. News. 15: 0  
Thos. Miller & Co. 4:11  
£4: 0: 8

Press publishing details of breaches of War Precautions Act.

The Secretary reported that Mr E.J.T. Barton called upon him with an extract from the Courier dated 30th ultimo and drew attention to the fact that the press were giving publicity in advertising the breaches of the War Precautions Act and as a matter of fact obtaining the object of those who committed such breaches and suggested that action be taken to have such matter censored in future. It was resolved to refer the matter to the Minister for Defence.



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Finance.

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No report.

Re resolution of the Warwick War Council Committee -  
The following resolution passed at a meeting of the  
Warwick War Council on the 27th March was submitted :-  
✓ " This Executive affirms the desirableness of local War  
" Councils undertaking in their respective districts, the  
" distribution of funds of the Queensland Patriotic Fund. "

Resolved to acknowledge and state that this Council is in thorough  
accord with the resolution and will do everything in its power to  
bring it about.

Employment.

The following report was received from the Employment  
Committee :-

Registrations to 8: 4:1916.	186.
Registrations during week.	11.
Applicants unprovided for at end of previous week.	10.
Applicants found employment during week.	9.
Balance unprovided for at end of week.	12.

Medical. No report.

Land Settlement Committee.

✓ Mr Hunter explained that there had been a meeting of the  
Land Settlement Committee at which His Excellency the Governor was  
present full details of which will be submitted to the next meeting  
of the War Council.

Relief. No meeting.

Local War Councils.

Correspondence received.

✓ Lowood. 1. Enquiring whether the Authorities are doing anything in  
connection with the German Question in that District.  
Moved by Brigadier General Lee, seconded by Dr. Robertson  
that the correspondence be sent to the Commissioner of  
Police for whatever action he may deem necessary in the  
matter and that a copy be forwarded to the Military  
Head-Quarters, Brisbane.

2. Suggesting the closure of the Lowood Shire Council and the  
appointment of an Officer in Charge, in lieu thereof,  
Resolved to refer the matter to the Home Secretary.

Goombungee. 1. Re disloyal conduct, Head-Teacher at Douglas State School,  
Resolved to refer the matter to the Military Head-Quarters.

2. Re closing German Churches during the War and German  
schools for all time, resolved to refer the matter to  
the Educational Department.

✓ 3. Re suppressing Stead's review, resolved to refer the matter  
to the Minister for Defence for consideration.

Winton. Re respecting the word "Anzac" as a national one. Resolved  
to refer the matter to other State War Councils also the  
Federal Parliamentary War Committee with a view to the  
suggestion of the Winton War Council being given effect  
to.

Miriam Vale. Progress report received and noted.



Minutes from other States.

Minutes of meetings of War Council in the States of Victoria and South Australia were tabled.

Accounts for payment.

City Electric Light -	
Lighting War Council offices.	£0:10: 0
Australian Typewriter Co.-	
Hire of typewriter.	1: 2: 6

Next meeting.

Fixed for 7:45 p.m., Monday 1st May.

*(Proposed as a 5 Hour Day to 2/5/16)*

*C. A. Norrison*

Hon. Secretary,  
17: 4: 1916.

Confirmed.

*J. M. Hunter*

Chairman.

*2/5/16*



## QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes of meeting held 3rd May, 1916.

Apologies.

Hon. J. Adamson. M.L.A.,  
Dr. Robertson.  
Hon. J.G. Appel. M.L.A.,  
Col. Wallace Brown.

Present.

Hon. J.M. Hunter, M.L.A. - Chairman.  
Colonel Evans, C.M.G.,  
Brigadier-General Lee, D.S.O.,  
Alderman Down,  
L.M. Bond Esq.,  
M. Becker Esq.,  
J. Sharpe Esq., M.H.R.  
Alderman Davey.  
W. R. Crampton.

Minutes.

Confirmed.

Business ex minutes.

Secretary stated that all necessary action had been taken in accordance with the minutes.

Correspondence.From Federal Committee re word "Anzac".

Noted that the matter had been referred to the Prime Minister's Department for action either by Federal or State Governments.

From Federal Parliamentary Committee re indulgence passages by Transports to members of the A.I.F. having friends or relatives in England.

Moved by Mr Davey, seconded by Colonel Evans that the Council agree to undertake any service required in connection therewith.  
Carried unanimously.

From S. Earle.- Re permission for returned soldiers to sell books, &c., in streets.

Resolved that Mr Earle be informed that possibly his request to the Traffic Authorities would meet with more success if he submitted specific applications rather than apply for a general authority.

Committees.Recruiting.

No report (Colonel Thynne absent).

Accounts for payment.

Secretary reported that advice had been received from the Recruiting Committee that accounts amounting to approximately £250 were in course of preparation.



Recruiting (Contd.).Petty Cash Account.

✓ Moved by Colonel Evans, seconded by Mr Becker that the Recruiting Committee be granted a Petty Cash account of £10 to be recouped as required.

Finance.

No report (Mr McDonald absent).

Employment.

Mr Crampton submitted the following report in connection with employment :-

✓ Total registrations to date.-28:4:16.	212
Registrations during week ...	17
Registered applicants unprovided for at end of previous week. ...	10
Applicants found employment during week. ...	9
Balance unprovided for at end of week	18

Although the number on hand appears large 12 of them are in negotiation for employment and may be placed at any moment.

Land Settlement.

The following report was received from the Land Settlement Committee :-

Since the last progress report was submitted several meetings of the Committee have been held. Various offers of properties have been received, reported on and considered but in all cases have been found unsuitable for the purposes of the Committee. The Government proposals to set aside 44,000 acres at Beerburnum for fruit and poultry farms and 15,000 acres near Stanthorpe for fruit growing have been accepted. ✓ His Excellency the Governor was present at one of the meetings of the Committee and related his experience when Lt. Governor of the Orange River Colony in regard to the settlement of soldiers on Crown lands and lands acquired by purchase in that Colony after the Boer War under Lord Milner's Government. His Excellency also placed before the Committee the details of the scheme adopted. A sub-committee was appointed to go fully into the matter and submit recommendations suggesting a basis of settlement whereby the functions of the Committee might be successfully carried out. A draft scheme has been prepared, submitted and partially considered and will be submitted to the Council in due course. The Hon. Peter Murphy, M.L.C., Messrs. W.F. Cameron and Charles Taylor have been added to the Committee. " Report adopted.

Land settlement cards.

Moved by Mr Crampton, seconded by Mr Becker, that the Secretary be authorised to have 1,000 land settlement cards printed in order that the registration of applicants may be uniformly carried out.

Medical.

✓ No report. (Dr Robertson absent)  
The Secretary stated however that Dr. Robertson had informed him that although the Committee had not met, several cases had been dealt with by him since last meeting.



Relief.

No mee report.

Country War Councils.

Toowoomba - re giving married men an opportunity of explaining their voluntary attitude and withdrawing their obligations before being called up.

Letter received and referred to Recruiting Committee.

Kingaroy. - re appointing Labour Representative on confidential committee in connection with answers to Commonwealth Prime Minister's appeal.

Decided to refer matter to Recruiting Committee.

Goombungee. Letter re suspicious actions of M. Rappeport.

Received and decided to refer the matter to the Military Authorities.

Letter from Education Department re closing German schools, Goombungee District.

Received and noted that German Ministers desiring to give religious instruction should do as British Ministers have to do, namely, give such instruction at prescribed times during the ordinary school hours in accordance with the requirements of the Education Department's regulations on the subject. The Secretary was instructed to enquire from the Education Department whether such instruction is given in the German or English language. The question of closing German churches to be referred to the Chief Secretary's Department.

Minutes from other States  
and Federal Parliamentary War Committee.

Minutes of War Council meetings from -  
Victoria.  
Tasmania.  
South Australia.  
West Australia.

were tabled also a summary of the proceedings at the last meeting of the Federal Parliamentary War Committee.

Accounts for payment.

✓ The Government Printer - 250 copies "Constitution & method of working Local War Council Committees,  
£1:10: 0.

General.Sir Rider Haggard's visit.

✓ The Chairman referred to the visit of Sir Rider Haggard in connection with the settlement of British Ex Service men on the land in Australia and informed the Committee of the Government's offer to provide 1,000,000 acres provided the necessary money could be found.

Repatriation Fund.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the full details of the scheme had not yet been received but that he had been appointed one of the Trustees and had been invited to attend a meeting in Melbourne but owing to the short notice received was unable to do so. He had offered to send a proxy but had



been informed that owing to some of the representatives already being on the way the meeting could not be postponed nor could a proxy be appointed. There was to be a further meeting, however, shortly after the next meeting of the Council and the Secretary was instructed to forward extracts of the Southern Minutes relative to Repatriation Fund to each member of the Council in order that the matter might be fully discussed at next meeting.

Next meeting fixed for Monday, 15th instant.

*C. A. Newton*

Hon. Secretary,  
5: 5: 1916.

Confirmed

*W. H. Hunter*  
Chairman.



QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes of Meeting held 22nd May, 1916.  
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Present.

Hon. J. M. Hunter, M.L.A., - Chairman.  
Alderman Down.  
Alderman Davey.  
M. Becker Esq.,  
John MacDonald Esq.,  
Colonel Thynne, M.L.C.,  
Colonel Lee, D. S.O.,  
Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.,  
L.M. Bond Esq.,

Apologies.

Colonel Evans, C.M.G.,  
Dr. W. N. Robertson,  
Hon. H.F. Hardacre, M. L.A.,

Minutes.

Minutes of previous meeting confirmed.

Business ex Minutes.

Secretary reported all necessary action taken.

Correspondence.

✓ From Under Secretary, Chief Secretary, intimating resignation of Hon. J. Fihelly and appointment of Hon. J. Huxham in his place.

From Defence Department.A. Re enlistment of minors.

Referred to Recruiting Committee.

B. Re Recruiting Sergeant Clark-Kennedy.

Referred to Recruiting Committee.

C. Re enlistment of teachers of technical subjects.

Referred to Recruiting Committee and Education Department.

D. Re soldiers in uniform at Recruiting Meetings.

Referred to Recruiting Committee.

From Education Department.A. Re transfer of Head Teacher, Prensau.

Noted.

B. Re disloyal conduct Head Teacher, Douglas.

✓ Moved by Mr. Adamson, seconded by Mr. Becker that the Education Department be asked if the report justifies the transfer of Mr. Guhr to a non-german locality.

From Home Secretary's Department.

Re closing Lowood Shire Council and putting a man in charge.

Noted no action can be taken in that direction.



From Acting Secretary (Prime Minister (Commonwealth) re Repatriation Fund.

Dealt with under heading of "Finance".

From Hon. H. F. Hardacre re Children of the Empire Fund.

Decided to recommend "No action".

From Federal Parliamentary War Committee re Lieut. Little and Corporal Henderson's pension.

Noted that both matters are under consideration.

From Commonwealth Treasury intimating a further grant of £680 for Recruiting purposes.

Noted.

#### Committee Reports.

#### Finance.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee (Mr. Macdonald) stated that he had called his Committee together on the 11th instant to give special consideration to the subject matter contained in the communication dated 26th April, from the Acting Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and 4th May, 1916, from the Acting Under Secretary to the Chief Secretary, Brisbane, on the subject of making an appeal for the raising of funds for repatriation purposes and on behalf of his Committee he submitted the following resolutions which have been agreed to by them, viz:-

1. Appeals for Funds for War Council purposes to be suspended and energies concentrated upon obtaining donations in money and kind for the Australian Soldiers Repatriation Fund. All Local War Councils to be advised to this effect and asked to co-operate with the Local Authorities in raising funds.
2. The Mayors or Chairmen of all Cities, Towns and Shires throughout the States to be requested to take whatever means they consider desirable to raise Funds and be asked to co-operate with the Local War Council in this direction. A copy of the Acting Prime Minister's appeal might, at the same time, be forwarded to the Local Authorities and War Councils. With a view to carrying out this suggestion it is recommended that a day be set apart (on the earliest date possible) to be proclaimed throughout the States a Public Holiday and to be called "Repatriation Fund Day" with the object of obtaining donations in money and kind for the abovementioned purpose.
3. All cash and donations of a negotiable nature to be remitted to the Central Administration of the Queensland War Council, Brisbane, after meeting any expense in connection with the raising of same. Donations in kind (other than those of a negotiable nature) to be notified to Brisbane, but retained by the Local Committees until advised by Central Administration as to their disposal.
4. Newspapers to be requested to assist the movement and a Press Committee to be appointed to make strong appeals to the general public per medium of the Press, posters, picture shows and any other means which are considered effective.

After a good deal of discussion it was unanimously decided that the War Council favours the idea that such a fund be inaugurated and is further of the opinion that the various organisations throughout the State should be requested to support same.

In view of the further appeal which the Queensland Patriotic Fund is about to make to the public and the competition which would



*an amalgamation of the administrative committees of the Patriotic Fund with the War Council & an*

exist were both committees to appeal for funds independently it was decided, if possible, to arrange a conference with the Executive of the Patriotic Fund to endeavour if possible to arrange for an united appeal being made and thus avoid the perhaps disastrous consequences of one committee competing against another in practically the same cause.

The following gentlemen were appointed to represent the War Council:-

The Chair (Hon. J.M. Hunter),  
The Chairman of the Finance Committee (J. Macdonald Esq)  
Colonel A. J. Thynne, M.L.C.,  
Alderman Down,

and the Secretary

further action to stand over pending the result of the conference and also the Premier's conference in Adelaide at which it was understood the question was to be discussed.

#### Recruiting.

Colonel Thynne, Chairman, submitted the following report:-

The work of dealing with the War Census Cards and Enlistment Appeal is now practically complete. The only section of the work unfinished is the alphabetical indexing, which is now also approaching completion. For this special work we have had the assistance of a number of Clerks loaned by the various Government Departments.

The system installed here is such that any necessary information regarding any male of military age in Queensland, will be available at a moment's notice for the Military Authorities, with the exception of those males of course who failed to send in any reply.

We had a visit on Saturday the 13th instant from Brigadier General Foster, Chief of Staff, Melbourne, and he expressed admiration in unmeasured terms of the work done by Queensland in the above connection.

In our cabinets we have all the men of Military Age in Queensland classified as follows:-

1. According to Battalion Area.
2. According to Shire Area.
3. Consecutively numbered.
4. Classified alphabetically.
5. Classified to various groups from A1 to A10 according to age and family responsibilities, &c.

This means that if conscription were introduced at any moment Queensland would be ready immediately to start calling up her men from whatever group the Authorities might wish to draw upon. The work of the Recruiting Sergeants in investigating the correctness or otherwise of the reasons given by men not wishing to enlist is progressing steadily, and immensely valuable results are being obtained in this way, apart altogether from the value of the Sergeants as Recruiting Agents.

In connection with this matter of conscription, the following confidential letter was sent on April 28th last, to the Secretaries of all the Local War Councils throughout the State:-

"In view of the conscription controversy, my Committee would be glad to have an expression of opinion from your Confidential Executive as to the local feeling among men of Military Age on this important matter.

Such opinion should be a very carefully considered one and only given after taking the views of the Recruiting Sergeant and judging the results of his interviews with the men in the area. Numbers of men have stated in their replies that they favour conscription, but it is possible that they may have looked upon this as improbable, and merely used it as an excuse.

You will naturally see that this enquiry and your reply must be treated as strictly confidential. We would ask you to send us a reply as briefly and as quickly as possible simply stating that in your opinion the majority (55 to 65%) or great majority (over 65%) were in favour of or opposed to conscription, or that



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 opinion was about equally divided.  
 Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply".

With very few exceptions these Local Organisations returned the answer that conscription is desired by a great majority of the men of Military Age in the various centres.

The total number of men enlisted in Queensland to date is approximately 36,000.

#### Accounts for payment.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Petty Cash disbursements.	£11:10: 3
" " "	13:12:11
Advance on account of expenses	
F. W. Ball's Northern Tour.	21: 0: 0

#### Employment.

The Chairman of the Employment Committee, Mr. W. R. Crampton, submitted the following summary of transactions for week ending 20th instant:-

Total Registrations to date	247
Registrations during week.	13
Registered applicants unprovided for at end of previous week.	12
Applicants found employment during week.	13
Balance unprovided for at end of week.	12.

