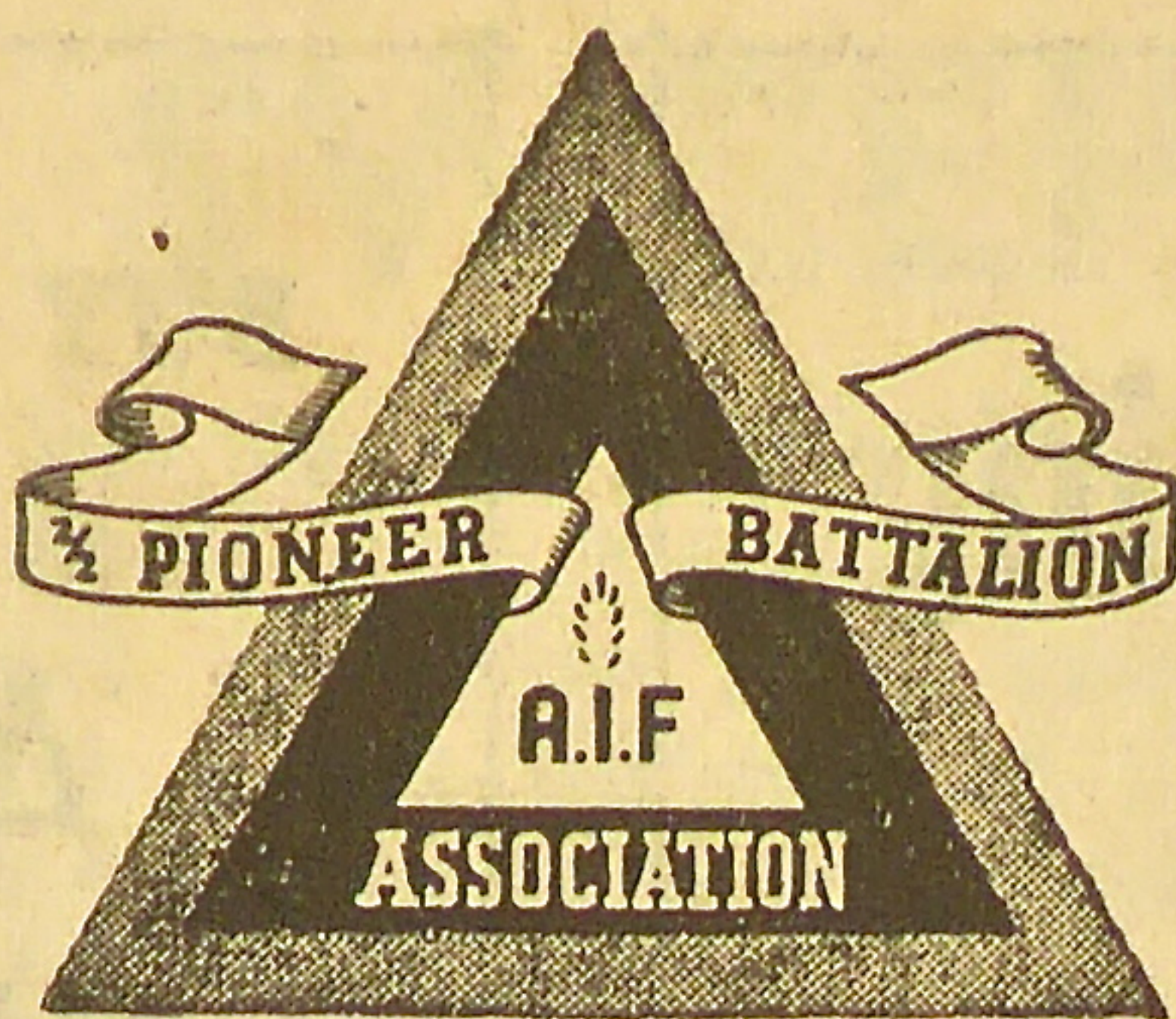


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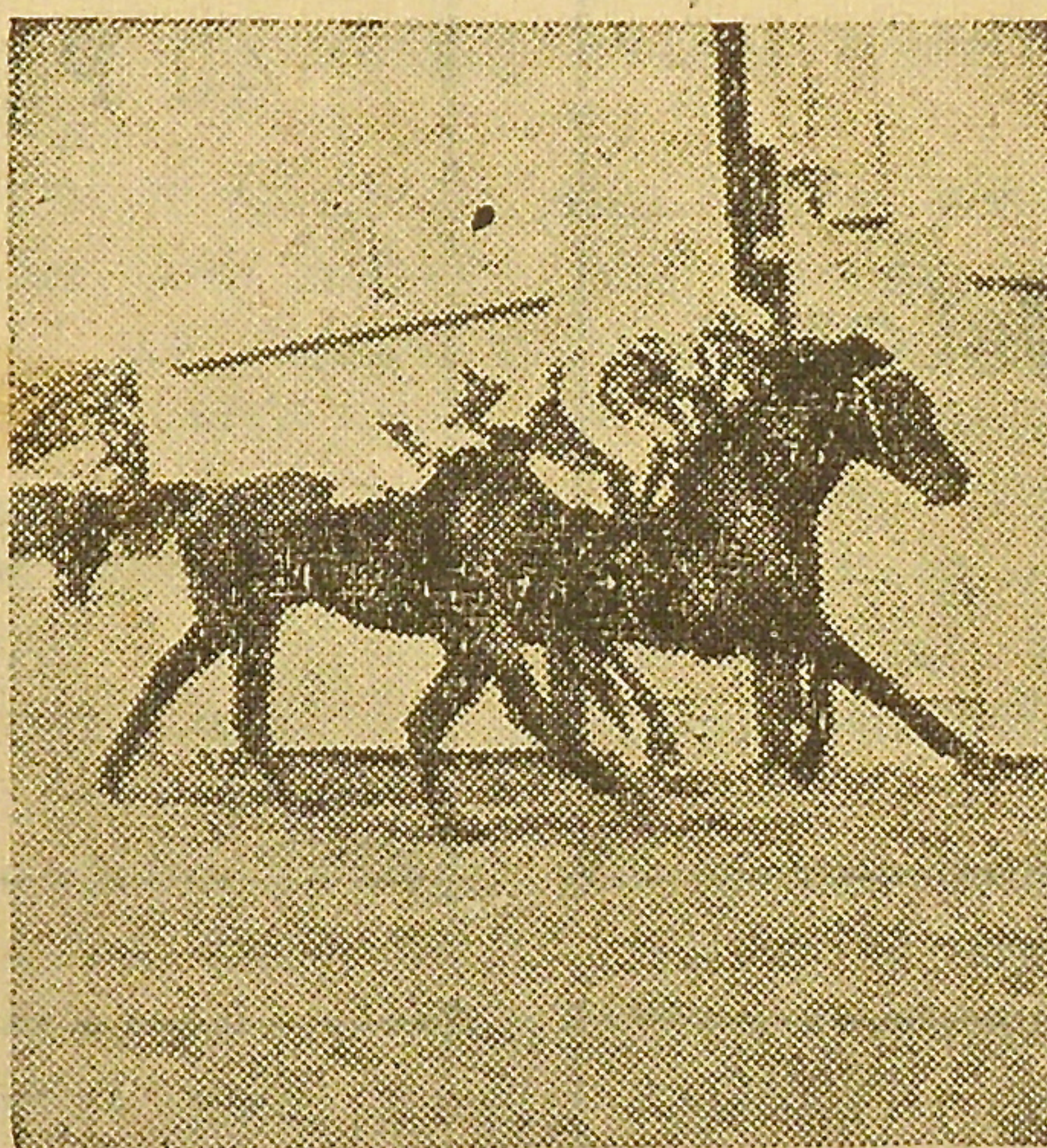
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CAULFIELD SWEEP

WE ARE MAKING a very special call for your help in the Sweep this year. Without this help your Welfare Committee cannot carry out the good work that has been going on for a number of years. Perhaps a short history of the welfare work carried out by this Association will make you even more proud to say you are a 2/2 Pioneer.

