

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1948/49.

Gentlemen,

As our President, Mr. Jack Denman, has to some extent been out of touch with things this year, I have decided to present a Secretarial Report to take the place of the usual Presidential Report.

I have to report another year of reasonable progress within your Association. Some matters, notably the Smailes Poem and the Address Book have hung fire throughout the year through no fault of the Executive Body, but I have hopes of finality with these schemes this year.

Membership has risen steadily throughout the year and now stands at a record figure of 163; it is to be hoped that this figure will be maintained and even improved upon in the coming year.

Your Association held 9 ordinary monthly meetings, 1 Annual General Meeting and the Annual Reunion during the year, and I have to report a gradual falling off in attendances at all these functions. This is a matter that has been noticed by the Committee and steps are to be taken to attempt to improve on past figures by brightening of meetings generally. The Annual Reunion was attended by only 70 members, this compared with 82 last year and 95 the previous year.

Your General Committee met on seven occasions during the year and generally managed the affairs of the Association to your best advantage.

The Unit was again represented at the Anzac Day Celebrations and a wreath to the memory of the fallen was laid at the Dawn Service. Once again a marked falling off in attendances was noted and our unit figures were not comparable with previous years.

I have to report a most successful Dedication Ceremony in King's Park on 5th December 1948; over 60 members were present and trees to all our fallen were dedicated. It is hoped that members will take an ever-increasing interest in this particular plot of land as this is something which can be regarded as our very own.

Your Association was associated with the Blood Donor scheme and quite a good response from members took place when over thirty Donors took part. I have been asked by the Red Cross to thank all for their efforts in this matter.

Financially the Association is particularly strong as will be evidenced by the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet. This is mainly due to a particularly fine effort by the members in the conduct of the Sweep on the Melbourne Cup which netted approximately £130.

The Monthly Newsletter has gone out regularly edited by Mr. C. Doig and remains one of our best possible links with members. It is hoped that this idea will be carried on during the coming year.

Your Committee envisages quite a few changes for the coming year, notably the running of a Ladies Night to interest all the wives, mothers, girl friends,

etc. of the Unit. Also it is hoped that a greater effort will be put forward with the Photographic scheme to bring the matter to an early conclusion.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members for their loyal support during the year, and especially do I wish to thank the Committee, the Treasurer and General Secretary for their effort in making my job considerably easier than it would normally have been. I would like to wish the incoming officers all the success in the world and hope their stay in office is as pleasant as has been my lot in the past.

H.H. CALCUTT.

STATE SECRETARY.

RESUME OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS -

No. of Meetings held during year - 7.

NAME	ATTENDANCE	APOLOGIES	REMARKS
Denman J.C.	-	7	Stationed in Country
Nisbet T.G.	2	3	Travelling in country
Doig C D.	7	-	
Calcutt H.	6	1	
Dook R.L.	4	3	
Burridge J.C.	6	1	
Haire J.	6	1	
Aitken R.	5		Left metropolitan area in January
Martin A	2	-	Left State in September
Morgan H.	-	7	Unable to attend owing to work.
Epps W.	3	-	Elected vice Martin in Dec.
Walsh A.	2	-	Elected vice Aitken in Feb.