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RETURNED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' IMPERIAL
LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA.

315-321 Pitt Street, SYDNEY

25th November, 1918.

The Hon. W. A. Holman, M.L.A.
Premier of New South Wales,
SYDNEY

Dear Sir,

RE CAPTAIN HARRISON &c.

I am outlining a case which is doubtless one of many, and one which I think the State Government should represent to the Federal Authorities, to prevent a continuance of the same trouble occurring in the future which it is quite possible under ordinary circumstances will happen to a very large extent :-

This particular officer went away in 1915 as a Lieutenant - saw service until June, 1917, when he was dismissed from the Army in England.

His wife, who has four children, had her allotment stopped immediately and became a burden on either her personal friends or the State. The husband, meanwhile, is free in another country.

This is only one of the numerous cases which I could enumerate.

T. J. ROBSON, 34th Btn. - This soldier deserted in England last November - A few months or so later he returned by some means or other to New South Wales. I gave due information and had him arrested. He escaped from custody and is still at large. He was last seen in Newcastle within the last month.

This man's wife and three children have been a charge on the State for the past 12 months.

I seriously think if representations were made to the Federal Government in respect of soldiers and men leaving the service in England and who have wives and children residing in Australia, that efforts would be brought to bear in order to prevent final discharge being made until the soldiers return to Australia, as there is very little chance of securing their return once they have obtained their discharge in England.

Trusting you will give this matter your due consideration.

Faithfully yours,

(SGD) A. G. POTTER.

Secretary.

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Dear Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence on the subject of the discharge of Australian soldiers in England, I beg to forward herewith for the consideration of your Government a copy of a communication which I have received from the Secretary of the New South Wales Branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD) J.C.L. FITZPATRICK
for the Premier.

The Honourable,
The Acting Prime Minister of the
Commonwealth of Australia.
MELBOURNE

The Comptroller of Repatriation.

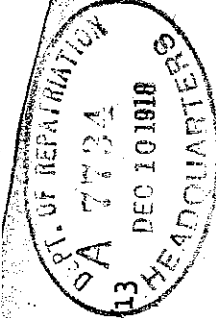
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Defence for consideration.

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W. J. Shephard

Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,
6.12.18.

The question of discharge is one for
Defence Dept. That Dept. has been
advised & acknowledged. L.H. 19/11/18.



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20th December, 1918

MEMORANDUM

for:-

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,
MELBOURNE.

The receipt is acknowledged of your minute of the 6th instant covering copies of two memoranda from the Hon., The Premier of New South Wales and the Secretary, Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia, on the subject of the discharge of Australian soldiers in England.

The question, however, is one for the Defence Department and it is noted that that Department has already been advised..

(Signed) Wm. A. GILBERT

Comptroller.

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