Adopted

#### Land Settlement Committee.

The Chairman, Land Settlement Committee, submitted the following report:-

Applications for blocks of land have been considered and passed for registrations. Surveyors are now at work subdividing 44,000 acres at Beerburrum and 15,000 acres at Stanthorpe which have been set aside by the Government for the settlement of returned soldiers. The recommendations of a Sub-Committee appointed to suggest the basis of a scheme for the successful establishment of returned soldiers has been further discussed and the Secretary has been instructed to communicate with the other States with a view to acquiring all available information for the assistance of the Committee in arriving at the basis of a liberal and effective scheme.

Adopted.

#### Medical.

No report.

#### Relief.

No report.

#### General.

#### Accounts for payment:

A. C. Osborne, - Advance to cover tools and implements.	£15: 0: 0
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#### Next Meeting.

Next Meeting fixed for Monday, June 5th, at 7. 45 p.m.

*G. A. Hunter*  
 Hon. Secretary.  
 29: 5: 1916.

Confirmed.

*M. Hunter*  
 Chairman.

12/6/16



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QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes of Meeting held 12th June 1916.

Apologies.

Present.

Hon. J.M. Hunter, M.L.A. - Chairman.  
M. Becker Esq.,  
W. R. Crampton Esq.,  
J. Sharpe, M.H.R.,  
J. Macdonald Esq.,  
Brigadier-General Lee, D.S.O.

Apologies.

Colonel Evans, C.M.G.  
Dr. Robertson.  
Alderman Down.  
Hon. H.F. Hardacre, M.L.A.  
Hon. J. Huxham, M.L.A.  
Hon. J. Page, M.H.R.  
Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.  
L. M. Bond Esq.,

Minutes.

Confirmed.

Business ex minutes.

Conference between Queensland Patriotic Fund Committee and Queensland War Council re Repatriation Fund.

The Chairman, Mr Hunter, read the report of the Conference also a telegram despatched by him to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the Australian Soldiers Repatriation Fund, Melbourne dated 9th instant and the reply received on the 10th idem (for particulars of which see pages ). After some discussion Mr Becker moved and Brigadier-General Lee seconded that the report be received and that the conference be continued with a view to bringing the matter of the proposed amalgamation to a successful issue.

Transfer of Head Teacher, Douglas State School, to a non-german district.

It was resolved to ask the Secretary for Public Instruction if apart from any reports that had been received, he considers it a wise thing to allow a man of german descent to remain in German District.

Correspondence.

From Secretary, Board of Trustees, Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Fund intimating that Trustees are now in a position to allot amounts to State War Councils, &c.

Moved by Mr Becker, seconded by Mr Sharpe, that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee pending the appointment of a Repatriation Committee.

Carried unanimously.

From Queensland Recruiting Committee Re Recruiting Sergeants discussing merits and demerits of conscription.

Moved by Mr MacDonald, seconded by Mr Sharpe, that a copy of the Recruiting Committees reply together with the list attached be forwarded to the Defence Department, Melbourne, for their information.



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From Queensland Recruiting Committee forwarding letters received from War Council Committees, Longreach and Caboolture, re conscription, &c.

Longreach. Decided to refer the matter ~~of~~ the enlistment of members of the police force to the Home Secretary.

Caboolture. Decided to refer the matters brought under notice to the Governments concerned.

From E.N. Turner, returned discharged soldier applying for a loan of £120 with which to buy a house.

Referred to Finance Committee.

From Private Green applying for help in connection with a fruit farm which has been given to him.

Referred to Land Settlement Committee.

#### Committee Reports.

##### Finance.

✓ The Chairman, Mr Macdonald, reported that the credit balance at date, was £1,478:19: 5. His Committee had not met pending the result of the proposed amalgamation scheme with the Queensland Patriotic Fund.

##### Recruiting.

✓ No report. The Secretary reported that the credit balance in connection with the funds provided by the Federal Government was £1,155: 3: 5 to date.

##### Employment.

✓ The Chairman, Mr W.R. Crampton, submitted the following report for week ended 10th instant :-

Total Registrations to date.	287
Registrations during week.	14
Registered applicants unprovided for at end of previous week.	16
Applicants found employment during week.	14
Balance unprovided for at end of week.	16

##### Land settlement.

✓ The Chairman, Mr Hunter, reported that the Land Settlement Committee were still busy with their scheme for settling soldiers on the land and surveyors were busy surveying the land at Beerburum and that other areas, some of which were situated in the Northern parts of the State were being examined.

##### Local War Council Committees.

##### Crows Nest.

✓ Re Removing J.P.'s of enemy origin from list of Justices of the Peace.  
Re removing from list of Committeemen for State schools, all persons of enemy origin.

Resolved to ask the Crows Nest War Council to state their reasons for the motions moved by them and to ~~request them~~ enquire if there are members on the bench or school committees in their locality whose conduct in their opinion warrants such action being taken and if so to quote names and particulars of the disloyal conduct in each case.



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Miriam Vale.

Re framing an enabling Bill to empower Local Authorities to  
levy a special rate for raising funds for patriotic purposes.

As the motion referred to regarding the raising of funds was  
not carried by the Miriam Vale War Council no action was  
thought necessary.

Cardwell.

Re aliens filling billets of Britishers. &c.

Decided to communicate with the Departments concerned.

Mt. Morgan.

Resolution re conscription of men and wealth.

Decided to refer matter to the Minister for Defence, Melbourne.

Accounts for payment.

The following accounts were passed for payment :

F. W. Ball - Out of pocket expenses.	£9: 6: 8
Government Printer - Printing, &c.	10: 2: 0
F. W. Mason - Rubber stamp.	11: 0
Langley Simmons - Card Cabinets.	3:12: 0
City Electric Light Coy - 3 weeks.	1:16: 4

General.

Next meeting fixed for Monday 26th instant.

*Postponed to Monday 3.7.16*

*C. A. Noyes*  
Hon. Secretary.  
20: 6: 1916.

Confirmed

*J. M. Hunter* 3/7/16  
Chairman.



## QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes of War Council meeting held Monday, 3rd July 1916.

Present.

Hon. J.M. Hunter, M.L.A., (Chairman).  
 Dr. W.N. Robertson.  
 Alderman Down.  
 Hon. J. Huxham, M.L.A.  
 Hon. H.F. Hardacre, M.L.A.  
 Hon. J. Page, M.H.R.  
 M. Becker Esq.,  
 W. R. Crampton Esq.,  
 Hon. A.J. Thynne, M.L.C.  
 Brigadier-General Lee, D.S.O.  
 Alderman Davey.  
 Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.

Apologies.

Colonel Evans, C.M.G.  
 L. M. Bond Esq.,  
 J. Macdonald Esq.,

Minutes. Minutes of meeting held on 12th June 1916 confirmed.

Business ex minutes.

Progress report re proposal for Queensland Patriotic Fund to amalgamate with the War Council.

Mr Hunter stated that a further conference with the Queensland Patriotic Fund had taken place that morning in order to discuss a difficulty which had arisen in connection with the proposed amalgamation owing to the constitution of the Queensland Patriotic Fund. The difficulty, however, was one which could be overcome and Mr Macartney who was present as the Honorary Solicitor of the Queensland Patriotic Fund stated that he would amend the proposed scheme of amalgamation in order to overcome the difficulty.

Decided to wait final decision before taking any further action.

Correspondence - Inwards.

Letter from Education Department re transfer of Mr Guhr, Head Teacher, Douglas State School.

The fact that the matter is being held in abeyance by the Education Department owing to a possibility of legal action being taken by Mr Guhr against one of the community was noted.

From Defence Department, Melbourne, forwarding cheque for £1,643:16:0 for anti-aircraft fund.

Acknowledge and inform Defence Department Senator Pearce's request will receive due consideration.

From Acting Under Secretary, Chief Secretary, forwarding cheque for £14: 5: 0 proceeds of a raffle, Maroo Station.

Acknowledge.



Correspondence - Inwards.

From London Bank of Australia, Nambour, intimating that £37:5:5 had been paid to the credit of the Repatriation Fund, proceeds of a School Fete.

Decided to request the Bank to transfer the amount to Brisbane

From Recruiting Committee, Cairns, forwarding through Hon. J. Adamson resolution passed at an open air gathering held at Cairns.

Decided to deal with the resolutions as follows :-

1. To ask the Italian Consuls to enforce the order of their Governments in calling their men to the colors as the French, Russian and Serbians have done.

Request Chief Secretary to take action in the matter.

2. That men of other nationality become naturalized British subjects or be deported from this Country.

Request the Federal Parliamentary War Committee to bring the matter under the notice of the proper authority.

3. That the labor agents be asked to report to the Local War Council the number and nationality of the men passing through their bureau.

To refer the matter to the Director of Labor for consideration.

4. That Mills, Smelters, and other employers of labor be asked to furnish to the Local War Council numbers and nationality of employees.

There being no local War Council at Cairns this cannot be carried out.

From Federal Parliamentary War Committee forwarding for consideration of War Council correspondence between the Recruiting Committee and Chief Secretary's Department, Queensland, re extra pay for Recruiting Sergeants.

Decided on the suggestion of Colonel Thynne that the matter stand over until the next meeting as he may have further information on the subject.

From Hon. H.F. Hardacre forwarding letter from Charters Towers War Council containing proposal in connection with recruiting.

Decided to inform the Charters Towers War Council that the proposal made by Mr Grosvenor A. Francis was already being considered by the Defence Department.

From Federal Parliamentary Committee forwarding proposal from Mr Hunt, Commonwealth Meteorologist re manufacture of glue and gelatines in connection with the employment of returned soldiers.

Referring to the Employment Committee.

From Federal Parliamentary Committee re Lieut. Little's pension.

Noted.

From Federal Parliamentary Committee re returned soldiers from the Territory applying to the Queensland Patriotic Fund for assistance.

This is a case in which the Queensland Patriotic Fund made advances to returned soldiers from the Northern Territory ex Queensland Patriotic Funds. As the War Council has received subscriptions from the Northern Territory it was decided on the motion of Mr Page, seconded by Mr Crampton to refund the amount paid to the Queensland Patriotic Fund.



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Sub-Committee Reports.Finance.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that no meetings had been held pending the result of the proposed amalgamation of the Queensland Patriotic Fund Committee. He reported the credit balance to date, War Council Funds, was £3,147: 0: 5.

Recruiting.

Colonel Thynne reported that Recruiting at the present time in Queensland was unsatisfactory. The total number for the week being 222. Brigadier-General Lee stated, however, that the winter months were not suitable for recruiting and that he thought there would be an improvement with the advent of the warmer months. Colonel Thynne also reported that the calling together in conference of the Recruiting Committees in various parts of the State was beneficial to the organisations of his committee. The Secretary reported that the balance to the credit of the Recruiting Committee in connection with the funds made available by the Commonwealth Government was £1,078: 3:11.

Employment.

Mr Crampton, Chairman of the Employment Committee reported as follows :-

Total registrations to date	-	-	-	-	335
Registrations during week	-	-	-	-	23
Registered applicants unprovided for at end of previous week.	-	-	-	-	16
Applicants found employment during week.	-	-	-	-	23
Balance unprovided for at end of week	-	-	-	-	16

Mr Crampton stated that although the efforts in finding employment for returned soldiers have been attended, so far, with success, he realised that ultimately when the men are returning in larger numbers from the front they would also be faced with the necessity of finding employment for those men who were at present in seasonal employment and he thought that it would be necessary to establish industries in which returned soldiers could be profitably employed. It was therefore resolved on the motion of Colonel Thynne, seconded by Hon. J. Huxham that the employment committee be requested to go into the matter and submit concrete proposals to the War Council for consideration.

Report adopted.

Land Settlement Committee.

Mr Hunter, Chairman of the Land Settlement Committee, reported that the survey of an area of land at Beerburum, on the North Coast Line, into areas suitable for fruit ~~and~~ growing by returned soldiers has now been completed. There are 95 farms in all ranging from 20 to 40 acres each - these farms have been declared by the Director of Fruit Culture as suitable for the cultivation of pineapples, bananas and citrus fruits. The survey has been made so as to include in each farm at least 10 acres of good fruit land. Reports are being obtained in regard to other areas at Stanthorpe, Bowen and Townsville, also as to the suitability of certain lands in the Burnett, Injune Creek, South Western Line and the Geondiwindi line for dairying and wheat growing by returned



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soldiers. The question of the allotment of farms to approved applicants and the establishment of a training farm for returned soldiers desirous of settling on the land is at present engaging the careful consideration of the Committee. The necessity of erecting an up to date cannery factory in connection with the settlement of returned soldiers was referred to a Committee who are awaiting particulars of the works at California and Hawaii before submitting a report as to same. The Committee have also had under consideration several properties which have been placed under offer and in connection with which reports are being obtained. Up to date 17 applications had been received and when a sufficient ~~com~~ number come to hand an allotment would be made. Mr Joseph Rosek of Bourne Street, Clayfield was appointed a member of the Land Settlement Committee.

Report adopted.

General.

The following recruiting accounts were passed for payment :-

Queensland Recruiting Committee - Petty Cash -	£17: 5: 3
	13:14: 5

Next meeting.

Next meeting fixed for 17th July, 1916.

*C. A. Robertson*

Hon. Secretary,  
Queensland War Council,  
11: 7: 1916.

Confirmed 17/7/16

*J. M. Hunter*



Present. Hon. J. M. Hunter, M. L. A., Chairman,  
 Hon. J. Huxham, M. L. A.,  
 Dr. W. N. Robertson,  
 Alderman Down,  
 Hon. J. Page, M.H. R.,  
 M. Becker Esq.,  
 W. R. Crampton Esq.,  
 Hon. A. J. Thynne, M. L.C.,  
 Brigadier-General Lee, D.S.O.,  
 Alderman Davey,  
 Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.,  
 L. M. Bond Esq.,  
 J. Macdonald Esq.

Apologies. Colonel Evans, C.M.G.

Minutes. Minutes of meeting held 3rd July, confirmed.

Business ex Minutes.

Progress report re proposed amalgamation with Queensland Patriotic Fund.

The Chairman stated that he hoped by next meeting to be in a position to announce something definite with regard to the proposal. In the meantime he suggested that the Committee formed to negotiate with the Queensland Patriotic Fund be continued until such time as finality is reached.

Agreed.

Recruiting Committee re extra pay to Recruiting Sergeants.

Colonel Thynne had not been able to collect the necessary information in time for this meeting, the matter was therefore deferred until next meeting.

Correspondence.

A. Telegram from Commonwealth Treasurer requesting this Council to address public meetings and meetings of employees advocating support of Commonwealth Loan.

Agreed that members of the War Council would, in addressing public meetings accede to the Commonwealth Treasurer's request.

It was also decided to communicate with Country War Councils and seek their assistance in the matter also.

B. From Secretary to Commonwealth Prime Minister relative to certain resolutions passed by the Committee appointed to secure co-ordination in repatriation matters.

Decided to let this matter stand over until the Repatriation Sub-Committee is formed.

C. From General Secretary, Institute of Local Government Engineers of Australia suggesting that they link up with the War Council in each State for the purpose of inaugurating schemes for providing employment for returned soldiers for which purpose they recommend a member of their Executive be appointed to the War Council.

Decided to inform the General Secretary that schemes for providing employment and land settlement for returned soldiers



were already being organised by the War Council in this State and if the members of his Committee so desired they could serve on any of them.

Re the Soldiers' Repatriation Fund.

- A. From the Secretary to the Fund enclosing a revise of the draft regulations which were finally considered on 14th instant.

As the consideration of the regulations would take some time it was resolved to appoint the following members of the Council a sub-committee to consider them and report result at next meeting viz:-

Colonel Thynne.  
Mr. Down.  
Mr. Becker.  
and the Secretary.

- B. From the Under Secretary to Chief Secretary forwarding letter Commonwealth Prime Minister to the Premier bringing under notice the establishment of the Fund.

The Chairman explained that this matter was in the hands of the Government.

- C. From the Secretary to the Fund forwarding copies of letters addressed to the Mayor and Editors of daily newspapers in Brisbane regarding the receipt of contributions to the fund.
- D. From Secretary to the fund re the distribution of books and pamphlets in connection with the fund.

Decided to refer these matters to the Finance Sub-committee pending the appointment of a Repatriation Sub-Committee.

- E. From E. J. McConnel offering to assist the scheme and making a practical suggestion.

