



WHITE OVER GREEN

MONTHLY CIRCULAR OF THE 2/4 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS THIS?

Well, gentlemen, it's like this. As time goes on, it is our earnest hope that we shall have an Association Monthly Journal. But, before we can reach that advanced stage, you will agree that we must build up interest in our Association, get more members, more funds, and, what is of prime importance, some experience and ideas as to how you think this little "rag" should be organised.

This is a modest beginning, but we think the best, and for the present the most economical. Through this medium, we hope to keep all our members posted with the progress of the Association. For those who for many reasons are not able to attend our monthly meetings, it will be a means of enabling you to know "what goes on" at 350 George St every fourth Thursday of the month.

It naturally follows that this "would be" journal must meet a very sad death if it has not the support of many keen and interested readers. We think, to use a well worn term, that this should be democratic; and by that we mean that every member should have the opportunity of expressing an opinion through these pages.

We therefore extend to all members a cordial invitation to send to the Editors any contributions for our future issues.

The present editors are:-

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We would like criticism (but please make it constructive), news about members (must be authentic, of course), anecdotes, jokes (preferably funny - and reasonably clean) literary efforts, sketches, in fact anything which you really think will help to make this paper a bigger, better and brighter issue

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SO FAR SO GOOD!

It is quite interesting to read through the minutes of the first meeting of this Association.

At 2 pm on Saturday, 6 Nov 1943 four ex-members of the Battalion met at the Dispensary Hall, 35 Holden St, Ashfield, to "start the ball rolling."

The convenors were Messrs R Cook, E. Schofield, J Morrison and G Russel, and the first resolution carried was, "that the meeting confirms and endorses the action taken by the convenors of the meeting in bringing together the members and ex-members of the 2/4 Bn for the purpose of arranging re-union of same" The motion was moved and seconded by Messrs W McIvor and W Hayes respectively.

Historical facts will always be regarded with some measure of interest but it is only when we view them objectively, that is, in the light of how far we have progressed, and how much further we can progress, that their value is fully utilised. Indeed we have made considerable progress since that loyal band of early discharges met in 1943, both financially and numerically.

But we have yet a long way to go. It is estimated that something like 5000 men have at some time passed through the Bn. Of these, we have at present over 500 addresses. Yet our present membership is only approximately 130. Only 3% of the total possible membership and 25% of those with whom we have already been in contact.

Can there be any reason why, by the end of the year, we should not have 500 financial members, and can there be any good reason why we should not have 20% or 30% of our total possible membership within two years?

By co-operation and unity only can be successfully help ourselves and each other. What can YOU do to achieve this.

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President: K. Kesteven, M.C.