

MINUTES OF INAUGURAL GENERAL MEETING OF

2/3rd AUSTRALIAN LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT REGIMENT ASSOCIATION.

HELD at 8 p.m. on the 6th August, 1945, at Fourth Floor,
Champion House, Swanston St., Melbourne.

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PRESENT: Sixty-five Members and Ex-Members of the Regiment.

APOLOGIES were received from A. Michaelis and F.W. Crees.

THE MEETING was opened by LT. COLONEL J. W. RHODEN, who spoke on the desirability of forming the "Association," which he felt would be instrumental in cementing good fellowship amongst members of the Regiment.

THE PROPOSED "CONSTITUTION" OF THE ASSOCIATION was read by the Acting Secretary, N. C. Haines, and was adopted in its entirety on the MOTION of S.C.G. Macindoe, SECONDED by W. Owen.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS then took place,.

A. G. Margetts was elected PRESIDENT. Lt.Colonel Rhoden congratulated Mr. Margetts and relinquished the Chair to him.

VICE-PRESIDENTS: W. W. Gilbert and S. C. G. Macindoe were elected.

SECRETARY: N. C. Haines was elected.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY. T. Roberts was elected.

TREASURER. L. P. Morgan was elected.

COMMITTEE. The following were elected.

J. R. Bishop, J. M. Hilliard, F. H. Jorgensen, C. S. Rosenberg,
C. R. Speeding, G. R. Wiley.

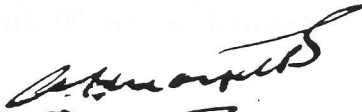
On the MOTION of T. Roberts, SECONDED by G. Seekamp, the Committee was requested to endeavour to arrange a Social Night, with the view to welcoming ex Prisoners of War, and congratulating them on their safe return.

The President thanked members for their attendance, the

Meeting then closed.

CONFIRMED.

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PRESIDENT.

- NAME. 1. The name of the Association shall be "2/3rd. Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Association".
- OBJECTS. 2. The aims and objects of the Association shall be:-
- (a) To preserve the memory of fallen comrades;
 - (b) To enable members to retain the friendship made on service;
 - (c) To arrange any functions and social gatherings as may be decided on by the Association;
 - (d) To extend practical assistance where possible, in cases of distress among "ex-Regiment" men;
 - (e) To actively co-operate with kindred Associations in promoting and safeguarding the interest of returned soldiers generally;
 - (f) To establish Sub-branches of the Association in such places as may be recommended by the Committee and accepted by a majority of Members at a General Meeting;
 - (g) To support and assist the activities of the 3rd Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Welfare Association in all respects.
- MEMBERSHIP. 3. The following shall be eligible for membership of the Association:-
- Any person who was on the posted strength of the Regiment or attached thereto, such as personnel of Medical, Pay, Postal, Workshops, Signals, Catering, Chaplains, Amenities and Education.
- CONSTRUCTION. 4. For the purpose of this constitution the "Regiment" means:-
- (a) 3rd Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment (raised in July, 1940).
 - (b) 2/3rd. Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment (prior to August, 1942).
 - (c) 2/7th Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Battery.
 - (d) 2/8th Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Battery.
 - (e) 2/9th Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Battery.
- PATRON. 5. Lt. Colonel J.W. Rhoden, E.D., the original Commanding Officer of the Regiment is elected a Life Member and Patron of the Association.
- MANAGEMENT. 6. The Financial Year shall end on the 31st March.
7. The annual subscription shall be not less than 5/-.
- Failure to pay the subscription by the 30th September each year shall render a member unfinancial.
8. The annual General Meeting, at which the annual Balance Sheet and Report shall be submitted, shall be held or near as convenient to the 1st May of each year.

9. An Extraordinary General Meeting may also be called by the Executive, or when ten or more financial members make written application accordingly to the President.
10. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.
11. The Affairs of the Association shall be controlled and managed by a Committee consisting of:-

President
Immediate Past President
Two Vice Presidents
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer,

and six members, all of which shall be elected at a General Meeting.
12. This Committee shall meet as it decides, seven to constitute a quorum, and at all General Meetings shall submit a report of its activities since the previous General Meeting.
13. Nominations for Office or Membership of the Committee, shall be in the hands of the Secretary fourteen days before the Annual Meetings, and shall be properly seconded, as well as endorsed by the nominee.
14. The Committee shall have the power to declare a vacancy on the General Committee when a member has absented himself from three consecutive meetings without a reasonable excuse, and has the power to fill such vacancy at its discretion.
15. Any extraordinary vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by an appointment made by the remaining members of the Committee.
16. A current account in the name of the Association shall be opened with a convenient Bank, such account to be operated on by the Treasurer, Secretary, and President, any two of whom may sign the cheques and make endorsement on behalf of the Association. All payments from the Association's funds shall be by ~~cheque~~ and all monies received on behalf of the Association shall be paid into Bank within seven days.

ALTERATION OF
CONSTITUTION.

17. Any alteration of, or addition to these rules may only be made at a General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting, called for the purpose, provided notice of motion thereof has been given at a previous Committee or General Meeting.
18. For interpretation of these rules, the standing orders of the Victorian Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. shall be accepted.