The Council were unanimously pleased with and heartily approved of Mr. McConnel's suggestion and as soon as the Repatriation Sub-Committee is formed they will be asked to take up with him in the matter. Meantime it was hoped that Mr. McConnel will not lose an opportunity of carrying out his suggestion if one offers itself.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Finance.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th July, 1916, correspondence was read from C.A. Murton, Hon. Secretary, covering application from returned soldiers - C. A. Osborne and Frank Hall, the former asking for £100 to expend upon improvements to his farm and the latter for £25 to assist his purchase of a motor car to be used for hire purposes. Referring to these applications Mr. John Macdonald (Chairman) reported that at the last meeting of the War Council it had been resolved that pending amalgamation of the Queensland Patriotic and War Council Funds, to temporarily refer to the Finance Committee all applications for financial assistance.

As the result of the discussion which followed this correspondence and the Chairman's report, it was resolved to report to the War Council that enquiries would be made re the bona fides of the two applicants mentioned, but that pending definite knowledge of the powers with which the Finance Committee were to be clothed diffidence was felt in making immediate recommendations. It was further resolved to submit to the War



Council a request for information on the following subjects:-

1. Has the Finance Committee power to make advances to approved applicants, or, to only make recommendations to the War Council?
2. What amount outside the credit balance in hand is to be made available for the purposes of the Finance Committee.
3. What class of applications are to be submitted to the Finance Committee?
4. Is there a fixed maximum beyond which loans, gifts, advances or direct gifts must not extend?
5. What machinery is it proposed shall be placed at the disposal of the Finance Committee for purposes of collecting information relating to applicants for loans, etc., and for securing the protection of the funds subsequent to loans being granted?

Finance Statement: The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. L. Beal, submitted the Bank Pass Book showing a credit balance of £3,171.14. 7. Of this Amount donors had specified £612. 10: 8 should be allotted to the Returned Soldiers' Fund: £2,045. 1: 10 to the Wounded Soldiers' Fund, £464. 9: 9 to the Sick and Wounded Soldiers' Fund, leaving only £49. 12: 4 without specific allocation.

All questions raised are provided for in the draft regulations in connection with the Repatriation Fund a copy of which will be forwarded to the Finance Committee by the Secretary.

#### Recruiting.

Colonel Thynne reported that there had been no further falling off, but that the numbers of recruits offering was still far short of the number required, and notwithstanding certain rumours which are being heard to the contrary the need for recruits was still most urgent, and no relaxation of the effort to induce eligible men to join could yet be afforded.

#### Employment.

Summary of transactions for week ending Saturday, 15th July, 1916.

Total registrations to date	...	...	...	...	356
Registrations during week	...	...	...	...	10
Registered applicants unprovided for at end of previous week.	...	...	...	...	12
Applicants found employment during week	...	...	...	...	8
Balance unprovided for at end of week	...	...	...	...	4

The Chairman (Mr. Crampton) intimated that he was that night leaving for Cairns and he would take the opportunity of interviewing Mill Managers, etc. with a view to placing returned men in the Northern Parts of the State as well as the Southern and Central Districts. He would also look into the proposal emanating from Cairns regarding the manufacture of paper.

#### Land Settlement.

The Land Settlement Sub-Committee reported that they are still actively engaged in the consideration of the various details connected with the successful settlement of returned soldiers on the land and that they hope very shortly to be in a position to submit their recommendations to the Council.

#### Country War Councils.

Goombungee. Suggesting that the names of railway siding known as "Bergenside" be changed to "Neuve".

Decided to refer the matter to the Railway Department.

Lowood. A. That the Home Department be advised that persons of enemy origin having land transferred to them should not



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have their names placed on the rate book for voting purposes.

Decided to refer the matter to the Home Secretary.

- B. Suggesting that persons of enemy origin employed in Shire Council gangs be informed that their positions are only temporary and may if necessary be filled by returned soldiers.

Decided to refer the matter to the Home Secretary.

Toowoomba. Re placing a returned soldier as Recruiting officer at Toowoomba and other positions.

Matter under correspondence with the Recruiting Committee.

Accounts for payment.

Recruiting Committee - Petty Cash disbursements - £4: 4: 8

General.

Next Meeting. Monday, 31st instant at 7: 45 p.m.

Hon. Secretary.  
19: 7: 1916.

Confirmed.

7/8/16  
*J. M. Hunt*



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QUEENSLAND                      WAR                      COUNCIL.

Special Meeting of the Queensland War Council, Chief Secretary's  
Office, 24th July, 1916.

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Present.

Mon. J. M. Hunter, M.L.A., Chairman.  
Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.,  
Hon. J. Huxham, M.L.A.,  
John Macdonald Esq.,  
M. Becker Esq.,  
L. M. Bond Esq.,  
Alderman Davey.  
J. Page, M.H.R.  
Colonel A. J. Thynne, M.L.C.,  
J. Sharpe Esq., M.H.R.

Apologies.

Colonel Evans, C. M. G.,  
Dr. W. N. Robertson.  
Alderman Down.  
Brigadier-General Lee, D.S.O.

BUSINESS.

The Chairman (Mr Hunter) on behalf of the Subcommittee appointed to negotiate with the Queensland Patriotic Fund regarding the proposed amalgamation explained that the proposal had been unsuccessful and quoted the reply received from Sir Alfred Cowley dated 19th instant, as follows :-

" I have the honor to inform you that at a special meeting of the  
" Administrative Sub-Committee of the Queensland Patriotic Fund held  
" yesterday afternoon the proposal that it should become a sub-  
" committee of the War Council to undertake in conjunction with the  
" administration of the Queensland Patriotic Fund, the administra-  
" tion in Queensland of the Repatriation Scheme was fully discussed.  
" The opinion was generally expressed that the Committee could not  
" do justice to the full requirements of both undertakings and it  
" was finally decided not to entertain the proposal leaving it to  
" individual members to accept such further responsibilities as  
" they may think fit.  
" The Committee are, however, prepared to work in harmony with the  
" War Council Committees where the same offers advantages and to  
" co-operate in any movement for the collection of funds to carry  
" on the work in which we are respectively engaged. "

It would, therefore, be necessary for the Council to appoint a Committee to carry out Queensland's share of the work of re-establishing in peaceful walks of life our returned soldiers. An informal discussion followed and several suggestions were made. It was eventually resolved on the motion of Colonel Thynne seconded by Mr Huxham "That a special Repatriation Committee be formed under the Chairmanship of Mr MacDonald". It was further decided to



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communicate with prominent citizens, Secretaries of Unions, etc, seeking their help in the work and also to arrange for a meeting at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, on Friday evening 26th inst., and invite, through the press, those who may desire to assist the War Council in Repatriation Work to attend. After some further discussion it was also considered that the best means of carrying out the work would be the appointment of sub-committees working under one Executive Committee to undertake any one or more of the different sections of the work enumerated in clause 10 of the Regulations.

It was also decided to communicate with Country War Councils requesting them to form sub-committees for repatriation work and also to request the Recruiting Committee to arrange for their country committees to assist.

Repatriation Day.

It was unanimously decided to adopt, Friday 27th October, the day selected by the Trustees as Repatriation Day to be Repatriation Day in Queensland.

Recruiting.

Colonel Thynne, Chairman, Recruiting Committee, tabled a report on Recruiting which was ordered to be typed and a copy forwarded to each member of the Council before next meeting.

Next War Council Meeting.

Decided to postpone the next meeting from Monday, 31st instant to Tuesday, 1st proximo.

Hon. Secretary,  
25: 6: 1916.

Confirmed

7/8/16  
- J. M. Hunter  
Chairman.







QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes - 7: 8:1916.

Present.

Hon. J. M. Hunter, M.L.A., (Chairman).  
Hon. J. Husham, M.L.A.,  
Alderman Down.  
Hon. J. Page, M.H.R.  
M. Becker Esq.,  
W. R. Crampton Esq.,  
Hon. A. J. Thynne, M.L.C.,  
Brigadier-General Lee, D.E.O.  
Hon. H.F. Hardacre, M.L.A.,  
Alderman Davey.  
L.M. Bond Esq.,  
J. MacDonald Esq.,  
J. Sharpe Esq., M.H.R.,

Apologies.

Colonel Evans, C.M.G.,  
Dr. W.N. Robertson.  
Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.,

Minutes.

Minutes of ordinary meeting 17: 7:1916 and special  
meeting 24: 7:1916 confirmed.

Business ex Minutes.

Revision of Repatriation Fund Regulations.

The Secretary stated that the Regulations had been adopted by the Trustees and that any amendments which might be suggested now would be too late for the first issue. In any case no suggested amendments had so far been received.

Formation of a Repatriation Committee.

Committee formed (see "Committees").

Correspondence (General).

1. From P.M.O., enquiring if the War Council is prepared to undertake the cost of maintaining soldiers suffering from Phthisis in a Sanatorium after receiving their discharge.

Decided to refer the matter to the Medical Committee for advice.

2. From Recruiting Committee forwarding letter from Recruiting Sergeant Lynch, Cloncurry, re men who have not sent replies to the Prime Minister's appeal.

Decided to forward copy of the letter and accompanying list to the Federal Parliamentary War Committee.

3. Telegram from State War Council, Hobart, asking for names of bodies which have contributed funds for use of or distribution by the Queensland War Council.

Agreed to supply the information and also to state what it is proposed to do.

4. From Cappon Carter & Coy Ltd., asking for a general authority for the sale of Patriotic Buttons.

Decided to refuse the application. The Council also expressed the wish that the Chief Secretary would not grant permits for buttons. The Secretary meantime to ascertain the provisions of the proclamation.



5. From the Acting Under Secretary to the Chief Secretary, forwarding correspondence from the Premier of New South Wales respecting the financing of Recruiting Committees.

Decided to forward the correspondence to the Recruiting Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

REPATRIATION.

In accordance with a decision of the War Council of this State a meeting was held on Friday evening, 28th July, at the Municipal Council Chambers.

Hon. J. M. Hunter, as Vice-President of the War Council, took the chair and explained the reasons for calling the meeting and certain details.

Mr John Macdonald later took the Chair and further explained the desires of the War Council in connection with the formation of the various committees under the Soldiers' Repatriation Fund Act.

It was decided at this meeting that committees be formed, and a second meeting was called for Wednesday, 2nd August.

At the second meeting Mr Macdonald further explained the scope and operations for the various committees.

The various committees were then named -

1. Organising and soliciting subscriptions :
2. Receiving and determining applications for assistance, covering general assistance, sustenance and small businesses.
3. Procuring all farming plant, seeds, live stock and tools-in-trade, and
4. The Entertainment Committee was left over for further consideration.

The names of members of the various committees selected are as follows :-

No. 1 Committee.

Organising and soliciting subscriptions.

A.W. Cameron Esq., (Chairman), Bank of New South Wales.  
 M.W. Collins Esq., (Hon. Secy), Merchant.  
 A.J. Crowther Esq., Secretary - Railway Department,  
 A.R. Isaacs Esq., Hoffnang & Coy.  
 H.J. Diddams Esq., Printer.  
 J.D. Bell Esq., Jas. Campbell & Sons.  
 W. Macintyre Esq., Coml. Bank of Australia,

No. 2 Committee.

Receiving and determining applications for assistance covering general assistance, sustenance and small businesses.

W. M. L'Estrange Esq., (Chairman).  
 M. Kerwin Esq., M.L.A.,  
 H. Hartley Esq., M.L.A.,  
 E. K. Seabrook Esq., Public Accountant.  
 M. Barry Esq., Grand Central Hotel.  
 F. Harris Esq., Trades Hall.  
 J. Fenwick Esq., " "  
 G. Lawson Esq., " "  
 J. Bain Esq., (Hon. Secy). National Agric. Society.  
 E. Quinlan Esq., Solicitor.  
 W. E. Graham Esq., Barrister.  
 G. Marchant Esq.,  
 J. P. Wilson Esq., Merchant.  
 F. R. Lloyd Esq., Edward Dunlop & Coy.  
 J. Thorpe Esq., Insurance Adjuster & Broker.  
 E. F. Morgan Esq., Albion.  
 C. Seymour Esq., (late Editor - "Worker")  
 S. Benjamin (Secy. pro tem). Secy. Chamber of Manufactures.



No. 3 Committee.Procuring all farming plants, seeds, live stock and tools intrade.

D. M. Allan Esq., - J. Bridge & Coy., (Chairman).  
 H. H. Hudson Esq., (Hon. Secy).  
 J. S. Louttit Esq., City Engineer.  
 E. J. McConnell Esq., Cressbrook.  
 R. C. Ramsay Esq., Harrow, Cambooya.  
 E. Baynes Esq., Grazier.

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The Executive reported that the meeting was an enthusiastic one, and the outlook for good work is most satisfactory.

Committee No. 2 discussed applications from W. H. Davies and C. Manser and their recommendations are as follows :-

W. H. Davies, No. 2130, A.I. Remounts.

£15 to be granted to re-establish this applicant in his business as Boot repairer, the money to be handled by the Committee, the applicant refunding the amount as he is able to.

Charles Manser, No. 2247/2nd R.U.

Loan of £50, when the grant of land has been made the deeds to be handed to the Committee as security for the money advanced.

The printed receipt books furnished from Melbourne have been distributed to the various Banks in Queensland for distribution to their country branches.

The Chairman also reported that he interviewed the Manager of the Union Bank with the request that a suite of offices in the Bank's new building in Queen Street should be granted free of charge for the purposes of War Council and Repatriation Committees. The Manager has consented to send this application to his General Manager in Melbourne.

It is considered necessary that extra staff be secured in the way of typistes and certain necessary office requisites are indispensable.

It has already come under the notice of the Committee that a very large number of collections are still being organised and the demand on the public for voluntary subscriptions in this way appears to require some regulating.

Repatriation Day - 27th October.

It has been pointed out that 27th October will give but little time to properly organise the whole of Queensland. It may be worthy of consideration whether the date could be postponed to a later date in Queensland, say a month later.

The Acting Secretary.

We find already that Mr Henderson's various duties keep him fully occupied, and we are of the opinion that some arrangement should be made whereby he has proper assistance so that he may be relieved of some of his present work, which, although important in its way, cannot be considered as important as the Repatriation work.

Report adopted with following exceptions, viz :-

1. Manser's claim to be further considered by the Repatriation Committee after perusing the further information received from the Trustees (vide letter received 7th instant) on the matter.



2. Repatriation Day to be 27th October as originally decided upon.

Re first allocation to Queensland £2,000.

Noted.

Re purchasing home sites and building dwellings.

Secretary to the Trustees letter (received 7th instant) received and read. Decided to refer the matter to the Chief Secretary for consideration.

#### RECRUITING.

The Chairman's report dated 24th July 1916, copies of which had previously been forwarded to members of the Council was adopted. Colonel Thynne further reported that the number of recruits offering was still falling off and that the required number for reinforcements could not be kept up.

#### Personal Appeal Forms.

Reference was made by Colonel Thynne to the method adopted by Mr Knibbs in communicating direct with those who have not answered the appeal rendering the records of the Recruiting Committee to a certain extent useless and also making it impossible to utilise the services of the Recruiting Sergeants, which had cost the Commonwealth Government a considerable sum, for the purpose of interviewing the persons concerned.

Decided to request the Federal Parliamentary War Committee to cause the Government Statistician to forward to the Recruiting Committee a list of the names and addresses of those to whom the appeals have been forwarded and the nature of their replies if any.

Re Acting Commonwealth Prime Minister's request for complete record of information obtained to date.

Decided to forward a copy of the Recruiting Committee's progress report above referred to in reply.

#### Accounts for payment.

Petty Cash. ....	£7:14: 4
Reimbursing expenditure met by F.W. Ball	33: 0: 0
Sundry accounts totalling ...	193:14: 8

#### EMPLOYMENT.

Summary of transactions for week ending Saturday 5th August 1916 :

Total registrations to date.	409.
Registrations during week.	24.
Registered applicants unprovided for at end of previous week.	11.
Applicants found employment during week.	13.
Balance unprovided for at end of week.	22.

Adopted.

#### LAND SETTLEMENT.

The Land Settlement Committee submit for approval and submission to the Government their recommendations with regard to the settlement of returned soldiers on the land.