I think it can be honestly claimed that we are the only Association who can say every Pioneer in R.G.H., Heidelberg, is visited ONCE A WEEK by our Ladies' Auxiliary. Other Repatriation Hospitals are visited regularly and quite often visits are made to Public Hospitals. On every visit a gift of smokes, sweets, fruits and other things are taken.

Certainly, the ladies raise a lot of the money themselves, but help has to come from the boys. In addition to your various donations to the ladies, we have paid since January, 1956, about £100 from Welfare to help in this work.

Now, the Welfare Committee, which you elect each annual meeting, try to help and visit cases brought to their notice, and have travelled as far afield as Benalla. All our help is not always financial, but involves seeing that these cases are brought to the notice of kindred associations, R.S.L., Legacy, ex-P.O.W. and R.A., etc., and making sure that help is given. On the financial side, perhaps, these approximate figures may serve to prove how help is more urgently needed now, and as time goes on this need will grow.

From January, 1956-June, 1958, we gave financial help amounting to about £262, excluding donations to the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Since June, 1958, to the present date, we have paid out £164, and there are two cases we are watching

at the moment, and payment may be made at any time.

This year direct help has been given in cases where the well-being of some 25 children has been involved.

These boys whom you are now helping are fellows you served with. They are not asking for your help—in most cases they are the last ones to ask, but it is our duty to give what little help we can.

The more we have, the greater can be our help. Remember, that 99% of this money comes from our Sweep.

Now it is up to you. Can we increase this help? Nature—or, perhaps, war service would be more correct—will see to it that more and more cases will come to us. Only YOU can say whether our help continues. Support your Sweep and continue with the generous donations you have made.

Remember this, all your money goes to help your fellow Pioneer. There are no travelling expenses. Stamps and 'phone calls are paid for by other means.

HELP THE WELFARE COMMITTEE TO HELP YOUR EX-COBBERS.

ANNUAL MEETING

WE HOPE to have a good attendance this year, as several special matters have to be arranged.

Firstly, there is the amendment to the Constitution. This was reported in full in our last issue.

We have had a generous offer from that very helpful member, Harry Hiah, with reference to a dinner to be held next year to celebrate our 20th Birthday. Full details will be discussed at the meeting, and your suggestions are the ones we will act on.

As you know, we are members of the 17th Brigade group. It is proposed to pay a visit to Puckapunyal in October. Jim Marshall, our delegate to the meeting, will report in full.

And, of course, your President and Committee for the coming year has to be elected.

So, DON'T FORGET, Friday, 2nd October, 8 p.m., Railway Institute, Room 52. If you forget which room it is, the number is posted in the lift.

WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY

ON FRIDAY, 24th April, at 7.40 p.m., 32 members took part in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph, Sydney.

Major W. Robertson, 2/2, commanded the march, which commenced from Hunter street, along Pitt street, and thence into Martin place, halting at the Cenotaph.

The members stood in silence while the President, Allan McInnes (2/2nd), and the Vice-President, Fred Callaway (2/1st), each placed a wreath, made in the form of the two colour patches, from their respective battalions, then said the Prayer of Remembrance for our Fallen Comrades.

Recent Inmates of Heidelberg Hospital

Bert King, Bill Boyd, H. Black, G. Smith, B. Brackley*, F. Verrall*, L. Murphy*, N. Windebank*, C. Sutton, R. Melhuish, R. Hammersley, E. M. Hill, J. Raven*, C. L. Wessombe, C. Duck, B. Junck*.

*These boys were still in hospital on Thursday, 13th August.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Office-bearers was held on 16th June, when the following were elected:—

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RAFFLE

The Silver Tea Service donated by Mrs. Stevenson, which was to have been drawn on 18th August, will now be drawn on 15th September. Winner will be notified and results published in a later edition of "The Despatch."

