

"Mentone",

31 Palace St.,

Petersham.

6th. July 1920.

The Secretary,
Sydney University Union.

Dear Sir,

Re Life Membership.

It was with very keen disappointment that I received your letter this morning requesting the return of the honorary Life Membership badge which you sent me some few weeks back. I enclose it herewith and trust that your faux pas will not result in any trouble to yourself.

After having worn the badge publicly for some time I naturally feel somewhat belittled by its recall. What, however, gives me the greater disappointment is that my services abroad as a Y.M.C.A. man with the A.I.F., living and working as I did with units continually "in the line" - thus sharing with the combatants the ordinary risks and dangers (I was wounded by shell-fire once and had fever twice) - should not be considered by the Union Committee as equivalent service to, at the very least, that rendered by members of other non-combatant units. The Y.M.C.A. was regarded as a distinct unit of the A.I.F. and its representatives held commissioned rank.

Will you be good enough to forward me a copy of the Union resolutions to which you refer governing the eligibility and election to honorary Life Membership? I feel convinced that the Committee would not rest on a technicality were it convinced of the equivalence of my service to that of others to whom it is extending the valued privilege of honorary Life Membership.

Yours sincerely,

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