As previously reported certain areas of land have been designed with a view to the settlement of soldiers. The first area that has been dealt with being an area of 44,000 acres situated near



Beerburum on the North Coast Line. This area has been very carefully inspected both by Departmental experts and by a Sub-Committee specially appointed for that purpose and as a result of these inspections very valuable and satisfactory reports have been obtained. At the further request of the Committee Mr Cameron, of Messrs. Cameron Bros., and Mr J. Rose, the well known fruit grower, personally examined each farm on the proposed settlement and submitted separate reports. Mr Cameron reported that at first sight the country was disappointing but when carefully examined and gone over there was undoubtedly a large area which was most suitable for fruit growing and would give very fair returns if used for pineapples, pawpaw, tomato or citrus fruits. In all places tested and where samples were taken the soil was of good depth and easily dug with a spade to a depth of eighteen inches. Accordingly it would be easy to work and while naturally well drained should retain moisture. In his opinion the country was suitable for the purposes for which it was proposed to utilise it. Mr Rose reported that had any doubt existed in his mind as to the suitability of the land for the purpose the Committee had in view that doubt would have been removed as a result of his inspection and that he was now in a position to state that in his opinion the area was a very suitable one and worthy of all the support that the Committee had power to give it. The drainage of the soil was all one could desire and in no case was an unsuitable subsoil found. The soil was quite rich enough and need not cause the Committee the slightest anxiety. The nature of the soil being sandy loam varying in colour from red to grey, easy and inexpensive to cultivate. Both Mr Cameron and Mr Rose state that they visited farms adjoining the proposed settlement. The pineapples on these farms showed the most extraordinary growth, the fruit being of immense size and of fine quality in spite of the fact that the soil was about the poorest in the district and inferior in quality to any of the blocks on the proposed settlement. They also saw on these farms some of the finest citrus trees that can be found in Queensland. The Committee strongly recommend that every applicant, unless possessed of practical experience in farming, undergoes a period of probation at a training farm before being allotted an area - the length of such probation to be determined by the superintendent of the training farm. With this in view the Committee have inspected a site and have very carefully and fully gone into all details in connection with the establishment of such a training farm at Beerburum and they now recommend that your Council ask the Government to proclaim this area of 44,000 acres near Beerburum for soldier settlement and to provide a sum of not less than one thousand pounds (£1,000) in order to permit of an immediate start being made in the settlement of soldiers on this area.

Adopted.

#### FINANCE.

What action is to be taken in view of the appointment of the Repatriation Committee and what action is to be taken re funds in hand.

Decided to let this matter stand over till next meeting.

#### MEDICAL.

No report.

#### RELIEF.

No report.

#### GENERAL.

Extra assistance at War Council office.

Application for extra clerk and a typiste.

Decided to recommend and refer matter to Chief Secretary for consideration.



Application for Petty Cash and On Service Stamp Accounts for War Council Office.

Decided to refer the matter to Chief Secretary for consideration.

Accounts for payment.

Private Gretchinsky's fare from Brisbane to Sydney (2nd class) passed for payment. \$

Next meeting.

Fixed for Monday 21st instant.

Special meeting to meet His Excellency the Governor General fixed for Monday 14th instant, 10.30 a.m.

*C. D. McPherson*  
Hon. Secretary,  
14: 8: 1916.

Confirmed

*28/8/16*  
*J. McPherson*  
Chairman.  
*28/8/16*



QUEENSLAND RECRUITING COMMITTEE.

Preston House,

Queen Street,

BRISBANE, 24th July, 1916.

Colonel Hon. A. J. Thynne, M.L.C.,  
 Chairman,  
 Queensland Recruiting Committee,  
B r i s b a n e.

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit a memorandum concerning the operations of this Committee since the beginning of the year, and the general position of recruiting as it exists in this State to-day.

Our work during the past 6 or 7 months has been largely the outcome of the Prime Minister's appeal and it might be said that most of our organisation is hinged on the principle laid down in his appeal, as far as any rate as this State is concerned.

Although we understand that nearly 150,000 appeals were issued throughout Queensland we received not quite 120,000 replies. There were approximately 5,000 effective affirmatives amongst them and these have all been called up. The total number of enlistments, however, since the machinery of the appeal was put into operation total approximately 13,000, so that the difference of 8,000 is the nett result of the efforts of our recruiting sergeant system and our recruiting campaign generally. The 5,000 men mentioned above were apparently immediately moved by the appeal and the other 8,000 came in from time to time as our card investigations progressed.

MEN WHO FAILED TO REPLY.

It appears from the above figures that many thousands of our men of military age have totally ignored the appeal, and the fact of no action having been so far taken against them has caused a good deal of dissatisfaction among local recruiting authorities throughout the State. It is manifestly hard to have to take action in connection with the abusive and untrue replies when those men who have flouted the appeal altogether by not replying at all, go scott free.

We are assured in a recent letter from the Minister for Defence, however, that it is proposed to take the necessary action direct from the Federal Statistician's Department at an early date so that we are advising our country committees accordingly.

OUR SYSTEM OF FILING.

In order to make our recruiting machinery as effective as possible we instituted a filing card cabinet which contains in a classified and indexed form all the information contained in the replies of the 120,000 men who answered the appeal. We can immediately put our hand on the card of any individual concerned and we also have them grouped so that in the event of compulsory measures being adopted, and a sudden call being made, we would be in a position to call upon any one



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stated group at a moment's notice. We have also endeavoured to index the trades and occupations of our men of military age, so that in the event of compulsory measures being resorted to, we would be able to keep a finger on the pulse of those trades which are indispensable to the successful conduct of the war. We realised that this is one of the most important points to take into consideration if conscription came.

It will be seen from the above remarks, however, what a serious defect exists in connection with our filing cabinet by reason of the fact that we have no information whatever concerning the many thousands of men who have not replied at all. We have stressed this fact on many occasions when writing to the Federal Statistician, and we have placed ourselves entirely in his hands to help him in whatever way he deemed desirable in this connection. So far, however, the gap in our records has not been filled.

#### SATISFACTORY OR UNSATISFACTORY REPLIES.

Local Confidential Committees have found it very hard indeed to distinguish between satisfactory and unsatisfactory replies when dealing with the card investigations. One committee notified us that they would put down the refusal of every man with a family, as "satisfactory". As you know no basis has ever been laid down for us as to what constitutes an unsatisfactory reply and as this would be one of the most vital questions to be considered in the event of conscription being introduced, we have always refrained from giving any directions on this particular point to Local Committees. Rather have we urged them to make sure of the correctness of every man's reply on these census cards. The responsibility of laying down a basis has, therefore, been left entirely with the Federal Government.

#### COMPOSITION OF MEN IN THE CABINET.

Probably the Federal Statistician has accurate figures concerning the number of men of various ages in the State, but if information is desired on any of these points, we will be glad to furnish it at short notice.

#### DETAILS RE NEGATIVE REPLIES.

An analysis of our replies shows that a few short of 4,000 men expressed their unwillingness to enlist for the plain stated reason that they were firmly for conscription, and in fact desired conscription to be introduced. A further 16,000 were classed as indirect advocates of conscription. A man who answers "I will go willingly when single men and others with less responsibilities than I have, have been called up" we would class as an indirect advocate of conscription.

#### TRADES UNIONISTS' REPLIES.

An investigation of the replies does not lend any colour to the idea prevailing in some quarters that Trades Unionists are opposed to fighting for their country. A great many of the negative replies sent in by Trade Unionists indicate a serious and thoughtful consideration of the position. Very many of them take the perfectly understandable view that under conscription they would not mind fighting because their wealthy neighbour would also have to fight; whereas under the present voluntary system the wealthy man can, and often does, prefer to stay behind. We notice the outpourings of the same noisy minority in our cabinet as exists on the public platform.



For purposes of record we might mention that the compilation of our index cabinet was carried out almost entirely with voluntary clerical help and the work represents approximately 40,000 hours' clerical labour.

#### THE PRIVACY OF THE CABINET.

Up to the present we have treated the whole of the contents of the filing cabinet as strictly confidential. We should like to know, however, how we stand with regard to replies which are distinctly abusive or disloyal. In the absence of any special direction in this matter we have taken the view, that no matter what a man said in his reply, we could not divulge the contents for the purpose of any prosecution, seeing that every citizen was promised that the contents of his reply would be held sacred.

#### THE RECRUITING SERGEANT SYSTEM.

When we were first instructed to put on a staff of recruiting sergeants we found that it was not an easy matter to select, practically at a moment's notice, a large staff of men thoroughly well fitted to handle such a novel and difficult work. The consequence was that the recruiting sergeant system inevitably incurred a certain amount of censure from the general public, and a reputation so established in the popular mind is a very hard one to remove. As time went on, however, and we were able to select good men from the ranks of the returned wounded soldiers, we met with much better results and at the present time we have a staff of recruiting sergeants who are a credit to the King's uniform which they wear.

Recently we wrote a confidential letter to each confidential recruiting committee asking for an expression of opinion as to the character, ability, and deportment of their particular recruiting sergeant. The answers indicate that the sergeants are doing excellent work and many of the committees, (and as you know they are composed of the men of best standing in their own local centre), have gone out of their way to extol the virtues of these men who are battling for recruits under great difficulties under the present voluntary system. So highly thought of are these men in many centres that considerable financial help is being given them by the local authorities.

It is an expensive one, this recruiting sergeant system, and our staff of 150 sergeants are, at the present time, only averaging about 250 recruits per week, but it is absolutely certain that without the help of the sergeants nothing like this number would be secured. In fact we feel that we would not average 100 recruits per week if the sergeants were withdrawn. Moreover, in order to complete the card investigation, which would be of immense value in the event of conscription being introduced, these sergeants have to do a very great deal of unproductive work, as far as getting recruits is concerned.

#### CARD INVESTIGATIONS.

These are now drawing to a close in many centres, and we have not yet decided on any definite plan of action as to what recruiting methods could be best availed of in these centres after the cards are completed. Many of these local committees take the view that very little recruiting work is left for anybody to do in their centres when the recruiting sergeant can say that he has personally canvassed every man of military age in the district.



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WORK OF LOCAL COMMITTEES.

Without exception we think that the selection made by the Prime Minister of the local authorities for the work of administering recruiting matters, was a very happy one indeed. We have 187 such local committees in this State and there is no gainsaying the fact that their work allied with that of the recruiting sergeants, is largely responsible for Queensland's fine contribution to Australia's army.

There has lately been a feeling in many of these centres that the voluntary system is played out and that conscription is the only cure. This feeling has engendered a lack of enthusiasm which we have done our best to remove by urging on these committees that they are, like ourselves, in existence for the express purpose of carrying out the Government policy and that they must not "down tools" simply because they cannot get the compulsory measures which they think desirable or necessary. The necessity for urging this view upon them has been brought home to us by reason of the fact that one shire continues to do well under the present system, while a shire adjoining throws up the sponge and sits back waiting for conscription. For instance if we had a great many centres like Dalby the need for conscription would be an unknown quantity. This has led us to a conclusion that as a parent body we must keep the fires of enthusiasm burning right throughout the State until such time as the Federal Government decides the time is ripe to offer us some more compulsory means to secure recruits. We have all along ~~and~~ endeavoured to make it clear that we are not here to question any broad policy of the Government, rather should we endeavour to get the best possible results with whatever tools are given us.

CONSCRIPTION STATISTICS.

Some little time ago when the clamour for conscription occurred we took a referendum on the subject from all local authorities and urged upon them at the time that they must give us an absolutely impartial answer if the information was to be of any value to the Federal Government.

We attach hereto a sheet showing the answers given by each of the Committees.

It will be seen that a very overwhelming majority favour conscription. It has to be borne in mind that many men use the argument for an excuse for not enlisting, but still, as an item of information we feel sure the statistics will be appreciated by the authorities.

On the 10th June last we called a conference of all confidential committees within a radius of 100 miles of Brisbane and the result was so satisfactory from many standpoints that we have decided to convene a bigger conference for August 12th next. On this date about 300 representatives will be in Brisbane from all the shire councils throughout Queensland, and we hope that the interchange of ideas that will take place will provide still further information and guidance for the authorities. As in the case of the last conference, a verbatim report will be taken and sent to Head Quarters.

DRILLING OF CITIZEN FORCES.

It has been suggested by several of our correspondents that the proposed compulsory training of our citizens of military



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age will supply added reinforcements for the A. I. F. It is argued that the physiological effect produced by taking them out of their present groove or environs will lead them to take the step of enlisting which they otherwise would not do. If conscription is not to be introduced we sincerely hope that the above theory will be borne out in practice, for our enlistment figures at the present time are far short of what they should be according to the enlistment figures laid down by the Department, as to the number of recruits we should secure each month.

#### QUOTAS.

We are advised that at the present time the Commonwealth should supply 11,800 reinforcements per month, and after adding 10% for wastage, calculating what should be Queensland's quota on a population basis, we estimate that we should supply, at least, 1,800 per month from Queensland. As we are only supplying at the present rate a little over 1,000 per month, it will be seen how anxious we are to have any fresh help that the Government can offer us. Recruits are harder to get now than every they were and this is only natural when it is considered how great the drain has been during the past two years, and there are, of course, other influences at work which are detrimental to healthy recruiting. In many quarters there seems to be an organised campaign of lies and yet so far we have found it impossible to run the offenders to earth. In the short space of a week a rumour spread over the length and breadth of Queensland to the effect that no more recruits were wanted and that no more transports would leave Australia. The effect of this rumour has possibly reflected on the number of last week's enlistments, which were lower than any previous week since the beginning of the year.

Remarks re wholesale deaths in camp have also gained popular currency and no matter how quickly they are tackled a great deal of damage is done before the lie is run to earth.

The influence of a certain section of Trade Unionists appears also to be very formidable, particularly in industrial centres like Ipswich and Maryborough. It is popularly supposed that the I. W. W. Propaganda is largely responsible and it is suggested in some quarters that the I. W. W. is helped with German-American money. Whatever may be the true facts the position still remains that we have influences to fight which should not, in this country, exist at all.

#### GERMAN ELEMENT

This is probably stronger in Queensland than in any of the other States and presents a problem to recruiting authorities in this State which is indeed a very difficult one to handle. At every conference or meeting of committee-men resolutions are invariably passed urging the Federal Authorities to disfranchise enemy subjects without delay, in fact many resolutions embrace native born men of enemy origin so wide-spread is the distrust of these people. The mere fact of these disloyal or half disloyal people being allowed the freedom of the country naturally retards recruiting in many places. In one district we have a population of 200 British and 4,000 Germans. The Britishers can be forgiven if they decline to go away and leave their women folk living in the shadow of people of questionable loyalty.

The regulations regarding the enlistment of men of enemy parentage have just been slightly relaxed and now we can issue a



Certificate of Loyalty providing the minority do not actually dissent. This will, no doubt, pave the way for the admission into the A. I. F. for a number of fresh recruits.

With regard to the question of quotas required from each State, it would remove a great deal of misapprehension if some definite target could be given us to aim at. From the figures of the past few weeks it would appear that Queensland, low though our figures are, is doing considerably better proportionately than the Southern States, and we would like to be prepared for any objection that may be raised by our citizens on this account.

Optimistic statements regarding Australia's achievements regarding recruiting have not had a good effect on recruiting. In fact we traced the rapid decline in recruiting to a recent optimistic ministerial utterance.

#### RE HELP OF THE STATE MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

We appreciate very much the help that has been offered us by the State Commandant and his officers right throughout our operations. This is a factor that has helped us very considerably in our dealings with prospective recruits.

#### THE QUESTION OF EXEMPTIONS.

We would like to take this opportunity of laying stress on the importance of the exemption question should conscription be decided upon. Any wholesale granting of exemptions would be productive of the greatest dissatisfaction amongst the rank and file of the workers. Even in connection with the enlistment appeal we have had numerous applications for exemptions which, in our opinion, were totally unjustifiable. We have never taken it upon ourselves to grant any exemptions even though the appeal was of an absolutely voluntary nature. In every case we have let it to a man's own conscience, but we feel that a great many of the benefits of conscription would be nullified if the rank and file got the impression that anything in the nature of wholesale exemptions was being practised.

#### WAR LOAN.

In answer to a request from the Commonwealth Treasurer, we circularised all our local committees and asked them to call public meetings in support of the present war loan at the earliest possible moment. We hope the results will be satisfactory. We might mention, however, that there is a certain amount of opposition of a specific nature to this war loan. A Chairman of a particular shire stated that he would not subscribe to it because the Commonwealth were lending money to the State to enable the State to embark on business enterprise in opposition to private enterprise.