We are pleased to relate that our President, Mrs. Horskins, is very much improved in health. Mrs. Childs, who has been an inmate of

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the Royal Melbourne Hospital, is now home and recovering slowly. We trust both of these ladies will soon be quite well again. Best wishes also to Mrs. Bawden, of Leon-gatha, and Mrs. G. Thompson, good friends of the Auxiliary.

We are very grateful to the Men's Association for their financial help over the years. A special "thank you" to Peter Rossiter, who is always ready to assist us; also to Vic Clarke, Frank Hopkins and Mick Webster.

The bag donated by Mrs. Burney was raffled and won by L. Mardell, 26 Station street, Camberwell.

The annual sale of gifts will be held on Saturday, 14th November, in Room 110, Railway Buildings, Flinders street. Gifts of any kind will be appreciated.

2/2 PIONEER LADIES' WELFARE

JUNE, 1958-1959

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LAST POST

ONCE AGAIN it is with very sincere regret that we have to publish the names of three more of our mates who have answered their last roll-call:

F. P. VALE, at his home, North Fitzroy. "Rajah" Vale, ex-P.O.W., will be remembered by his fellow Pioneers, especially for his excellent work in charge of messing arrangements in the early days after the occupation of Syria.

B. J. TIMMS died in the R.G.H., Heidelberg. The Secretary attended the service at Camberwell.

C. HORTON, a well-known and highly respected member of "B" Company, died in R.G.H., Heidelberg.

To all their relations our deepest sympathy.

Services Canteens Trust Fund

EDUCATION AWARDS FOR 1960

1. Applications are now being invited for the above Awards for 1960.

2. The assistance will take the form of Awards of from £5 to £200 for the year.

3. Children eligible for Education Awards for 1960 are children, one of whose parents served with the Australian Armed Forces between 3rd September, 1939, and 30th June, 1947, and who is:

(a) The child of a deceased ex-serviceman, whether eligible for Repatriation Department Education Benefits or not, who will attain 12 years of age, or over, during 1960;

(b) The child of any other ex-serviceman or ex-service-woman who will attain 15 years of age, or over, during 1960;

(c) In exceptional circumstances, for example, children of Invalid, Civil T.B., and Age Pensioners, children who MUST live away from home to receive the required education, or children of deserted, divorced or separated families where the mother is in receipt of Statutory Benefits—in these cases consideration MAY be given to children who will attain 13 or 14 years of age in 1960.

4. The object of the Fund is to assist eligible children to remain at school to pursue courses of education for which they are suited and qualified, and which will assist to establish them in their avocations in life.

5. Education Awards will be available for all types of education,

including University and Agricultural College courses, secondary, technical college, etc., courses

6. Education Awards are designed to cover, or contribute towards, the cost of essential books, fees in cases where fees are approved (this will not include fees at public or private schools when the course can be obtained at a Government school), fares between the child's residence and school, equipment and materials required for the course, and in certain cases, a maintenance allowance and an allowance towards the cost of school uniforms where necessary.

7. The granting of Education Awards will depend on the need for assistance.

As funds are limited for each year, the family income is taken into account and is adjusted in accordance with the number of dependants. Those with low adjusted family income qualify for full assistance towards the assessed cost of the course. This assistance tapers off as the adjusted family income increases, until the funds available to the Regional Education Committee for the year are exhausted.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATION AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 1960 CLOSE ON 15th OCTOBER, 1959.

9. Application forms are obtainable from—

The Secretary,
Victorian Regional Education Committee,
Services Canteens Trust Fund,
"L" Block, Victoria Barracks,
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2/2 NEWS JOTTINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to Jimmy Drummond and Frank Cheal on their promotions to Major and Captain respectively.

Wally (Capt.) Copp would like to see any Pioneers at 5 Eng. Group H.Q., Marrickville.

Rumoured that Billy (The Colt) Barnes is quite a weather prophet. Result: Snowy Dodd weather-bound for days.

Congratulations to "PeeWee" Phillips, now a granddad of a future Miss Australia.

Billy Hepburn at the March in A.C.T.C. uniform, was proudly wearing his father's medals and was a worthy stand-in for Dad.

