

WHO'S WHO?

Many probably do not know who's "at the helm" in the Association at present.

Well, here they are:-

President: Ken Kesteven, M.C.

Vice: Harry L Watts, D.O.M.
Presidents: John E Wells

Secretary: Ross Ellerman.

Minute

Secretary: P R Jackson

Treasurer: W McNab

Committee: Messrs. Nelson-Slee,
Powers, J. Graham,
L Morrison, J Morrison,
E Jackson, E Cheadle

The above office bearers were all elected at the Annual General Meeting which was held in January 1946. They are all working as a good keen team should work and aim to more than satisfy the confidence of their electors during this year.

NOTES FROM THE MINUTE BOOK

At the February meeting the sum of £600 was voted to Sydney Legacy. This was part of £684 which was donated to the Association from the Regimental and Officers' Mess Funds when the Battalion was disbanded.

An Annual Re-union Ball will be held in Grace's Ballroom on Saturday 2 Nov 46. Details re tickets, etc., will be published later.

Monthly Dances are being held in the Ashfield Town Hall. They are top shows - good floor, good band and good prizes for ladies and gents. The weather "did the dirty" on us in April and considering the "ciros" it went quite well. Tickets are 2/- ea and are available from Committee members or at the door. The next Dance will be held on 12 July 46.

A combined meeting, probably in the form of a smoko, will be held in June with the 4 Bn (AIF). Further details in next issue.

A donation of £2.2.0 was voted to the Nurses War Memorial Fund, 113 Concord Military Hospital, at our March meeting.

A Hospital Visiting Committee was formed at our March meeting. Any members in hospital, or knowing

of any member in hospital, civil or military are requested to advise Harry Watts (M 3741) or Ross Ellerman, 39 Bent St, City.

BATTALION HISTORY

Some members are keen to get a Bn History under way. Brig. Dougherty has much data down to Companies, but would like to get the "inside story" from Platoons, Sections and individuals. All interested are invited to send stories, sketches etc of any incident or phase of any campaign to Harry Watts. He is pioneering this work in the early stages.

LEGACY SAYS "THANKS"

A letter received by our President shows clearly that our gesture in donating £600 to Legacy was greatly appreciated. On 1 Mar 46, Mr Aarons, Vice-President of Sydney Legacy, wrote:

"Legacy is immensely pleased to hear from your Secretary, Captain Ellerman, of your Association's decision last night to donate to Legacy the sum of £600, which we will pass on to our War Orphans' Appeal Committee, in respect of their campaign for £150,000 with which to build Legacy House."

Further, Mr. Aarons says, "Finally, I do want to place on record my personal appreciation of the very friendly and gracious manner - typical of old soldiers - in which you received me last night".

P E R S O N A L I T I E S

It has been good to see our old Bn Commander, Brig. Dougherty, along at recent meetings. He has now returned to "divvies" after a long and distinguished career. It is interesting to hear that he has recently been selected to contest Eddy Ward in the coming elections. Good luck, "Doc."

Hearty congratulations are extended to our President, Ken Kesteven, who recently received well deserved, though belated, recognition of his work in Greece. He must surely share the unique distinction of being one of the last - if not the last - AIF officers to be awarded the M.C. for the 1939-45 war.

News of Col ("Jeep") Sheppard, M.C., was received recently. He is with HQ UNMRA in Salonica, and is well. He sends good wishes to the Association and is keen to become a member "in absentia". He has sent photos some of our members' graves in Greece.