



WHITE OVER GREEN

MONTHLY CIRCULAR OF THE 2/4 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION

EDITORIAL:

FROM MODEST BEGINNINGS...

Boys, our efforts for the first issue of "White Over Green" have not been in vain, and the immediate response has been most heartening.

From all parts of the State has come news. Many congratulations by letter and phone, offers of employment, literary contributions, news of men in hospital and elsewhere - and last, but by no means least - fresh subscriptions.

As the -- (shush!) scorch beetle trundled his ever growing and weightier file across the desert, so we hope to trundle the ever increasing "White Over Green" across Australia into the homes of our old coppers.

So keep it up, and let's have the news!

OUR PATRON --- AND POLITICS

At our last meeting on Thursday, 23 May 46, Brigadier Dougherty was again present; and towards the end of the meeting, we were pleased to hear him "say a few words". Referring to his political activities, Mr. Dougherty (at this point the Brigadier added that he had no objections as to what he was called provided that it was not by rank) said he was anxious to ensure that his political plans should NOT in any way affect his relations with the Association or its individual members; and that he would not allow his actions to be in any way connected with the 2/4 Battalion.

He mentioned that he had definite reasons for interesting himself in the Australian political affairs, and emphasised the importance which he placed on the need for us to become more intelligently interested in the politics of the country. In concluding, Mr. Dougherty added that he valued the many friendships which the war years had given him and that he would not allow

differences of political opinion to injure such friendships. "We have fought for a cause which we called Freedom," he said, "and it is in the interests of this cause, and in order that we might enjoy that free and happier Australia for which we fought, that I have taken this course."

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

NEXT MEETING:

Date: THURSDAY, 27 JUNE.
Time: 8 pm.

Location: 250 GEORGE ST., CITY. Next to Bulletin Office on Jay side.

Business: MOST IMPORTANT. CONSTITUTION.

In response to several requests, the Committee has completely reviewed the old Constitution and has (after over 3 hrs' deliberation) now produced a new and watertight job which requires your attendance for its approval and adoption. Copies of the draft have been forwarded to you, and so that we can save time, all members are requested to read it carefully and know what you want before the meeting is held.

NEXT DANCE: The next of our monthly

Dances will be held on FRIDAY, 12 JULY at ASHFIELD TOWN HALL. Admission: 2/-.

Tickets obtainable from the Secretary, Treasurer, other committee members, or payable at door. Make this a "Must", boys, you'll never regret it. Good floor, good band and super-doooper prizes. If you can't make this one the other dances will be held on FRIDAYS, 9 AUGUST, 13 SEPTEMBER, and 11 OCTOBER. *John 12 Sep.*

SMOKO:- 4 - 2/4 Bns: As it was not possible to finalise arrangements with the 4 Bn Assn, the smoko which was to be held in June, will (we hope) be held in July. Full details in next issue.

ANNUAL BALL: This event is planned for 2 NOVEMBER, and so that the organising committee can "get cracking" we must decide cost, etc. at the next meeting. Yet another reason why we need a record attendance on Thursday, 27 June at 8 pm.

ANZAC DAY: The Australian Hall has been booked for this day next year, 1947. (Once bitten, twice shy. That's us!!)

PATRON: Brigadier I. N. Dougherty, DSO.

PRESIDENT: Ken Kesteven, MC.