Clem McDonald and his pals from Clovelly R.S.L., as usual, formed the rearguard at the march.

To Jack Allison and his good wife—a new addition. Boy or girl? Our heartiest congratulations.

NEWS OF BILLY FALLON (BARBARA), ERIC (COONA) LINDSAY (COONABARRAN), BILLY NORRIS AND SONNY FOWLER, UP BOURKE WAY. DROP US A LINE, BOYS. LIKE TO HAVE SOME NEWS FROM YOU.

Seen riding at the Royal Show—Susan Huggard. Susan's father, Harry, a Permanent Army man.

"No, sire; I wasn't drunk." Judge: "But the officer says you were trying to climb a lamp-post." "Sure thing, judge. A couple of crocodiles kept following me around, and I don't mind telling you, they were getting on my nerves."

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Extracts from Pioneer News — Sydney

IT IS INDEED a pleasure to be able to write in "The Pioneer News" as President of the 2/1-2/2 Pioneer Battalion Association for the current year, as it was an honour to have served with the 2/2 and been so closely allied with the 2/1 during the war years.

I hope I am able to carry on the excellent work done by past presidents, who have carried on through some very trying years and built the Association into the strongly united and happy group it is today. I have been a member of the Committee periodically since the formation, and thus know how tirelessly your previous presidents have worked.

I am very fortunate in having as Secretary Max Herron, Treasurer Doug Shearston, Social Secretary Jack Westwood and an excellent Committee. They are all tops, possessing the knowledge of the workings of the Association and the energy and willingness to give their time to keep it as happy and successful as it has been in the past.

Apart from the work members see that the Committee do, there is much more being done which is not seen. You see Anzac Day organisation, smokos, picnics, car trials and a

paper in your mail every quarter. But behind the scenes a filing system has to be maintained, keeping addresses up to date, and, in addition, correspondence has to be dealt with, the paper has to be edited and then notices and papers have to be addressed, the constitution of the Association has to be kept up to date, and your Secretary, Treasurer and Committee do all this work and more.

There are a few things that members can do that will make the work done by your Executive really worth while, namely:

- (a) Support all functions if possible.
- (b) Give us any news you can about anyone from the Battalions.

Hoping I can have the support of you all to make this another bumper year for the Association.

A. J. McINNES, President.

Victorian Preference Now Operative

THE DISCHARGED Servicemen's Preference Act 1943 is now operative in Victoria, reports the State Secretary, Mr. C. W. Joyce.

The act was passed in 1943 and accords to returned servicemen preference in appointments and in promotion.

The act has lain dormant since 1945, when it was over-ridden by a Commonwealth act.

The Commonwealth act has now gone out of existence, leaving the Victorian act operative.

As soon as time permits, a full statement on the Victorian act and its provisions will be circulated to sub-branches, states Mr. Joyce.

—("Mufti.")

ON THE Prince's Highway one night a fast-moving car suddenly left the road, crashed through several fences and finished on its roof in a paddock.

A traffic policeman, hard on the speedster's heels, pulled up alongside the overturned car.

"What the hell do you think you're doing?" he demanded. "Are you drunk or something?"

"Cawsh I'm drunk," retorted the driver. "Whaddya think I am—a stunt driver?"

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THIS REMARKABLE Big Moment story of Ex-Private Alec Drummond, formerly of the 2/29th Battalion, is backed by a remarkable 1½ million word diary he kept while a P.O.W. in Malaya. Drummond, now of Glen Iris, had a unique war experience. Captured in the Jap advance on Singapore, he was officially reported killed in action and his wife was a "widow" for 17 months—until she was notified that he was still alive.

'Dead' for 17 Months

Thirteen months after getting a telegram reporting her husband's "death," Mrs. Drummond received a 'phone call from a woman at Kew—a stranger—telling her that her husband's name was among a list of Australians reported as prisoners over Tokyo Radio. Mrs. Drummond never found out who the woman was.

A month later she received a letter from the Army telling her there was a possibility that her husband was alive, but asking her to treat the news "with reserve."

