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Firstly about the number of this letter; please do not let what is to follow influence you in the same way as did that particular numeral in your Army Days. In fact I hope it will be the very reverse !!

Enough of facetious rot and on with the business. As usual the monthly meeting was held at Monash Club on Wednesday 3rd December, 1947. Afraid the attendance of 19 was not all that could be desired, but of course the number fell a little further. Much business of importance was discussed especially that appertaining to Legatees of the Association. This was eventually deferred until a later meeting when it is hoped that a much more representative attendance will be forthcoming. I cannot too much labour the importance of getting together on this matter as it deserves of our very best and a record attendance is asked for at our next meeting. So boys put aside all else on the first Wednesday in January (7th) and make the roll-up a bumper.

The meeting decided to immediately acquire sufficient memorial trees in Kings Park, to commemorate our fallen comrades. These trees will be in Lovekin Drive and are in beautiful condition and will serve as a very fitting memorial to our dead. These trees have been obtained through the good offices of Mr. Max Brice, Secretary of the Public Service, Sub Branch, R.S.L.

Your President Mr. Jack Denman has asked me to convey to all members, All the very best for the coming Christmas and New Year Season. Plenty of cheers and Beers to all !! We hope the New Year will bring a rising tide of prosperity and good will to all members and that the Association will continue to grow and serve you to even greater advantage than in the past.

Now a word about those Flash Light Photos of the Annual Reunion. Ron Dook is still holding quite a number of these and any intending purchasers should send in their Postal Notes for Three Shillings as soon as possible. All who have seen these Photos vote them an excellent effort and they should make a wonderful souvenir to keep for all time.

My correspondence for the month has been a little lighter than usual but what it has lacked in quantity is amply repaid by its quality. A slashing letter to hand from Jim Smailes who is now in Kalgoorlie and is to do a Rehabilitation Course in Mine Surveying, starting in February. He gives news of Boyo Hewitt who he says is a water addict nowadays. Whats the strong Boy I thought that stuff was for washing purposes only. Jim says he sees Jack Sheeham and Tony Davidson quite frequently and both going very well. Jim sends his best regards to all. A brief note from Bluoy Wilkes telling me his address is now Brunswick and asking to be remembered to all the old gang. Another letter from Jim Waller who is now counted among the regular writers.

It is most remarkable the way things fall out. After what was quite a drought of news from the Eastern States, broken last month, we now have a flood. Last month a cracker report of activities in Victoria and now this month a beauty report from Jack Hartley who has taken over the Secretarial duties in N.S.W. Jack has only recently been discharged from the Army (Last April to be exact), and is doing a Rehabilitation Course in Surgical Bootmaking and liking it very much. He is still a benedict but says he is still hoping. New South Wales have just had their Annual Meeting on 2nd December, and the following office bearers were elected : - Jack O'Brien is still President,

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the very best of everything to you Jack, Jack Hartley Secretary - Treasurer, Committee comprises Arch Campbell, Neil Bray, Allan Stewart, Jim Fenwick, Paddy Kennecally and Harold Newton. That looks like a pretty tasty set up to yours truly.

Jack sends the following items of interest to all members:- Neil Bray is a much married man of about three months standing and is now back at his old game - he runs a session on 2UW at 1045 Monday, Wednesday and Fridays I think, so if you need a laugh any time tune into Terry and Jerry at 1045 Sydney time and hear the old professor. Johnny Rose is a busy man in the commercial world - getting a little portly but still the same old Johnny. Former Kalgoorlie-ite Fred Otway has entered the matrimonial stakes, and is now a fully fledged painter and decorator here in Sydney. Allan Stewart is now Chief Accountant in an Army Accounts Establishment, with a staff of 20 odd under him and has as many loves as ever. Jim Fenwick is a baker but is seriously considering an Army Career again. The P.G. Maycys are expecting a happy event - in fact I think it's a bit overdue, so I may have an entry for the Hatch, Match and Dispatch Column of the official record. Little Jim Barnes is attending Sydney University and was the cox of Sydney's rowing eight when we won the Interstate G.P.S. Regatta this year. Bob (Beaky) Smith, the man who said he would never go near the sea again, is firmly established at lighthouse keeper on Solitary Island off Coff's Harbour, and appears to be quite happy.

Jack sends the compliments of the season to all "Sand Gropers".

Well folks emtasol for this effort. I join the President and Committee in wishing you all you would wish yourself for the Festive Season and hope to see you, and hear a lot more of you in the New Year. One last word don't forget that meeting at Monash Club on the 7th January.

Cheerio,

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