

PARTIES FOR CHILDREN OF SERVICEMEN

Several battalion welfare auxiliaries held Christmas parties on Saturday, when children of service men were entertained. About 150 children of men of the 2/22nd Battalion, with a guardian from each family, were taken to Wirth's Circus by the battalion auxiliary. All those invited were given ice-cream and their tickets before going into the circus.

At Fawkner Park kiosk, South Yarra, more than 200 children of men of the 2/21st were entertained by the auxiliary members, and gifts were presented from a Christmas tree. A clown and a Punch and Judy show delighted little ones at the party given in Railways Institute Hall by members of the 2/2nd Pioneer Battalion auxiliary. The 250 children were given sweets and ice-cream at afternoon tea.

At the AIF Women's Association the 2/29th Battalion auxiliary members held a Christmas gathering, and stalls featuring little gifts were held. Children of men of this battalion will be guests of returned men of the 1st 2/29th when their Christmas party is held at the Fawkner Park kiosk next Saturday.