Then three months later came a letter telling her that her husband was alive.

In the meantime, Mrs. Drummond had been paid the full amount of an insurance policy on her husband's life. She had also begun to receive the widow's pension in place of the wife's allowance.

When the report that her husband was alive was confirmed, the question arose whether the insurance money should be repaid. In a legal tussle, the question was referred to outside counsel for a decision. The outside counsel chosen was Mr. R. G. Menzies, then Leader of the Federal Opposition.

He ruled that if the money had been spent it did not have to be repaid.

The money had been spent.

That's the home-front side of Alec Drummond's story. Now for the battle-front side.

The Japs, after Pearl Harbour, had made landings down the east coast of

Malaya, had swung round the peninsula and began landing on the west coast. The 29th—Alec was in "A" Company—was sent to Muar to help in resisting one of these landings.

The 29th was minus one company and a platoon, who were busy elsewhere.

On the way in the Australians were told by a British Intelligence officer that he had been advised that fewer than 100 Japs had landed. He expressed surprise that 500 additional troops should be sent against them.

The Australians learned later that a divisional landing had been made. Great slaughter had been in-

By EX-NINTH

flicted by the 69th Battery of the 2/15th Artillery, but a powerful number of Japs had got ashore.

Another division had landed further south at Batu Pahap.

The Australians had imagined the Japs who had landed to be little men around about 5ft. 2in. in height. They found them to be all six-footers—all members of the Japanese Imperial Guard.

So the set-up for the 2/29th wasn't rosy. As the 2/29th passed the Australian artillery the battalion's C.O., Lt.-Col. Robertson, from Geelong, got more realistic information about the Jap's strength than he had obtained from the British officer. As it was nearly night, he decided to take up positions on each side of the Muar

road and continue to advance in the morning.

Soon after dark, the 2/29th got its baptism of fire. The Japs began a heavy and accurate artillery and mortar barrage and kept everyone close to the ground.

The two platoons of "A" Company were sent back to guard the artillery unit. Next morning, when they tried to get back to 2/29th's position, Jap snipers opened up and the platoons suffered about 40 per cent. casualties.

An officer on one side of Alec Drummond and an O.R. on the other side were both shot down.

Survivors pulled back to the artillery position, where a forward party from the 2/29th Battalion had arrived. The Australians concentrated heavy shell and mortar fire on the area, and the main body of the 2/29th and remnants of the two platoons got back to the artillery position.

That day the Japs tried to break through with tanks, but were foiled by the anti-tank guns attached to the 2/29th, which destroyed 11 tanks, killing the crews.

That night a section of "C" Coy. of the 2/29th was sent out on patrol. When the men returned they jumped back into their slit trenches, only to find that parties of Japs had already occupied them.

Alec Drummond, from across the road, heard hideous commotion as men fought, screaming and yelling, in the blackness of the night. In the morning two wounded Japs were found still in the bottom of the trenches.

On the morning of the third day Jap planes bombed the battalion's H.Q. Soon afterwards, Indian infantry, despite heavy losses, got through the Jap net and found the Australians. But the Indians only added to the 2/29th's difficulties by hopping into already overcrowded trenches.

The road back had been filled with Japanese road blocks, Lt.-Col. Robertson decided to ride pillion with a Don R back to the 2/29th to try to arrange concerted action.

They reached the 2/29th, but on the way back they tried to jump a road block they couldn't dodge. The Japs put in enfilading fire as the motor-cycle hurtled over the block and Lt.-Col. Robertson was killed and the Don R badly wounded. But the Don R got back to H.Q. on his motor-bike.

The battalions 2 I.C., Major Jack Ohloff, assumed command and ordered a retreat. Bren gun carrier crews worked magnificently in covering the retreat. Most of them were killed in the operation.

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● 'DEAD' FOR 17 MONTHS (Cont.)

With Ohloff killed, the battalion's adjutant had taken over. At this stage, says Alec, some of the men, who had taken to swamps along the road, came under a barrage being put down by the Australian artillery and suffered casualties.