#### PREFERENCE TO RETURNED SOLDIERS.

This matter has been brought under our notice from numerous centres. We are pleased to be able to state that the Minister for Customs, Mr. Tudor, when in Brisbane recently made it quite clear that his department, at any rate, would give preference to returned soldiers before other men; but we are still up against the action of the Unions themselves regarding returned soldiers who are endeavouring to secure employment in private businesses. Until the Unions fall into line with the Commonwealth Government Offices, it is a question of preference to unionists first, and this will be a very sore point amongst our returned men.



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EXTENSION OF THE AGE LIMIT.

A motion was passed at our last conference asking that the age limit be increased from 45 to 50 years and from our experience we should say that the change would be a very desirable one. In many districts, particularly mining districts, there are numbers of men just over the age of 45, who are quite as fit as a great many of the very young men who are now enlisting, and we think that so long as the medical restrictions were severe enough, the age limit could be made more elastic.

MEN WHO FAIL TO REPORT FOR ATTESTATION.

We have come across cases where men put the Department to the expense of preliminary medical examination and secure a railway pass to the final enlisting depot and then fail to present themselves for attestation. We think that some line of action should be laid down in connection with this matter.

COST OF RECRUITING.

It will be seen from our present results what a big sum per head it costs us to secure our present enlistments and no doubt this phase of the question will be taken into consideration by the authorities when \* enlistment matters are again considered on general lines.

Yours faithfully,

G. M. Dash.



RESULTS OF CONFIDENTIAL INQUIRIES FROM LOCAL RECRUITING  
COMMITTEES RE CONSCRIPTION.

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<u>Shire</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Remarks of Committee</u>	<u>Estimated percent favouring conscript</u>
Allora	60	Majority opposed to con- scription.	40%
Clifton	375	do.	20%
Landsborough	133	Majority favour con- scription	75%
Isis	240	do.	75%
Noosa	105	do.	70% to 80%
Windsor	390	do.	75%
Drayton	60	do.	75%
Blackall	45	do.	75%
Proserpine	105	do.	65%
Wynnum	135	do.	
Dalby	104	do.	75%
Walloon	208	Majority oppose con- scription.	25%
Glengallion	301	Majority favour con- scription.	60%
Laidley	165	Majority oppose con- scription.	25%
Flinders	136	Majority in favour of con- scription.	55%
Balonne	210	Majority oppose con- scription.	25%
Kedron		Majority favour con- scription.	75%
Walsh	240	do.	75%
Degilbo	104	do.	75%
Tambo	75	do.	75%
MacKay	253	do.	75%
Einasleigh Shire (Kidston)	194	do.	
South Brisbane (City)	1350	do.	
Charters Towers (City)		do.	

Consider it unfair to  
ask good men to enlist  
while wasters hang about  
the streets.



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Bundaberg	254	Majority in favour of conscription or will enlist when the Germans are interned.	
Glenagillon (Warwick)	301	Majority in favour of conscription.	
Binnsleigh Shire (Georgetown)	194	Majority in favour of conscription.	80%
Cardwell Shire	30	Strongly in favour of conscription.	
Barcaldine	120	People vote for conscription because they believe it will never come into force.	
Tara Shire	105	Majority in favour.	
Auburn	106	Majority in favour of conscription.	
Nebo Shire	30	Are of opinion that conscription would be favourably received.	
Carpegatta	44	Majority favour conscription.	75%
Banana	73	Majority in favour of conscription.	
Pioneer (Mackay)	554	Majority in favour of conscription.	
Mirani	44	Majority favour conscription.	
Bowen	75	Majority in favour of conscription.	75%
Miriam Vale	88	Majority in favour of conscription.	
Tarampa Shire	330	Large majority in favour of conscription.	
Hann Shire	58	Majority in favour of conscription.	
Beaudesert	105	Majority in favour of conscription.	75%
Kitchinbrook (Herbert River)	231	Majority in favour	Over 65%
Belyando Shire	106	Majority in favour of conscription.	

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QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes of meeting - 28: 8: 1916.

Apologies. Colonel Evans. C.M.G.  
Dr. Robertson.  
Hon. J. Page, M.H.R.  
J. Sharpe Esq., M.H.R.

Present. Hon. J.M. Hunter, M.L.A., - Chairman.  
Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.  
Hon. H. F. Hardacre, M.L.A.  
Hon. J. Huxham, M.H.R.  
Colonel Thynne, M.L.C.,  
M. Becker Esq.,  
L. M. Bond Esq.,  
W. R. Crampton Esq.,  
Alderman Davey.  
Alderman Down.  
Brigadier-General Lee, D.S.O.  
*John Macdonald*

Minutes of meeting 7: 8: 1916 confirmed.

Business ex minutes.

Extra assistance at War Council office.

Temporary clerk and an extra typiste appointed.

Land Settlement Committee's report.

The Chairman informed the Council that the Government had agreed to grant the £1,000 applied for in order to enable a start to be made immediately.

Correspondence.

1. From Commonwealth Treasurer expressing appreciation of the work done by Queensland Council in obtaining subscriptions to the War Loan.

Received and noted.

2. From Cairns War Council asking that an ~~application~~ application to the Commissioner for Railways for free passes to members of the War Council when away on War Council matters.

Moved by Mr Becker, seconded by Mr Crampton that matter be left to Commissioner for Railways to decide as the Council has no funds for the purpose.

3. From War Council, Sydney, re proposal to deduct voluntary contributions from taxation if resorted to.

Affirmed.

4. From Federal Treasurer forwarding copy of Auditor's remarks on audit of Recruiting funds account.

Received and noted.

5. From Queensland Recruiting Committee re Sergeant Busby's application for a lantern in connection with his recruiting lectures.

Referred to Repatriation Committee.

6. From Miss Fegan forwarding cheque for £15: 3: 0 proceeds of a concert at Killarney for returned soldiers.

Acknowledge with thanks.



7. From Federal Parliamentary Committee intimating that a further donation of \$42 from Northern Territory was being forwarded.

Noted.

Secretary's report of Conference of War Council Secretaries in Sydney, 22nd to 25th August, 1916.

Report received and discussed.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS.

REPATRIATION.

~~From Federal Parliamentary Committee intimating that a further donation of \$42 from Northern Territory was being forwarded.~~

Committee No. 1. have held meetings and are now communicating with our various Country War Councils and taking other necessary steps to start the organisation of the Repatriation Fund. A suggestion comes from this Committee that the Patriotic Fund should be amalgamated with the War Council. The Chairman explained the result of previous efforts - but they think something may yet be done if the War Council desire them to act. The necessity for immediate action in regard to Repatriation Day on 27th October is recognised by this Committee.

Committee No. 2. Several recommendations for assistance to Returned Soldiers are attached hereto for your decision, amounting to £175. Other cases are being further enquired into.

The Secretary of this Committee asks for a filing cabinet, folders, cards, guard book, etc, for correspondence. Such items are urgently required for each Sub-Committee for record purposes.

Re Postage. as a very large number of letters and advices are necessarily being sent out, the Executive would be glad to know if letters in connection with "Repatriation Fund" work will be carried free, or how the necessary stamps will be supplied.

Stamps on receipts. Is it necessary to attach stamps to receipts, agreements, etc. ?

Offices. The Chairman reported that the Union Bank was unable to offer the free use of a suite of offices with strong room. The present War Council offices are hardly suitable.

Committee No. 3 Mr E.J. McConnell was in town at Show time and discussed matters. He reports his ability to offer country to carry 1,000 head of cattle. He has already obtained 220 head. Other gentlemen have been communicated with and circular letters forwarded throughout the State. The following additional names are proposed as members of this Committee -

A.E. Hill, "Greenbank", Toorak Road, Hamilton.  
W.J. Hooper, "Curringin", Markwell Street, Hamilton.  
W.J. Affleck, National Mutual Life Association.  
H. Brookes, "Glentanner", Dalveen.  
J.H. Fairfax, "Marinya", Cambooya.  
Dan Wienholt, Dalgety's Buildings.  
W. Cooksley, Hendra.  
P. J. Symes, Parbury House, Eagle Street.  
T. F. Fawcett, Clark & Fawcett, Eagle Street.  
J. Meiklejohn, E.S.A. Coy, Edward Street.

Repatriation Day. It is proposed by the Executive to ask the Entertainment Committee of the Patriotic Fund - or so many as can join to become a Sub-Committee No. 4 of our Repatriation Fund, and to work up a scheme for 27th October.



Recommendations from No. 3. Committee.

Frank Hall. 25th Battalion application for advance of £25 as part deposit in motor car to run for hire purposes. We will be protected by the Ford Coy as should car be sold the amount paid will be paid back to the Queensland War Council.

Recommendation. £25 be granted to be repaid at the rate of £1 per week after payments to the Ford Coy have been completed Car to be kept insured by Hall.

Chas. E. Rowe. 5th Light Horse. Application for loan of £10 towards mercery business.

Recommendation. Loan to be granted at once.

Chas. E. Rowe. 5th Light Horse, second application. A misunderstanding over first application, asks £30 more. Records very good has a first class business. Rowe will give security over stock and repay amount £30 at £2 per month.

Recommendation. That this further application be granted as soon as possible.

A.C. Osborne. Application for advance to make improvements on farm, owned by Osborne.

Recommendation. That the application be made to Agricultural Bank.

Harry Williams. Enlisted at Pt. Darwin. Wants £30 to buy prospecting outfit (sold his outfit when he enlisted).

Recommendation. That application be granted £30 repaid at rate of £1 per month and purchase be made.

Through No. 3 Committee.

Percy Green. - 25th ~~XXXX~~ Battalion.

Robert Dempster - 2nd Light Horse.

J. Locke - 15th Battalion.

} Referred back for further information.

G. I. Picton. 2nd Light Horse Enlisting Brisbane. Living at Birchip, Victoria. Application for farming and machinery,

Recommendation. Referred to Victorian War Council.

Edward Bennett. N & M. Application for £30 for implements stock, &c, as Market Gardiner on a Mr McKellett's property at Cooper's Plains. A proposed partnership between Bennett and Kelletts' son, are returned soldiers.

Recommendation. £30 be granted provided partnership arrangements are satisfactory to Chairman (W.M. L'Estrange).

A.E. Harcourt. 9th Battalion. Application for £50 to purchase mixed business and stock. Several members of this Committee speak very highly of this man.

Recommendation. £50 be granted and special sub-committee of Messrs. J.P. Wilson and F.R. Lloyd were appointed to assist Harcourt in every possible way.

Report adopted and decided as follows with regard to matters requiring attention :-

Claims. Committee's recommendation in each case confirmed.

Filing Cabinets, etc. The Home Secretary agreed to supply.

Postage. £5 postage also £5 petty cash authorised.

Receipt stamps. Decided to ask the Treasury to forego stamp duty on receipts and documents in connection with Repatriation matters.

Offices. Decided to communicate with Hon. J. Page with regard to obtaining additional space in the present office.

Accounts for payment. Secretary's fares, travelling expenses, meeting War Council Secretaries, Sydney, £11:15:0 passed for payment.



Invitation to Mr Hughes.

Mr Macdonald moved and Colonel Thynne seconded that the Hon. W. M. Hughes, Prime Minister, ~~MEM~~ of the Commonwealth be invited to visit Brisbane and speak in connection with the initiatory effort to be made to the public for contributions for Repatriation purposes.

Recruiting.

No report.

Failure to answer original appeal.

The Chairman, Colonel Thynne, presented a letter from the Recruiting Committee conveying resolution passed at their last executive meeting to the effect that

- " The Federal Statistician's action in communicating direct with
- " those persons who had failed to answer the original appeal was
- " impeding recruiting by preventing us from getting on with our
- " work per the medium of the Recruiting Sergeants".

Decided to forward the resolution on to the Federal Parliamentary War Committee.

Accounts for payment.

The following accounts were passed for payment :

Petty Cash.	£7: 4: 0
Edison Swan United E.L.Coy.Ltd.	6:11: 7
Langley Simmonds & Coy.	8:19: 1
J. H. Thompson.	12:16: 0
W. R. Juster.	16: 9:10
Trackson Bros Ltd.	1: 5: 0
"	39: 0: 0
Queensland Railway Department.	4:19: 2
Kodak Australia Ltd.	116: 4:11
Noble & Shortt.	81:12: 8

Employment.

Summary of transactions for week ending Saturday, 26th August 1916.

Total Registrations to date.	497
Registrations during week.	39
Registered applicants unprovided for at end of previous week.	17
Applicants found employment during week.	32
Balance unprovided for at end of week.	24

The Chairman, Mr Crampton, also reported that the Employment Committee had met on the morning of the 28th instant and had discussed the question of establishing industries in which returned soldiers could with advantage be employed and it was proposed to obtain the co-operation of the Institute of Science and Industry in such matters. Mr Crampton also explained that during his visit to the Northern portion of the State he had approached employers on behalf of returned soldiers with good results.

Finance and Relief.

Owing to the appointment of a Repatriation Committee it was decided to abolish the Finance and Relief Committees and transfer the work to the Repatriation Committee.

General.WarAttendance of members of the Council.

The following resolution was unanimously passed that in connection with the above the following rule be included in the Con-



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stitution, viz :-

- " That any member absenting himself from 5 consecutive War
- " Council meetings without leave or a satisfactory explanation
- " may be removed from the Council".

Next meeting.

Fixed for Monday, 11th proximo.

*C. A. Newton*Hon. Secretary,  
30: 8: 1916.

Confirmed

*W. Hunter*  
Chairman.

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## QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes of meeting held 11th September 1916.

Apologies. Dr. Robertson.  
Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.,  
J. Sharpe Esq., M.H.R.,  
M. Becker Esq.,

Present. Hon. J. M. Hunter, M.L.A., Chairman.  
Hon. J. Huxham, M.L.A.,  
Colonel C. B. Evans, C.M.G.,  
Alderman G. Down.  
Alderman Davey.  
L. M. Bond Esq.,  
W. R. Crampton Esq.,  
J. Macdonald Esq.,  
Hon. A. J. Thynne, M.L.C.,  
Brigadier-General Lee, D.S.O.,  
Hon. J. Page, M.H.R.,

Minutes. Minutes of meeting held 28:8:1916 confirmed after adding Mr Macdonald's name as present.

Business ex minutes.

All necessary action taken.

Correspondence.

1. Telegram from Minister for Defence inviting attention to the announcement of Prime Minister respecting Policy of the Commonwealth Government in providing necessary re-inforcements for Australian Imperial Force units in the field.

The Chairman informed the Council that immediately on receipt of telegram he had forwarded a copy of it to Colonel Thynne.

Action confirmed.

2. From Sidney Williams, Rockhampton, drawing the Hon. J. Adamson's attention to an apparent loose manner of managing collections for War Funds in Brisbane.

Moved by Colonel Evans, seconded by Mr Huxham that the correspondence be forwarded to the Chief Secretary.

3. From Hon. Secretary, Red Cross Society, asking for permission to sell patriotic buttons.

From Queensland Comforts Fund asking for authority to manufacture buttons for sale on a date to be fixed by the Chief Secretary.

Moved by Colonel Thynne, seconded by Colonel Evans that permission be granted.

4. From the Defence Department, Melbourne, forwarding a copy of the Constitution of the Australian Soldiers Comforts Fund.

Received.

5. From the Under Secretary to the Chief Secretary forwarding copies of cablegrams exchanged between the Governor General and the Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to the enlistment in the Australian Army of Italians who have been called to the colours.

Moved by Colonel Evans, seconded by Colonel Thynne that in view of the declaration of War by Italy against Germany that the matter be resubmitted with a view to the question being reopened.



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6. From the Federal Parliamentary War Committee forwarding copy of regulations framed under the War Precautions Act 1914-16, having for its object the postponement of due date of principal secured by mortgage, etc, etc.

Decided Secretary should draw attention to this regulation in his report to the press of the meeting.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

##### Repatriation.

Committee No. 1 have prepared a special circular, but are waiting to learn the decision in regard to the date of "Repatriation Day" in Queensland, which it is now suggested to alter from 27th of October 1916 - as previously fixed - to a later date.

Committee No 2 Sergeant Collins has been added to this Committee. List of several recommendations to grant assistance is attached hereto - the list including also some applications declined. The Secretary of this Committee reports he has had to utilise the services of his private typiste, and recommends that an additional typiste be employed.

