

APPENDIX (iii)

The Association

At a meeting convened by Gar Margetts on 9th July 1945, it was decided to form an association of ex-members of the Regiment.

Subsequently, Gar Margetts was appointed President and Gerry Haines Secretary of the Association.

Amongst the aims and objects of the Association are the preservation of the memory of fallen comrades; the retention of the friendships made on service; the arrangement of functions and social occasions; and the giving of practical assistance to "ex-Regiment" men in cases of distress.

The first function was held on 2nd November 1945, at the Prahran Drill Hall, with wives and girl friends invited.

The first official Annual Re-union was held on 24th April 1946, at the North Melbourne Town Hall.

With funds transferred from the Welfare Association and accumulated from functions, members in temporary financial difficulties have been assisted.

As calls for assistance diminished, it was decided to transfer the balance of the funds to Legacy.

The Association continues in strength.

The present members of the Committee are: J. C. Paton, President; C. J. E. Rae, Secretary; J. A. Hepworth, Treasurer; and R. K. Bryant, T. W. Dawson, R. R. Williams, C. S. Rose, A. L. Harris, R. J. Hawting, B. Tulloch, R. Thomson, J. Delahunty, Committeemen.