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SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

LEST WE FORGET

K D CLARKE	J C GILL	J A BURGESS
A HAMILTON	P McGEE	W W BUTTON

We extend to the families of our Fallen Comrades our sincere sympathies and assure them that they will be remembered on those occasions that we gather together.

Members, please note that the name L Tyson shown in our November 1993 newsletter should have been L TYER. This error is regretted.

CENOTAPH PARADE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Despite the threatening weather, over 110 members were on parade supported by approx. 20 of our ladies on this most important occasion., and 106 members and guests attending the AGM at the Graphic Arts Club. The venue and meal were a usual top class, and the day was most enjoyable. Wreaths were laid by Reg Baker and his wife, Claire, and our bugler Harry Wood was in attendance. At the AGM, a presentation was made to Harry for his support over many years, and to the Secretary in appreciation of his efforts.

ANZAC DAY

The reunion will be held at the Great Southern Hotel, George Street, Haymarket from 1200 hours and the cost of the lunch will be \$20.00. Members are reminded to wear medals and name bars. In previous years the TV commentary during the march has been lacking in fact, and the President has provided to the RSL, for forwarding to the march commentators a short script of the history of the battalion.

LADIES AUXILLIARY

As Claire Baker is away, NO arrangements have been made for luncheon at City Tatts.

CHURCH PARADE

The annual church parade will be held at St. Johns Church Glebe on Sunday 1st May commencing at 1030 am. This is a very important occasion, and members are asked to give their full support.

PICNIC DAY

A picnic was held Thursday 24th February at the Lions Park, Long Jetty, attended by 29 members and friends. A beautiful day and a very pleasant location. It was not practical to advise all members of

the arrangement. Central Coast members were advised by letter, and others by word of mouth from them, and through the committee. It was hoped that a means will be found to spread the word more widely to members on future occasions. It is up to us all to pass on to our mates any such news.

GENERAL

Several items of correspondence have been received that will be of interest to members. The Australian War Memorial advises that details of the personal records of members of the services are available and anyone interested in getting details of the service of family members from WW1 are requested to address their enquiries to:

WWI Personal Records Section, Australian Archives (Personnel)
PO Bos 117 MITCHELL ACT 2911 Phone 06 209 9504

Enquiries regarding medals should be made to:
Medals Section, CARO/SCMA, 360 St KILDA RD MELBOURNE 3004

The War Memorial is also appealing for funds to enable the restoration and preservation of vital records held on acetate laquer disks. Donors of \$100.00 or more will have their gift acknowledged publicly and a permanent record of their gift will be kept. Donations are tax deductible.

The War Memorial also advises that a twice yearly publication titled "despatches", is available at no cost, which will keep you informed of the activities of the Memorial, and details of special events etc.. If you are interested in obtaining this newsletter, write to:
"Despatches" The Australian War Memorial, GPO Box 345 CANBERRA ACT 2601

BUNA MEMORIAL

2/12 Battalion has commenced a project to have a permanent memorial raised to ALL units that participated in the Buna/Sanananda/Gona campaigns and are seeking donations to make the project a success. There are memorials to both the American and Japanese forces in the area, and it is sad that this project has to be undertaken by an association like our own after so many years. Your association is supporting the project by a donation of \$100.00; if you wish to contribute personally write to:
Paul Hope, Hon Secretary,
2/12 Battalion Association
2 Swanson Street, NEWTOWN. TAS 7008

14 BRIGADE TIME CAPSULE.

The capsule was placed in St John's Church Glebe on Sunday 12 December in the presence of representatives of brigade units and a message was read by Lt. Col. D Aspinal. O.A.M., R.F.D., E.D., (R.I.), on behalf of Maj. Gen Sharp who was unfortunately unable to attend due to prior commitments. The message is reproduced in our first news magazine, and after this ceremony the

REDEDICATION OF THE GLEBE WWI DIGGERS MEMORIAL

Conducted by our padre the Rev Hugh Scott took place. The restoration of this impressive memorial is not quite complete; but the finished project will be worth a visit. Dr. W. Nelson the president of the restoration committee presided and Rosemary was planted by the local State MHR...