Committee No. 3 report Mr E.J. McConnell has so far collected 400 head of Cattle. A large amount of correspondence is being sent out and this Committee also suggest a typiste is necessary for their work. Mr A.E. Hill and Mr W. Cocksley are unable to join this Sub-Committee.

Office Requisites. Nothing having so far been done in regard to supplying the most necessary filing requisites, the Executive decided to purchase a set of 6 drawers at a cost of £13:10:0 - a cabinet was offered by the State Insurance Department for £15, but was declined. It is absolutely necessary that both the offices and the requisite material for office use be put in proper working order. We have obtained from the Mines Department the temporary loan of a Roneo machine, which is a great help.

Contributions Received - £20 - Philip Forrest.  
£210 - J.D. Corbould.  
£100 - Burns, Philp & Coy.

Official Entertainment Committee: We have pleasure in reporting that this fine sub-committee of the Patriotic Fund have agreed to take on the work in connection with "Repatriation Day" (date to be fixed). They have suggested 30th November as a suitable day. It is important that the day be declared a Public Holiday in Queensland - the 30th November is already a partial holiday.

In order to house the various sub-committees in this organisation, the Chairman reports he has approached the Bank of Australasia for certain rooms, and has hopes of making a satisfactory arrangement.

The Chairman has written to Mr J. Page, M.H.R., regarding the extension of the present offices of the War Council.

The following applications have been recommended :-

Leslie Keen - No. 1029 - 9th Battalion. Application for cash advance of £40 for a milk business, considered to thoroughly understand same. Messrs. Morgan and G. Marchant appointed to assist Keen.

Roy Hawkins - No. 2143 - 15th Battalion. Application for £25 to buy stock for a small business. Strongly recommended.



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✓ W. R. Cairns - No. 114 - 2nd Light Horse. Application for £25 to buy horse and cart to improve small business. Recommended subject to satisfactory arrangements being made for repayment.

G. E. Gower - No. 12 - 15th Battalion. Application for £50 to help pay deposit for a motor-car to be run on hire. Subject to repayments to start after the payments to the Ford Coy have been completed at the rate of £1 per week, the car to be kept insured by Gower. (Same as Hall).

The following applications have been referred back:

Albert Denham Quinn - No. 162 - 9th Battalion. Application ~~for money~~ for money to help to build a house, the Committee were of opinion that there were no funds available for such purposes and referred him to the Secretary for Workers' Dwellings.

W.J. Coleman - No. 601 - 25th Battalion. Application for £100 to pay off debt on furniture. No funds for this purpose, applying for further information.

G. S. Bartlett - No. - Application for £400 to build a house. The Committee have no funds or power to make any recommendation.

E. Lauri - No. 6037 - 2nd A.G.H. Application for money to buy horse and sulky. Applicant enlisted in Sydney was sent to Queensland for health reasons. Committee referring to the Sydney Committee.

W. McClure - No. 2483 - 25th Battalion. Military record good, information in application too meagre for Committee to make any recommendation. Applying for further details.

The following applications have been referred back :

R. Wheat - No. 748 - 1st Light Horse. This is an application from Mungindi wherein the applicant asks for assistance to have his selection made a Prickly Pear Selection and for assistance in clearing fencing, ringbarking, etc. Referring this back to the War Council, Mungindi, N.S.W.

G.H. Busby - No. 580 - 15th Battalion : Application for £7:10:0 passed on with a recommendation towards buying a lantern for lecture purposes on recruiting, etc, and bore the recommendation of the War Council. The Committee resolved to give approval and Mr Lloyd appointed to assist Busby in the selection of a suitable lantern.

D. McCarthy - No. 557 - 2nd Light Horse. Application for £58 to enable applicant to furnish and make further payments on his home. Resolved to ask Mr McCarthy to wait on the Secretary and give fuller information concerning his application.

With regard to the business arising out of the report it was decided as follows :-

- ✓ 1. Date, Repatriation Day. Matter to be left in the Chairman's (Mr Macdonald) hands.
- ✓ 2. Application for two typists - To be referred to the Chief Secretary for consideration.
3. Filing Cabinets. Decided to arrange for the State Insurance Department to loan a filing cabinet to the War Council.
- ✓ 4. Accommodation. Matter of obtaining extra accommodation at the War Council Offices left in Mr Page's hands.
5. Applications for Grants. Committee's recommendation approved in each case.



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Recruiting.

Colonel Thynne reported that an extra spurt had been made and that there was an improvement in the number of recruits offering their services. He also stated that the Recruiting Sergeant were doing good work. The Colonel stated he would forward copy of a comprehensive report which had been prepared by his committee in connection with the Recruiting position generally (see pages 234/249).

Employment.

Summary of transactions for week ending Saturday, 9th Sept. 1916.

Total registrations to date	...	...	...	...	583
Registrations during week	...	...	...	...	48
Registered applications unprovided for at end of previous week...	...	...	...	...	39
Applicants found employment during week	...	...	...	...	40
Balance unprovided for at end of week	...	...	...	...	47

The Chairman, Mr Crampton, also explained that he had arranged with his Country Labor Exchanges to communicate direct with the War Council Offices in connection with vacancies for returned soldiers.

General Business.

The Chairman announced that the meeting summoned for the previous Monday, had lapsed for want of a quorum.

Mr Madsen suggested that we should ascertain from the Defence Department, the number of returned men discharged to date, in order that the Committee might be in a position to know the proportionate number of such men who were registering for employment.

Agreed to.

The Chairman reported having visited the principal towns in the North as far as Cairns, and in each town visited, had taken the opportunity of interviewing employers, to impress upon them the necessity of assisting the Committee. In all cases the persons interviewed, expressed themselves as being favourable to a suggestion that small local sub-committees should be formed to take up the matter of co-operating with the Committee in regard to employment in their respective districts. While at Cairns, the Chairman interviewed Mr Campbell, in reference to the paper pulp industry, but said that he could not report favourably on that industry as being likely to provide any avenue of employment, owing to cost of production, and that he had reported to that effect to the University Committee of Science and Industry. Mr Crampton also spoke on the question of utilising mangrove bark for tanning, and thought that this Committee might co-operate with the Institute of Science and Industry, to further this matter, which he believed would, if successful, provide employment for a large number of returned soldiers. The difficulty was the provision of funds to equip a laboratory to pursue investigations. Mr Earle suggested a joint deputation to the Government to ask for a subsidy towards that end.

Mr Crampton suggested that the Secretary of the Institute be communicated with, to the effect that this Committee would co-operate with the Institute in the matter, on condition that returned soldiers were to receive absolute preference of employment in the industry, should experiments prove successful.

Mr Earle moved, Mr Madsen seconded that Mr Crampton's suggestion be adopted, and that a joint deputation be arranged as suggested by Mr Earle, provided that the Institute is agreeable to the proposal.

Agreed to.

The Chairman said that in view of the number of soldiers now returning, he thought it desirable that regular fortnightly meetings should be held.

Agreed to.

Mr Crampton commented on recent letter in Daily Press, regarding credit being given to him in connection with the work of the Committee.

All members expressed the opinion that the criticism was unfair, and uncalled for. Mr Crampton explained that in addition to the work being done at the Central Office, all Country Labour Agents were making



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special efforts on behalf of returned soldiers, and that a number of men had been placed in employment through these agencies, quite independent of the Central Registry *revised*

Mr Henderson, Clerk in the War Council Office, was ~~summoned~~ *advised* to attend the meeting, and his attention was drawn to the letter. He admitted having seen the letter, but denied having any other knowledge of it.

#### Land Settlement.

✓ The Chairman, Hon. J.M. Hunter, submitted a report from the Land Settlement Committee covering a comprehensive draft regulation in connection with the setting apart, allotting, method of applying for and the making of advances to cover improvements, etc, and the general conditions governing same. (Vide pages 250/258. ).

#### Medical.

No report.

#### Education.

No report.

#### Local War Councils.

##### Reports from Local War Councils.

Miriam Vale. Contents of minutes noted.

Bowen. Decided to forward a copy of the resolution re eli-g-ible military men to the Commandant, 1st Military District.

Purga. Decided to appoint Brigadier-General Lee and Hon. J. Huxham as representatives of the War Council to meet a deputation from the Purga War Council in connection with the employment of aliens, at Goodna.

#### General.

##### Next meeting.

Next meeting fixed for 25th September 1916.

*G. A. Hunter*

Hon. Secretary,  
Queensland War Council.

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*G. A. Hunter*  
Chairman.

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QUEENSLAND RECRUITING COMMITTEE

Preston House,  
Queen Street  
Brisbane

30th August 1916.

✓ Colonel Hon. A. J. Thynne, M.L.C., V.D.  
Chairman,  
Queensland Recruiting Committee  
Preston House, Queen Street,  
B R I S B A N E.

Dear Sir/

I beg to submit the following report for presentation to the members of the General Committee in connection with the special meeting which it is proposed to call at an early date to discuss the recruiting position generally.

At the time of the last general meeting, on the 16th March 1916 we were just entering on a decline in recruiting due to various causes. For the previous three months we had a steady flow of recruits, and this induced a feeling of optimism which, when publicly expressed by those in authority, led to an appreciable drop in recruiting.

You will remember that at the beginning of the year the Prime Minister's special appeal for 50,000 men had begun to take effect, and at the time of the last general meeting we had begun the work of classifying the replies in order, not only that they might assist us in obtaining extra recruits, but also that Queensland might be ready for any developments that might become necessary in the future.

In other States these replies from men of military age were handled in the various centres. In the case of Queensland we had them all addressed to Brisbane so that we might centralise the work in the interests of efficiency.

Altogether we received 120,000 replies. For each one of these a check slip containing the name and particulars was sent to the Federal Statistician. We then grouped and indexed the replies in such a way, that we are able, at the present time, to immediately locate the card of any man of military age among these 120,000. We also grouped them according to classes and ages, so that it would be possible to provide the names contained in any group immediately the information was called for.

The main defect in this system, and it was one beyond our power to rectify, was that at least 25,000 males of military age did not send in any replies. As a matter of fact over 40,000 Queensland replies were returned from various post offices to the dead letter office, but numbers of the men to whom they were addressed appear to have applied direct to us for census papers, from other addresses in the State.



From time to time we endeavoured to submit specific cases of default on the part of these men, but in no instance was action taken by the Military Authorities. It will be seen how necessary it was for us to obtain the necessary particulars regarding these men if our filing cabinet was to be as useful as we intended it to be, both as an immediate aid to recruiting and also to provide any information required by the authorities. We respectfully made representations to Head Quarters regarding this matter and we were informed by letter on the 12th July last that "these men who had either defied the law or neglected to comply would be made to realise that they could not do so with impunity".

Quite recently we found that all these defaulters were being given a second chance direct from Melbourne; census papers in registered envelopes having been recently addressed to them.

The trouble is that the replies to this second chance are ordered to be posted direct to the Federal Statistician in Melbourne. This means that we will be unable to file the particulars concerning them in our cabinet, and will, therefore, be unable to approach these men per medium of the Recruiting Sergeant.

Our filing system, which was instituted for the purpose of being a decided help to the Military Authorities is therefore, rendered to a great extent defective.

The compilation of our records is the result of 40,000 hours clerical work, and was almost entirely carried out with voluntary help. Some hundreds of ladies and gentlemen were engaged in clerical pursuits in the city, freely offering their services.

#### SATISFACTORY OR UNSATISFACTORY REPLIES.

Local Confidential Recruiting Committees, of which we have 187 working under our direction, have found it very hard to distinguish between Satisfactory and Unsatisfactory replies, when dealing with the census cards. No basis has ever been laid down by the Authorities as to what constitutes an unsatisfactory reply. One Committee notified us that they would treat the negative reply of every married man as "satisfactory". In the absence of specific direction from Head Quarters we ourselves have refrained from advising local committees as to what constitutes an unsatisfactory reply. We urge them to simply make sure of the correctness of every man's reply to the various questions in his census card. The responsibility of laying down a basis has, therefore, been left entirely with the Federal Authorities.

Out of the 120,000 replies there were approximately 5,000 effective affirmatives, but it must be remembered that while the remaining 115,000 did not answer 'yes' on their papers, a further 8,000 of them have enlisted since they answered the appeal in the negative. 4,000 of the negatives stated directly that they believed firmly in conscription and desired it to be introduced. 16,000 were classed as 'indirect' advocates of conscription. A man who answers:- "I will go willingly when single men and others with less responsibility than I have, have been called up" we would class as an indirect advocate of conscription.



In their replies very many of the men expressed the view that they would not mind fighting under conscription, because then their wealthy neighbour would have to fight also, whereas, under the present voluntary system, it was open for the wealthy man to stay behind if he wished to. Many men expressed the objection that if they enlisted under the present voluntary system, they had no guarantee that they would be backed up with sufficient reinforcements when required. I estimate that between 7,000 and 8,000 of the 40,000 men which Queensland has so far enlisted are married men.

#### RECRUITING SERGEANT SYSTEM.

The Recruiting Sergeant system has, of course, gone hand in hand with our organisation of the census cards. When we were first instructed to put recruiting sergeants on, the cards were not ready for investigation, consequently we found it difficult to keep the man at specific work; also it was not an easy matter to select, practically at a moment's notice, a large staff of men thoroughly well fitted to handle such a novel and difficult work as the recruiting sergeant's. The consequence was that the recruiting sergeant system incurred a certain amount of censure from the general public, and a reputation so established in the popular mind, is a very hard one to remove. As time went on, however, and we were able to select good men from the ranks of returned wounded soldiers, we met with much better results. At the present time we have an excellent staff of 156 sergeants who are a credit to the King's uniform, which they wear. Most of them are very highly spoken of indeed by the members of their local committees, and as you are aware, these committees comprise the most highly respected men in each locality. In many cases considerable financial assistance is voted to these sergeants by the local authorities, which indicates that they are highly thought of. Certainly the cost of getting recruits has been very high, but the fact remains that by far the greater number of recruits that have been secured during the past five months have been directly recruited by recruiting sergeants. In no single week have these sergeants directly secured less than 75% of the total enlistments. One week recently out of over 200 recruits all but seven were directly taken to the enlisting office by sergeants. This would seem to show that without the machinery of the Recruiting Sergeant system our enlistment rate would have been almost a negligible quantity during the last few months.

Every week has found recruits harder to get which is only natural when the drain on the male population is considered.

At the present time, card investigations per medium of the recruiting sergeant are almost complete and the conclusion naturally presents itself that when the recruiting sergeants have finished making a personal canvas of every individual male of military age in their particular district, there would seem no likelihood of getting further recruits by platform propaganda.

In some cases local committees have stated that they could do no more to assist recruiting, once the cards were completed. We have endeavoured, however, to keep them all on the move, under the present voluntary system.



# THE WORK OF LOCAL COMMITTEES.

With few exceptions we have had very good results with our local committees. A good portion of the State has been visited by members of our staff. In order to stimulate interest in recruiting matters and to deal with the numerous difficulties which have kept arising from time to time, these visits have been made. In addition we have convened several small conferences, and two larger gatherings - one on the 24th June and another on the 14th August - in Brisbane, for the purpose of discussing matters generally, explaining away difficulties, and endeavouring to get as much information as possible on recruiting matters for the guidance of the Federal Authorities.

In addition Mr. Dash and Mr. King recently visited the local recruiting committees in the metropolitan area and discussed matters of organisation with them.

## OUR DUTY TOWARDS CONSCRIPTION.

Shortly after the last general meeting of this Committee the demand for conscription began to be insistent and committees were threatening to 'down tools' in several districts. Whereas we felt that the steady decline in recruiting under the voluntary system was forcing upon the country the need for more drastic measures, we realised that we were in existence simply because the voluntary system was the policy of the time and we deemed it our duty to exhort committees by every means possible to redouble their efforts under the present system rather than embarrass the Government by advocating the policy which we deemed the Government might have good reasons for not instituting immediately.

In order, however, to obtain the utmost possible data on this subject for the guidance of the Minister of Defence we took a referendum of the Local Committees on the subject, asking them to tell us as near and impartially as possible what was the feeling of the men of military age in their particular district towards the question of conscription. We impressed upon them the necessity for an impartial answer being given. We also asked them to keep their investigations confidential so that the voluntary recruiting system might not be prejudiced.

