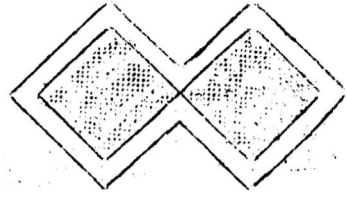


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Your Obligations to your Association



affairs in the year to come.

As you are aware the meeting to be held on June 6th next is to be the Annual General with the consequent presentation of Balance Sheet, Reports etc, and the all important Election of Office Bearers for the ensuring year. It behoves all members to make a supreme effort to get along and hear just how your Association has been conducted in the past year. Also to assist in electing the personnel to conduct your

This is your Association formed with the idea of assisting to keep alive the friendships formed while serving together in the Unit, and to make a body to fight on your behalf for your rights as exservicemen, and to supply a ready medium for social intercourse. It is your obligation to see that these worthy objects are carried out.

In the past there has been a degree of apathy on the part of many in attending meetings functions and celebrations and it is time that this state of affairs was arrested. The Association holds but a mere dozen meetings a year with two or three other functions such as Ladies Nights the Annual Reunion and Anzac Day and it is not asking too much to expect you to attend fifty per cent of these.

During the year just past, meetings have been brightened considerably by the use of guest speakers, picture nights etc. and to those who do attend they have proved of inestimable value in the way of education and diversion. It is your obligation to attend as many of these meetings as you possibly can and give your ideas of any improvement.

You can assist your association by the prompt payment of subscriptions and thus save overworked officials chasing you for your fees.

If you have any brilliant ideas or suggestions or avenues of work for your Association it is your duty to bring them along and put them before your officials so that they might be debated and if merited incorporated into the general plan.

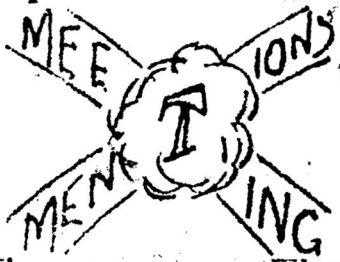
Another obligation is to accept office if proposed and elected and so let the work go round and save working a few willing horses to death.

Both Town and Country members can assist materially by supplying information for your monthly newsletter and so make the task of the Editor easier. Getting news out of thin air is a most unenviable job.

Those members already actively interested have an obligation in bringing backward members into the fold and thus make the show 100% of unit members.

In conclusion let me ask you to put your shoulder to the wheel in the ensuring year and make the Association a really thriving and lusty show.

Anzac Day once again proved to be a burster. Quite a good roll up of about 40 of our members and roughly a dozen from other squadrons took part in the March and imbibed on the Esplanade afterwards, and all voted it a good reunion. A wreath was placed on the State War Memorial at the Dawn Service by the Association in honour of our War Dead. Have to report that Jerry McKenzie made the trip from Margaret River to be in it with the lads, and thoroughly enjoyed himself, and he says he hopes to be in it again next year.



The normal monthly meeting was held at Monash Club on 2nd May and the attendance was quite good approximately twenty two being there. The guest speaker was Mr. Goldsworthy who substituted for Mr. Fred Airy who unavoidably could not make it, but has promised to speak to us in the near future. Mr. Goldsworthy who incidentally has the George Cross Medal and the D.S.C. was a Naval Officer on Mine destruction and reclaiming during the last war. His experiences were absolutely hair raising and must admit the old goose pimples were occurring just listening to him tell of some of his work with mines and bombs. We have to thank him most sincerely for his most interesting chat.

As you have read in the editorial the next meeting will be the Annual General on June 6th, so don't forget to be at Monash Club 10A King St. at 8p.m.

Owing to a mix up with dates your committee did not meet last month, but several matters of outstanding importance are being brought forward by the Committee at the Annual General Meeting. Notable among these matters is one which should claim the interest of all members, namely the move to alter the constitution to make the Committee into a management committee instead of a General Committee. This has been brought about by the fact that with guest speakers etc. at ordinary monthly meetings, little in the way of business can be transacted and more and



more is falling onto the Committee and the idea is to give them Statutory Authority to make final and binding decisions for the Association.

Dave Ritchie was the victim of an unfortunate accident recently and is an inmate of the Royal Perth Hospital as a result. Dave has two breaks in his leg below the ankle and five above the ankle so you will see he is a bit of a mess, especially as his face got a severe trouncing as well. Dave tells me he was crossing the road in Malcolm St. and was just about on the Kerb on the far side when a motorist took him in with the



above dire results. Latest news is that he is doing alright but would appreciate a few of the lads dropping in to visit him, he is in Ward 502 Royal Perth - Visiting Hours 6 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. evenings and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday Afternoons.