SPECIAL NOTICE

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You will remember that we have reported that Ronald (“Spider”) Webb lies in an unmarked grave in Pine Grove Cemetery, Walgrove. It has been the wish of many members that we endeavour to have this matter corrected and steps have been taken to carry out this wish. This will be an unknown expense at this time; but your committee does not feel that it has the right to spend your funds on this project. Therefore it is proposed that members be asked to make a personal contribution and a raffle will be held of your generous response.

NOMINAL ROLLS

Since printing the nominal and location rolls of members sent to you last November, a number of changes and additions have become necessary. Please update your list with the changes shown at the end of this newsletter.

NEWCASTLE LUNCHEON.

Will be held at Hamilton RSL on Wednesday 6th April, roll up and enjoy a great get together with our Newcastle and area boys. A most enjoyable day was had last November, a beautiful smorgasbord lunch (about \$7.00) and a great chinwag. Do not forget these days, first Wednesday April and November.

T Harper, Hon Sec/Treas.

March 1994

AMENDMENTS TO NOMINAL ROLL & GEOGRAPHICAL ROLLS

ADD

ELLIS, H	5 Vernon Rd SCHOFIELDS	2762	
HARPER FA	5/74 Beach Rd., FRANKSTON	3199	
LEVY RA	94 Beaconsfield St., REVESBY	2212	02 773 4112
MILES P	50 Campsie St., CAMPSIE	2194	02 718 4112
SMITH JStC	207 Maine St., CLONTARF	4019	072 846 332
PAYNE A	22 Templeton Cres MOOREBANK	2170	
PETERSON W	Freemasons Carpentaria Home		
	Box 22 EDGEHILL Via CAIRNS	4870	070 537 634
WORT W H	11 Rothwell St., WOY WOY	2256	043 414 894
WRIGHT L	PO Box 416 COWRA	2741	

DELETE

BUTTON W;	Warners Bay
GILL J C	EAST KEMPSEY
HESSE KE	KEW VIC

CHANGE ADDRESS

ALEXANDER J	7 Villa Court BROADBEACH WATERS	4218	075 383 254
ANDERSON DO	Unit 14 Huon Park, 381 Bobbin Head		

	Rd., NORTH TURRAMURRA	2014	02 538 254
COCHRAN J	21 Lackey St., ST PETERS	2044	02 557 5535
GALLAGHER C	81 Delia St., BUDGEWOI	2262	
GRAY HW	8 Bent St., NAMBUCCA HEADS	2448	
HOCKING P	74 Victoria NARRANDERA	2700	
JONES RA	68 Gavin Way LAKE HAVEN	2263	
LOWE H	105 Kennedy St., PICNIC POINT	2213	02 792 1747
O'LOUGHLAN M	16 Campbell Ave MANNERING PARK	2259	043 591 287
SMYLLIE D	Unit 12 Helensvale Villas Lindfield Rd., HELENSVALE	4210	

AMEND ADDRESS

BAXTER E	Should be PICWORTH AVENUE		
CAVE J	Should be Post code	4701	Ph 079 274 053
COOPER RH	Should be NIMBY AVENUE		
FORDHAM W	Should be Street Number 57		
GOSSON F	Should be Street Number 26		
GRILLS N	Should be Street Number 2/15		
HENRY BE	Should be AUGUSTA STREET		
MARSHALL T	Kew Road now 41 KENDALL ROAD		
SETON R	Should be MERTON ST		
WOODS A	Paranque should be PARANAQUE		

PHONE NUMBERS

BATTS AW	065 688 396	KELTY MK	067 422 087
LONERGAN G	065 681 233	LOUTTIT S	068 624 575
MOORE JG	02 546 1966	ROWLINSON B	02 790 3204
STEWART WR	02 971 9176	TIERNEY W	066 637 031

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BOURKE J	should be SOUTH GRANVILLE 2143
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