The result of the referendum showed that 95% of the local committees affirmed that conscription was the desire of their men of military age. We have all along kept the Minister for Defence posted up with this information, and the Minister has taken the opportunity on a number of occasions of thanking this committee for our work and also our endeavours to assist him in the difficult and trying position in which he found himself.

Colonel Thynne visited Melbourne on one occasion and discussed recruiting matters generally with the Minister for Defence.

On the 7th August we wrote to the Minister for Defence pointing out that a unanimous view is held that we must have some further measures if we are to keep up the number of reinforcements that the military authorities demand of Queensland. The Minister replied thanking us for the trouble we had gone to in the matter.



## SHORTAGE OF MEN.

After repeated requests we were finally informed 6 weeks ago that the Commonwealth should supply 11,800 reinforcements per month, which means after allowing for a 10% wastage, that Queensland, on a population basis, should supply at least 1,800 men per month. Our actual enlistments are now well under 1,000 per month in spite of all our efforts to keep the figures up.

It would appear, however, from comparison with the southern States that the decline is general and due to a prime cause.

We have kept in close touch with all our local committees, a close check has been kept on all our recruiting sergeants who have been required to submit detailed reports at least once per week.

Posters have been displayed throughout the State, recruiting marches have been organised in the big cities, including a night recruiting march of school children. We have sent the best available speakers to country districts to assist them at their rallies, recruiting slides have been continually exhibited at picture shows, and every possible avenue of recruiting generally exploited.

We were hoping that with the special effort during Exhibition time some improvement could be made. Sergeants were drawn in from the near-by country centres to the metropolitan area, a big Khaki concert was held in the stadium, and the most vigorous attack generally was made upon the remaining eligible men in the city, but without result.

The cry everywhere is "Why don't you give us conscription"? At the last big representative conference that we held, a motion in favour of conscription was carried unanimously, the delegates even standing and cheering. At the first mention of the word conscription at the stadium all the audience present seemed to cheer.

It must be stated here, however, that in the general argument in favour of conscription there have been many other influences at work retarding enlistments.

## THE GERMAN ELEMENT.

The German element in many centres provides a constant source of trouble. Many men refuse to leave their homes with the knowledge that Germans or men of German origin are left behind. One recruiting committeeman stated that he could see only 10 homes from his front verandah, in a certain district, and that every one of the 10 was inhabited by a German family.

At every gathering of committee men we are met with the same demand, that enemy aliens should all be interned and that men of enemy parentage should be disfranchised. We have passed this resolution from time to time along to Head Quarters but nothing of a public character seems to have been done to allay the fears of Britishers resident in these German affected districts, of which there are many in Queensland. The problem of what to do with these semi Germans is a very live one. Britishers argue



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that it is not safe to recruit them, neither is it safe or fair for the Britishers to have to go away and fight and leave the semi-Germans in peace and prosperity. The whole matter is one for the Federal Government to deal with and we can only trust to them to do what is right in regard to it.

There seems to have been an organised campaign of lies in some districts, particularly the big industrial centres - lies that would have the effect of prejudicing recruiting if given wide-spread currency - apparently engineered through some particular source. The influence of the extreme section of trade unionists has also been a serious factor. It does not appear by any means, that the majority of Trade Unionists have any desire to prejudice recruiting but the influence of the noisy minority has been very considerable in the industrial centres.

#### ENLISTMENT OF MEN OF ENEMY ORIGIN.

About the time of your last General Meeting a regulation was introduced providing for the enlistment of men of enemy parentage upon the granting and endorsement of a certificate of loyalty signed by each of the five members of the local confidential committee of the district where the applicant resided. This did not admit a very great number of men into the forces by reason of the difficulty of always being able to get five men in any one locality to swear that the applicant was personally known to them to be loyal.

Recently, however, this regulation has been slightly modified and it is now possible for a man to secure admittance to the A.I.F. on a certificate of three of the local committeemen, provided the other two committeemen know nothing against the applicant.

#### HELP OF THE STATE MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

We appreciate very much indeed the help that has been afforded us by the District Commandant and his officers right throughout our operations. This is a factor that has helped us very considerably in our work, and on our part we have regarded it as part of our duty to cordially co-operate with them in every way.

#### WAR LOAN.

In answer to a request from the Commonwealth Treasurer we circularised all our local committees and asked them to call public meetings in support of the present war loan at the earliest possible moment. We hope the results will be satisfactory. We might mention however, that there is a certain amount of opposition of a specific nature to this war loan. A chairman of a particular shire stated that he would not subscribe to it because the Commonwealth were lending money to the State to enable the State to embark on business enterprises in opposition to private enterprise.

#### PREFERENCE TO RETURNED SOLDIERS

This matter has been brought under our notice from numerous centres. We are pleased to be able to state that the Minister for Customs (Mr. Tudor) when in Brisbane recently, made it quite



clear that his department, at any rate, would give preference to returned soldiers before other men; but we are still up against the actions of the unions themselves regarding returned soldiers who are endeavouring to secure employment in private businesses. Until the unions fall into line with the Commonwealth Government officials, it is a question of preference to unionists first, and this will be a very sore point amongst our returned men.

#### EXTENSION OF THE AGE LIMIT.

A motion was passed at our last conference asking that the age limit be increased from 45 to 50 years, and from our experience we should say that the change would be a very desirable one. In many districts, particularly mining districts, there are numbers of men just over the age of 45 who are quite as fit as a great many of the very young men who are now enlisting, and we think that so long as the medical restrictions were severe enough, the age limit could be made more elastic.

#### MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Whereas we realise fully that some efficient standard must be laid down, nevertheless it would seem that a much greater number of fairly good recruits could be secured if the medical restrictions were not quite so severe.

We have had cases where fine big men who had roughed it all their lives in the bush, were turned down after coming all the way from Cunnamulla to Brisbane, and after having passed the doctor in Cunnamulla, because they had slight varicose veins.

The stringency too, of the eyesight test, has kept many men out of the ranks, who we feel sure would have made useful soldiers, if enlisted. This question, however, is a big one and really requires comprehensive consideration. We have in this, as in other matters, submitted the results of our experiences for consideration by the Defence Department.

#### CANTEEN COMMITTEE.

On the 29th July last we were presented with a copy of the canteen sub-committee's report, copy of which is attached, and discloses a highly satisfactory state of affairs, and one which reflects the greatest credit upon the committeemen responsible for the controlling of the canteens.

#### HOME LEAVE.

We made representations for increased home leave for soldiers and word has just been received that this has been increased from four (4) days to a maximum of ten (10) days -to-a-maximum-of in cases where men reside in remote districts.



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NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.  
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Since your last general meeting Mr. Colin Campbell resigned from the Executive and Mr. E. E. Quinlan was elected in his place. The other new members on the Executive are Mr. G. M. Dash, Captain C. S. Fraser who took Lieutenant McKnight's place as Supervising Enlisting Officer and Mr. Jas. Page M.H.R. Mr. F. Wyldie Ball is no longer a member of the Committee.

FINANCE.  
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Financial difficulties which were somewhat acute at the time of the last general meeting, have now been surmounted. The Federal grant for recruiting purposes has now been made available for us, and the Queensland War Council now honour our requisitions for whatever expenditure is found necessary.

Yours faithfully,

G. M. Dash,

Hon. Organising Secretary.



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## QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Land Settlement Committee.

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Progress Report.

The Land Settlement Committee beg to submit herewith recommendations for your approval and submission to the Government.

The Committee also beg to report that the Government have set aside the areas at Stanthorpe and Beerburrum solely for the purposes of soldier settlement and have provided a sum of £1,000 to permit of a start being made in connection with the settlement at Beerburrum. The Committee have gone very carefully and fully into all details in connection with such settlement and have now invited certain applicants who are fitted for the work required in the establishment of a training farm to meet the Committee on 18th instant, with a view to making the necessary arrangements for an immediate start on such work. Mr Joseph Rose, the well known fruit grower and a member of the Committee, has kindly volunteered to supervise the work on the settlements and the Committee have accepted Mr Rose's offer.

A personal inspection of the area at Stanthorpe has been made by a Sub-Committee and a very valuable and highly satisfactory report has been obtained which is herewith submitted.

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Recommendations by Land Settlement Sub-Committee.

1. That the term "discharged soldier" means any person who has been a Member of the Australian Imperial Forces or of any other Naval or Military Force raised in the Commonwealth of Australia by the Minister of Defence for service in the War in which His Majesty is at present engaged and who has served outside the Commonwealth in connection with the said War and has returned to Queensland and has received an honourable discharge from service either before or after his return to this State.
2. That the Government allot to each discharged soldier desirous of settling on the land an area sufficient for cultivation with an additional area for grazing stock required to work the cultivated land.: Provided that no soldier whose discharge from service was due to incapacity resulting from his own default or misconduct shall be entitled to apply for or be granted any such area.
3. That the Governor in Council from time to time by proclamation set apart any area or areas of Crown land for allotment to discharged soldiers Any such proclamation at any time to be revoked in so far as it relates to land which is not required or which is not suitable for the purpose for which it was set apart.
4. That such land be offered in such manner as the Government approves to discharged soldiers on Perpetual Lease. Such land to be subdivided into blocks as the Board of Control with the approval of the Government determines.
5. That applications for blocks be made to the Board of Control and to obtain particulars as to the following matters :-

ADDRESS		BATTALION		REGIMENT NO.		DISCHARGE NO.	
AGE		MARRIED OR SINGLE		DEPENDENTS			
DATE AND PLACE OF DISCHARGE							
LENGTH OF SERVICE							
USUAL CALLING							
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE							
RESOURCES							
KIND OF FARM DESIRED							



6. That advances may upon application to and subject to the approval of the Board of Control be granted up to a sum not exceeding £500 with respect to any of the following matters :-

- a. Clearing, fencing, draining, irrigating and general improvements.
- b. The erection of a dwelling on any such land, amount of such advance not to exceed £40.
- c. The purchase of implements, stock, seeds, plants, trees and such other things as may be deemed necessary for the successful occupation and cultivation of the land.

During the progress of clearing, fencing and breaking up the land the applicant to receive advances out of the amount advanced to him for his own labour to the value of the work performed. Such advances to be made on an Inspector's Certificate as the work proceeds.

Any expenditure by the Government in clearing or effecting other permanent improvement on lands in anticipation of settlement by discharged soldiers shall be deemed part of the £500 to be advanced against such selection.

7. That all moneys advanced or expended by the Government in respect of any such land shall bear interest and shall be secured by a first mortgage over the settler's interest in the said land : Provided that the Government may in any case of hardship dispense either wholly or in part with the payment of interest.

8. That the advance be made by the State Agricultural Bank at a rate of interest not exceeding  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  in the first year increasing by  $\frac{1}{4}\%$  each subsequent year to the full rate of interest at which the money has been raised plus the cost of its administration.

9. That repayment of principal and interest be made by half yearly instalments extending over a period of forty years. The first instalment to be made in the fifth year of occupation. That the advance may at the option of the borrower be repaid at any time sooner than the time so specified and in larger instalments.

10. That if at any time during the first five years of the lease sufficient work has not been done by the applicant to satisfy the Board of Control that the lessee is not a bona fide settler, the Board of Control have the right to cancel the lease and grant the farm to another applicant.



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11. That the minimum area for a fruit farm should be 25 acres and for an ordinary agricultural farm 50 acres.
12. That the Government be asked to prepare 20 fruit farms forthwith. That the cost of clearing and preparation of any such lands by the Government be charged against any advance allotted to the settler.
13. That a compulsory scheme of Insurance to cover risk of illness, accident or death of settler be established at a minimum premium.

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## QUEENSLAND

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COUNCIL.

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Recommendation by Land Settlement Committee as to the method of selecting approved applicants under the proposed scheme for the settlement of returned soldiers on the land.

[illegible]

That the Land Settlement Committee of the Queensland War Council be appointed a Board of Control to deal with such matters as are set forth in the recommendations of the Land Settlement Committee for the establishment of returned soldiers on the land.

That Messrs. W. Gordon Graham, A. Benson, Joseph Rose, Charles Taylor and W.F. Cameron be appointed a Sub-Committee of the Board of Control for the purpose of selecting approved applicants.

That the points suggested for qualifications for applicants be as follows :-

Capital. 5 points for every \$50 of capital proposed to be put into the farm by the applicant.

Experience. 1 to 8 points.

Age. 1 to 8 points.

Married men 8 to 20 points according to number, age and condition with family.      or family.

married men 8 points.  
without family.

Single men. 5 points.

Character. 1 to 5 points.

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QUEENSLAND WAR COUNCIL.

Minutes - 25: 9:1916.

Apologies.

J. Macdonald Esq.,  
Dr. W. N. Robertson.  
Hon. J. Page, M.H.R.,  
J. Sharpe Esq., M.H.R.

Present.

Hon. J.M. Hunter, M.L.A. - Chairman.  
Hon. J. Adamson, M.L.A.,  
Hon. H. F. Hardacre, M.L.A.,  
Hon. J. Huxham, M.L.A.,  
Colonel C.B. Evans, C.M.G.,  
Alderman G. Down.  
L. M. Bond Esq.,  
M. Becker Esq.,  
W. R. Crampton Esq.,  
Hon. A. J. Thynne, M.L.C.,  
Brigadier-General Lee, D.S.O.  
W. M. L'Estrange.

Minutes. Minutes of meeting held 11th instant, confirmed.

Business ex Minutes. Action taken on all matters arising through minutes.

Correspondence.

1. From Chief Secretary forwarding correspondence between Hon. J.C. Watson and the Premier of New South Wales relative to the settlement of British ex soldiers in Australia.

Resolved to refer the matter to the Land Settlement and Employment Committees for report.

2. From Board of Trustees, Repatriation Fund, re scheme for the organisation of Labor and Plant in Australia to produce material and goods for the benefit of the Repatriation Fund Scheme to be known as "Anzac Work".

Resolved to allow the matter to stand over for further consideration.

- 3.a. From Under Secretary, Chief Secretary, asking that some definite understanding be arrived at in connection with the issue of permits or the renewal of permits to solicit contributions or aid in connection with the present war (consequent upon the regulations just issued under the War Precautions Act" for-bidding funds to be raised without the consent of the War Council.

Resolved to adopt the course suggested by the Under Secretary to the Chief Secretary, viz : To give the Chief Secretary a general authority to issue the permits ~~xxx~~ but to consult the War Council when considered necessary.

- b. From the Queensland Patriotic Fund on the same subject and suggesting that "The Patriotic Funds Administration Act" be not interfered with and to avoid overlapping a joint meeting of the Executive Committee of each fund (Patriotic and War Council) be convened when making special appeals.

The Resolution under 3a obviated the necessity of any action being taken in the direction mentioned by the Queensland Patriotic Fund.



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- 3.c. From the Cambooya Council asking permission to retain half the proceeds of a Carnival held on 26th August for the relief of local men and the other half to be sent to the Queensland Patriotic Fund.

Resolved that the recommendation of the Under Secretary to the Chief Secretary that permission be given to retain half of the proceeds and forward the other half to the Repatriation Fund be agreed to.

4. From the Under Secretary to the Chief Secretary, forwarding remittances of £10: 3: 6 and £2, the former proceeds of a raffle at Kynuna and the latter contributions collected at Boulia for Wounded Soldiers Fund.

Contributions noted with thanks and decided to place them to the credit of the War Council Relief Funds.

5. Application for indulgence passed England, Trooper W. Shedden.

Resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the Chairman and Hon. Secretary to deal with.

#### 1 Sub-Committees.

#### Recruiting.

See Report (Pages 266/270) Report Adopted, also decided that Secretary should publish in his press report the number of single men available for service. It was also resolved that a copy of the Recruiting Committee's report be forwarded to each member of the Council.

#### Repatriation.

See report (Pages 272/280) Report received. With regard to the various requests contained therein it was decided to refer them to the Government for consideration. It was decided to acknowledge Mr Kent's generous offer and donation. The proposal to place on record the services of the late E.F. Morgan ~~xxxx~~ was also confirmed.

#### Nomination of a person to whom the Prime Minister's powers of acceptance of property donated to the fund may be delegated.

Resolved that the Hon. T.J. Ryan, as Premier of the State, be nominated for the above purpose.

#### On Service Stamps.

The action of the Board of Trustees in obtaining authority from the Postal Department for the supply of £150 worth of O. S. Stamps noted.

#### Stamp duty on receipts issued for donations.

The action of the Commissioner for Stamps in releasing receipt issued for repatriation donations from stamp duty noted. Resolved to ask the same concession be extended to other legal documents.