With the blast of winter full upon us the lads who play sports are starting to get ready once again. Tom Nisbet is once again playing baseball with Wests, but says he does not intend to worry about Interstate stuff this year. Jack Carey is playing footy with East Fremantle Amateurs once more and heres hoping he has a good season. Suppose Arthur Marshall and Peter Barden will be playing at Harvey once again and Roy Watson will be donning a gurnsey at Collie also. Have not heard of Tommy Martin or Reg Harrington, but these stalwarts will more than likely be in the game too. Kevin Curran has been appointed Captain of Hawthorn Football Club, Victoria for the ensuing season and has been the centre of a storm, but the committee have stood firm behind Kevin and we hope he has a good season and is on the way to leading Hawthorn to a premiership in the years to come.



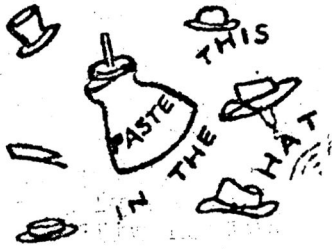
He should be able to give us first hand information of the trouble in Malaya on his return. Hope he brings back a trunk full of "Nassi Gori" when he comes back.



Had a long and interesting letter from Peter Hearle in Queensland and he tells me things are going along well in that State. They have 3 or 4 meetings a year and to date have managed practically a 100% turn up of those who are in a position to make it. At their last meeting, the following were in attendance.- Wintour McPhee, Adams Fields, Timmins McLachlan, Mills Handicott, Carthew Murphy, Davis McQueen, Cubis Hearle. Pete says they do things in a most informal manner at their meetings, they tap a 5 gallon keg and sit around read the various newsletters etc. and natter generally about common topics. Peter says Fuzzy Wintour was with Shell Co. at Bower Hills, Col Cubis has a small mixed business near Ascot Race Course. Col Cubis brought news of Rus Blanch who was to marry at Easter. Charlie Mills makes the trip from Southport for all meetings which is a grand effort. Ian McPhee is going along very well and still able to sink a couple or two on odd occasions the proud owner of a Holden and he votes it a great car. Peter says the weather in Brisbane during the summer has been foul, rain and more rain.

A letter from Jack Hartley telling of Jack O'Briens Serious illness. Jack is in the Repatriation General Hospital, Concord in a very low condition, but Jack still has great hopes of eventually recovering. Jack Hartley says they had a very good Anzac Day in Sydney a moderate roll up at the March and then on to Allan Luby's place and polished off 8 dozen of Flag Ale and fought over all the Country from Timor to New Britain. Jack H. has just finished

building a 20' x 10' garage on his block at Berqwa and moved into it the other day. The long range plan being to build a house in spare time. Jack also said the Bill Tomasette had just returned from New Guinea to do a 2 year Administration School in Sydney. This dis-burses the idea that the William Tomasette who died of exposure in Tasmania was our famous "Wop".



The usual reminders for this month. For the third time of asking, don't forget the Annual General Meeting on June 6th at Monash Club, we want a bumper roll up to make this meeting the important one it really is. If you have any brilliant ideas bring them along so that we can incorporate them in our programme for the coming year.

Your subscriptions fall due again on the 1st June, for year 1950/51 so pay up early and assist your Treasurer no end.

We still have copies of the Smailes poem available and if you haven't yet received one send in the necessary 2/- and I'll be only too pleased to oblige by sending it on.



An Australian had an Audience with the Pope. He was ushered into an Anteroom adjacent to the Popes Audience chamber to await his turn with His Holiness. The Pope was having an Audience with a very obvious American and our friend could hear every word that passed between them.

"Wal your Holiness if you do us this little service my firm will give you a cheque for £10,000" said the Yank.

"The offer does not tempt me" said the Pope.

"Make it £25,000" said the American.

"No Sir" said the Pope.

"Wal I'll give you an open cheque and you can fill in your own figure", quoth the Yank.

"I'm afraid we will have to conclude this Audience" said his Holiness and the American was ushered out and the Australian ushered in.

Our friend after the various formalities were dispensed with, said to the Pope "I could not but overhear your conversation with that American and I was wondering what the little service he wanted was that you would turn down such a munificent offer".

The Pope replied "Ah a queer chap that, he wanted me to substitute "Kelloggs All Bran" for "Our Daily Bread" in the Lords Prayer!!!"

#### STOP PRESS :

It is with great regret that I have to chronicle the death of Jack O'Brien at 2345hrs. on Wednesday 17th May, 1950. Jack has been a patient sufferer for over 5 years. I know you will echo with me our sincere condolences to his relatives and to our N.S.W. Branch in their loss of their beloved President.