"C" Company, meanwhile, had taken another route and joined the 2/19th.

Alec was with the others in the swamps. They reached a river and the R.S.M., Heath Waters, swam round in the river until he found a crossing for the men. They did not know until later that Waters was wounded when he explored the river.

Once over the river the Australians checked up on their strength. There were 140 of them, soon to be joined by 40 Indians.

They encountered a Chinese, who led them to within a mile of a village and then went into the village himself to check up. He came back with the report that a Jap patrol had been through the village the previous night.

It was decided then that the men would have a better chance of getting out of the area if the force broke up into small parties. Alec and others formed a party of 11—and for them began a strange odyssey of wanderings through Jap-held territory in a bid to get back to Singapore that lasted eight days.

Early in the piece they got to Yong Peng, at the turn-off to Muar on the road up from Singapore. Here they learned that British trucks

that had come to pick up the retreating Australians had pulled out, and they had to fend for themselves.

The road to Singapore was "out" as a route back. Japanese units were using it to get to Singapore. So the men had to use back tracks—tracks that petered out—and then they had to hack their way through jungle with only one bayonet and a jungle knife between them.

Alec himself was, as he put it, "loaded" with malaria. He had ulcers all over his feet. The only water to drink was swamp water.

It was a grim journey—lightened occasionally by such chance diversions as the finding of an abandoned tobacco plantation, where the men provided themselves with good supplies of tobacco.

After several days the party was joined by 10 men from "B" Company. Then, a few days later, it was decided to separate again and the parties moved in different directions.

On 29th January, 1942, the party Alec was with met up with Malays who offered to guide them . . . and led them into a Jap ambush. The trek was over.

To their amazement, the Japanese ordered the Malays to bring them cigarettes and tea to succor them.

They learned afterwards that all but one of the "B" Company men had been similarly captured. They had been marched off and were never heard of again.

Such was the luck of the game when captured by the Japanese.

Alec and his party were taken to Kuala Lumpur prison. Once in the "bag" he began his mammoth diary. First task was to record the battalion's share in the Muar battle. Then came the daily record of happenings in the prison camp.

On top of this, Alec made it his mission to glean as much information

as he could on the whole of the Malayan campaign, the Japanese occupation of Malaya, the treatment of prisoners, atrocities, and every other possible aspect of what was going on around him.

Whenever a new batch of P.O.W.'s reached the camps he interviewed the men exhaustively about their experiences.

While at Kuala Lumpur he read a Japanese account in the vernacular press of the Muar battle. The account revealed that the Japs regarded it as their biggest battle in the Malayan campaign. It was the one in which they suffered most casualties.

After nine months at Kuala Lumpur Alec was transferred to Changi—and there he learned that he had been reported killed in action.

It was his return to Changi that led to the news reaching his wife that he was still alive.

Throughout his term as a P.O.W.—nearly four years—Alec kept up his diary, recording some of it in a ledger he "pinched" from the Japanese, some in an actual diary book given him by a R.A.A.F. co-prisoner, some of it on loose sheets—anything that he could get hold of. It is written in indelible pencil, most of it in microscopic writing to conserve space.

WELFARE RAFFLE

A major raffle for welfare funds will be conducted throughout the State during the last four months of this year, the State Treasurer (Mr. C. O. Harry) told State Conference.

The raffle would be R.S.L. General Appeals Patriotic Fund, in conjunction with the War Veterans' Homes Trust and the War Widows and Widowed Mothers' Trust.

"We look to our sub-branches to make it a sell-out because it will help to meet a portion of our great welfare commitments," Mr. Harry said.

War Service Homes

This item may be of great interest to some members and therefore deserving of wide publicity.

The War Service Homes Division is developing three estates for home building—at Watsonia, Moorabbin and East Bentleigh.

The Watsonia blocks (100) will be available in October, whilst the Moorabbin (60) and East Bentleigh blocks (100) will be ready early in 1960.

Roads will be made and gas, electricity and water will be immediately available on the blocks.

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