

The Old 16th

Paddy Fox Organises Great Reunion

"MARGY" IN THE CHAIR

A social evening tendered by Mr. Paddy Fox, well known bookmaker and member of Tattersall's Club, to his old comrades of the 16th Battn., A.I.F., was held at Anzac House on April 21.

Upward of 400 of the old battalion were present and the evening was voted as one of the best reunions ever held. Colonel Margolin ("Old Margy" to the boys) was in the chair, and Councillor Chalmers and Mr. Dick Carter, of Fremantle, both of whom lost sons on active service with the 16th, were guests of honor. After the silence in memory of

FALLEN COMRADES

and the loyal toast were honored, the chairman proposed the toast of Mr. Fox and was supported by Captain Archie Collins, Ted Massey, George Thompson, Bill James and Jack Axford, V.C. Cheering greeted Paddy as he rose to reply, and the boys did not forget an extra cheer for Mrs. Fox, although she was not present. He expressed his appreciation of the pleasure revealed on the faces of all present and stated his desire for everyone who could to roll up on Anzac Day to the parade.

He then told of the following incident which happened at Tatt's Club: In company with Tom Matson (brother of the late Phil, of football fame) and another

late Phil, of football fame) and another bookmaker (name not stated), the conversation was on the probability of war in Europe at the time of the Italo-Abyssinian crisis and the eligibility of various persons to go in the event of hostilities. Said the unnamed:

"Phil Matson, who was the best football coach in Australia, always said that if you had a winning side, don't change it, so you blanks can go again!"

Paddy then thanked Ted Murray, secretary of the Battalion Association, and his committee for their valuable assistance in arranging the evening.

THE ENTERTAINING

was in the capable hands of "Bricky" Brickhill, who had secured a number of able artists, one of whom (Ted Scott) seldom misses with a recitation at a 16th Battn. gathering. Paddy recited a poem by a late comrade, Pat Carey, called "The Fourth Bigade," describing the holocaust that was Bullecourt.

It was round about midnight when a most enjoyable social terminated with everyone determined to be present with the old 16th on Anzac Day.