Employment.Summary of transactions for week ending Saturday, 23rd September 1916.

Total registrations to date	-	-	-	-	695
Registrations during week	-	-	-	-	57
Registered applications unprovided for at end of previous week	-	-	-	-	45
Applicants found employment during week	-	-	-	-	66
Balance unprovided for at end of week	-	-	-	-	36

The fact that notwithstanding the number of registrations during the week constituted a record the balance unprovided for at the end of the week was 9 less than previous week was considered very satisfactory.

It was resolved with regard to the proposal made by the National Womens Service Council and referred to by the Chairman, Queensland Recruiting (Colonel Thynne) to obtain the recognition of the War Council in registering women for employment in the event of the number of returned soldiers being insufficient to meet the demand caused through vacancies if single men are called up for service that the Chairman, Mr Crampton, be asked to call his committee together at an early date to discuss the question with the National Womens Service Council and submit a suggestion in regard thereto at the next meeting of the War Council.

Land Settlement.

The Land Settlement Committee beg to report that they have now completed all arrangements in connection with a start being made on the area of land set aside at Beerburum for the settlement of returned soldiers and in this connection the first group of men will leave Brisbane for the settlement on Tuesday 26th instant to commence the preparatory work required for the establishment of the training farm and so soon as the necessary quarters are erected another group will proceed to the settlement.

The Committee have also under discussion the details of the basis of a scheme for the successful establishment of returned soldiers on the area set aside at Stanthorpe.

The Committee are also considering the question of several soldier settlements on the Northern areas.

Education.

The Hon. H. F. Hardacre explained that all the cases which had been referred to the Education Committee by the War Council had received attention and that it had not been deemed necessary to hold a meeting of the Education Committee owing to this fact but he would arrange to call the Committee together with a view to discussing the requirements of the future.

General.Accounts for payment.

Railway Commissioner, Fares.	£3:13:0
" " "	8:6
A. U. S. N. Coy.	3:10:0
" " "	1:15:0
Recruiting Committee, Petty Cash.	10:14:8

Next meeting. Next meeting fixed for Monday evening, 9th October 1916

Confirmed

*[Signature]*  
Chairman.

*[Signature]*  
Hon. Secretary.  
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QUEENSLAND RECRUITING COMMITTEE.

Preston House,  
Brisbane, 21st September 1916.

Colonel Hon. A. J. Thynne, M.L.C.  
Chairman,  
Queensland Recruiting Committee,  
BRISBANE.

Dear Sir/

I beg to suggest that the present is an opportune time for us to place before the Defence Department, in concrete form, the statistics which we have been able to deduce from our records of Queensland men of military age.

I feel that the information which we have at our disposal will prove of very great interest to the Department's officers in connection with the mobilisation of our men, and if you would formally offer to the Defence Department the benefit of the records which we have gone to such great trouble to compile, we would be in a position to press on with whatever additional special statistics that the Department may require.

There are many reasons for submitting the suggestion that there are many more than this number who have been enlisted.

In connection with this matter we received yesterday a parcel of about 2,000 "second chance" census papers. We received no advice note with these, but presume they are the first instalment of the whole, which apparently it is the intention of the Commonwealth Statistician to forward on to us for the purpose of completing our records.

I might mention, in passing, that a great many of these replies seem to have come from unmarried men, which would go to show that the reason for these men not replying in the first instance was a deliberate one.

re-examination. This estimate is, of course, open to question but I think it would be unwise to take too many liberties with these figures. It is surprising the number of apparently fit single men walking about whom have, at one time or other,



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presented themselves and been rejected. This total of 18,000 will give us, approximately 15,000 single and 3,000 married at present in the population who have volunteered and been declared unfit.

Item No. 3 (53,837) represents the proportion of married men in classes 4 to 9, at present in our population who have never offered themselves for enlistment. They are exempt under the proposed regulations and can be struck off for the time being.

Item No. 4 (9,233) represents the probable number of unfits amongst our single men, who have never even volunteered. I put the total number of single men of military age who have never volunteered at 27,000, of which total is allowed 33-1/3rd% for medically unfits. I think it would be unsafe to deduct less than 1.3rd for the simple reason that the remaining single population contains many men who have never volunteered because they are palpably unfit.

Item No. 5 (3,326) represents the estimated number of ineligible and medically unfits in class 10. As this class comprises a great number of men who have turned 45 years, I do not think we would get more than a fourth eligible.

Item No. 6 (15,000) is an estimate of the number of ineligible and unfits amongst the men who failed to reply to the call to arms in the first place. I think it highly improbable that we would get more than 10,000 single eligibles

Signed G. M. Dash  
Hon. Organising Secretary



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from amongst the 25,000 men who failed to reply.

The balance left after making all these deductions is approximately 29,565 fit single men between the ages of 18 and 45.

From the remarks at the foot of the statement it will be seen that probably 5,000 of these are under the age of 21, and therefore not liable under conscription, whereas about 6,000 would be single men between the ages of 35 and 45, whom I understand will probably not be called in the first batch.

From this estimated balance provision must be made for deductions on account of:-

- A Only sons
- B Sole supports of dependents
- C When with brothers already at the front
- D Professional and industrial exemptions.

Although the probable number of these exemptions is largely a matter of conjecture, I do think that exemptions will make serious inroads into our available balance of fit single men.

I might mention that whereas the attached statement gives a general indication of the statistics at our command, we are able, in addition to supply a great deal of other detailed information. For instance, we have in tabulated form, the number of males in each group in each shire, subject, of course to deductions on account of enlistments since January 1st.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Signed G. M. Dash  
 Hon. Organising Secretary







QUEENSLAND RECRUITING COMMITTEE

ESTIMATE OF AVAILABLE RESERVES OF SINGLE ELIGIBLE MEN  
AS AT SEPTEMBER 20th, 1916.

Analysis of male population 18-45 years at Jan. 1st 1916  
as revealed by classification of the War Census (Call to Arms) .  
Men who filled in war census cards

Class 1, Single men, also widowers without children	18-21 years	15908	
" 2 " " " " 22-34 "	28118		
" 3 " " " " 35-45 "	11831		55857
Class 4 married men, without children	18-21 years	174	
" 5 " " " " 22-34 "	4966		
" 6 " " " " 35-45 "	2176		
" 7 married men with children	18-21 years	308	
" 8 " " " " 22-34 "	25817		
" 9 " " " " 35-45 "	26017		59458
Class 10, men turned 45 years, or age not stated in reply		4434	
Class 11, men who failed to reply in first instance (estimated)		25000	

144,749

Probable composition of available balance of single men (29,565)

18 - 21 years	7,500	approximate
22 - 34 "	16,000	"
35 - 45 "	6,000	"

Enlistments, unfits, exempts, etc. & available balance

1. Total number of single & married men enlisted Jan 1st 1916 to date	15,788
(Estimated proportions - single 13157, married 2631)	
2. Accumulated total of married and single men who have volunteered since beginning of the war but have been rejected as unfit. This total includes wastage in camp after. Less-probable-number-who-will-be-passed (Enlistment, estimated on re-examination 20,000)	
Less probable number who will be passed on re-examination 2,000	18,000
3. Married men in classes 4 to 9 inclusive who have never offered themselves, now EXEMPT as married men (3000 accumulated married rejects allowed for)	53,837
4. Estimated number of unfits amongst the single men who have never offered themselves (Based on total single males at Jan. 1st 1916 - 55857, less enlistments 13157, less proportion of accumulated rejects 15,000 = 27,700 divided by three)	9,233
5. Estimated number of ineligible and medically unfits in class 10.	3,326
6. Estimated total of (A) volunteers declared unfit (B) married men and (C) men who would be found to be unfit on examination; amongst class 11 (the men who did not reply to the appeal)	15,000
BALANCE - Estimated number of fit single men 18-45 years	29,565
	144,749

No provisions made for deductions on account of -

- A Only sons
- B Sole supports of dependents
- C Men with brothers already at the front
- D Professional and industrial exemptions

QUEENSLAND RECRUITING COMMITTEE  
G. M. DASH  
Honorary Organising Secretary.



*Mr. Macdonald*

25th September, 1916

The Chairman,

Queensland War Council,

Dear Sir,

In the absence of our Chairman, Mr. John Macdonald, I have the honour to report on the operations of the Repatriation Fund Committees for the fortnight ending 22nd September, 1916

Committee No. 1. This Committee has held a meeting and is in communication with the Local War Councils. They have not been able to go ahead as they would have wished, owing to the uncertainty of Repatriation Day. However, as this date has been definitely decided they are commencing operations forthwith.

This Committee suggests, that we approach the Stamp Commissioner through your council with reference to allowing our Receipts to be free of Stamp Duty and also if possible, the same treatment be allowed to our Legal Documents, Contracts, Bills of Sale, etc.

Committee No. 2 The Chairman of this Committee reports having had two very successful meetings, at which twelve (12) applications from returned soldiers for assistance and consideration were received, attached hereto are the recommendations from this Committee for assistance amounting to £122:10:0 and trust same will meet with your approval.

One case dealt with at your last council meeting, a returned soldier, Leslie Keen, was especially mentioned in these recommendations. This case was an urgent one, and this Committee appreciates your assistance in this matter.

We regret that since my last report a member of this Committee has passed the Great Divide, and I would like to place on record the late Mr. E.F. Morgan's valuable services whilst on this Committee.

A suggestion comes from this Committee that they feel that the time has arrived when it is necessary for Mr. Henderson to have further assistance in the office in the form of another male clerk. Mr. Henderson certainly has his hands full, and I would like to impress upon your Council the necessity for considering another male clerk on Mr. Henderson's staff. I understand you are appointing two (2) typistes to this office. This will certainly assist Mr. Henderson a great deal, but I think the time has arrived when you must consider the advisability of this suggestion.



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Committee No.3

This Committee has met as usual, and are putting in a lot of good work. They have received a number of replies from the Local War Councils, which show us that we can rely upon strong support from the Country. They also make a suggestion that if possible, they would like some member of the Cabinet, preferably Mr. Hunter, to visit the larger Country centres to speak at public meetings, introduce and explain, the Repatriation Scheme.

Mr. Baynes, a member of this Committee has requested that his resignation be accepted as he has enlisted and will be leaving shortly in the Motor Transport.

Mr. Kent, of Jondaryan Company Estates Ltd., has offered free agistment for Repatriation cattle and horses. He will also look after the branding of them, and act in accordance with our instructions. Mr. Kent said that his Company have two (2) paddocks near Jondaryan, and he intended to approach his Directors to ask their permission to hand the Titles of the Blocks over to the Repatriation Fund. The value of the proposed gift would be from £500 to £800. Mr. Kent also offers 5% of all grain he harvests this season, and he expects about 2000 bags of oats, barley and wheat, so that the Fund will benefit by about 100 bags. This Committee is unanimous that Mr. Kent's offer on the behalf of the Jondaryan Company Estates Ltd., is most satisfactory and generous.

Committee No.4

I have much pleasure in informing you that we have formed a rather unique Committee which we call the "Publicity Committee". This Committee is composed of a representative of each of the daily papers and has as its chairman, Mr. A.J. Cumming, Government Printer, and the Hon. Sec. Mr. Fred Watson, Government advertising Expert.

The work of this Committee has already begun, and every newspaper in the State has been circularized by the Committee, soliciting their support and co-operation in the Repatriation Appeal. This Committee being composed of the leading men of the "Publicity World" it is proposed to hand the whole of the arranged Publicity matters over to them. They have already for themselves, so that four of their members, who are among the leading journalists of the city, to wait on each of the sub-Committees and secure all matter suitable for publication. All the matter will be sent in paragraph form to the Honorary Secretary of the Publicity Committee who will arrange for its distribution throughout the State. A request has been made for this Committee for funds to carry on their work, and asked for instructions as to the bearing of the expense in connection



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with the Publicity Campaign. The Chairman of this Committee has made arrangements to allow us to have the necessary rubber Stamps in connection with this work, at cost price, and as his Committee requires a number of Rubber Stamps issued, I would ask for the amount of £10 to be allotted for the purchase of Rubber Stamps which will be necessary from time to time.

#### Committee No.5

The Official Entertainment Committee of the Queensland Patriotic Fund are already at work, organising for our Repatriation Carnival, which commences on the 20th November, and lasts to the 30th November, which will be Carnival Day.

On the 2nd December Allies City will be held in the Botanical Gardens, followed by a Henley-on-the-Brisbane Carnival.

On the 15th December it is proposed to hold a button and street collecting Day. I have been requested to ask you to arrange for the 30th November to be a public holiday throughout the State, that being the final effort in connection with the Carnival.

#### Office Accommodation

##### Urgent

The matter of office accommodation is already a serious problem. At the present time we have two (2) Typistes in the Committee Room, so that when Committees meet these ladies have either to leave their work, or inconvenience the meeting, by the continual clicking of the machines. I would like to lay particular stress upon this item, as I understand that there is very little hope of our obtaining the premises occupied by the Commonwealth Lighthouse Service. May we therefore have your sanction to enter into negotiations forthwith re the renting of a suite of offices.

Trusting this report will meet with your Committee's approval.

Yours faithfully,

*W. M. L. P. O'Keefe*



RECOMMENDATIONS.

*Agreed*  
John Robison - No 207, 2nd Light Horse. Application for £50 towards purchase of Motor-car to be used as taxi. It was moved that the application be granted subject to inspection by Mr. Marchant being satisfactory, repayments to be made at the rate of 10/- a week after the first month for 3 months then £1 a week until the amount is repaid.

*Agreed*  
A. L. Grice - No 1915, 25th Battalion. Application for money to assist the applicant to carry on a small business. Messrs. Thorpe and Wilson were appointed to investigate this case with power to recommend an advance up to £20 if they are satisfied after inspection. The Sub-committee recommends £10 being paid to the Applicant.

*Agreed*  
G. H. Busby - No 580 - 15th Battalion Application for £7/10/- to buy a lantern for lecture purposes. Mr. Lloyd reported having inspected lanterns and he did not think £7/10/- sufficient to procure a lantern and supplies. It was resolved to ask the Executive Committee to recommend an increase of from £7/10/- to £10.

*Agreed*  
Leslie Keen, No -1029, 9th Battalion. The Committee resolved to recommend the amount of £100 being advanced to Keen. Mr. Marchant reported having inspected the round proposed to be purchased by Keen, to him it looked a most excellent proposition showing as it did a net return of between £3 and £400 per annum.

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Applications other than recommendations.

W. J. Webb - No 807, 15th Battalion. Application for funds to assist the applicant in obtaining a profession. Applicant receives a pension of 30/- a week. It was felt that this was a matter for the Educational Department and was referred back to the Executive.



T.Hall.

APPLICATIONS OTHER THAN RECOMMENDATIONS. A grant allowed by your council for a Returned Soldier T. Hall. This man has not availed himself of this grant as he has re-enlisted.

James Ramsay Greer. No 1137, 9th Battalion. Application for financial assistance or a pension. Application returned to the Secretary with a suggestion that efforts be taken to secure a pension for Greer. From evidence applicant is thought to be entitled to a pension.

Alfred A. Murray - No 2262, 5th Light Horse. Committee have no power to deal with this matter, suggest it to be forwarded to the Land Settlement Committee. Application for land to start farming.

Robert Watson Bains, No 999, 9th Battalion. Application for £75 to buy stock for fruit business. The Committee thought at this juncture this amount should not be advanced. Messrs. Kirwin and Wilson have been appointed to report.

P. H. McMahon, No 1255 - 2nd Light Horse. Application for £100 to buy a Kangaroo Shooter's Plant. Information too meagre to make any recommendations - being written to for further information.

Murdoch McDonald No 22 - 2nd Light Horse Application for grant of money to bring wife and children to Australia. The Committee have no power to deal with this application but recommends to the State Government for assistance through the Immigration Office.

George Brindell No 573, 15th Battalion. A sub-committee have been appointed to inspect the premises, if satisfactory a recommendation will be made for the next meeting. Application for £50 to enable applicant to carry on butchering business.

A. Jamieson No 43, 5th Light Horse. Application. Money for a house. The Committee have no power to make any recommendation in this direction, no funds available at present for purpose.

Henry C. Williams No 145, 5th Light Horse. Mullumbimby, N.S.W.

As this is a N.S.W. application my Committee suggest that the Application be referred to the State.



