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("The Mice of Moresby")*

(In Association with the 55th and 53rd Infantry Battalions 1st A.I.F.)

SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

LEST WE FORGET

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**To the families of our "Fallen Comrades" we extend our sincere sympathies and assure them that
when we are together**

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

SECRETARY'S REPORT

ANZAC DAY turned into a rather wet affair, fortunately the heavier rain held off until we had almost reached Elizabeth Street where we broke off. Friends and family members and the boys from 2/17 Battalion swelled our ranks to approx. 60 and the luncheon at the Leagues Club was again very satisfactory and we were lucky to have such a convenient location for our get togethers.

SPECIAL NOTE I have been contacted and advised that during the march some comments were made to female members of the watching public, which while being in the form of a jocular remark, could cause embarrassment, so I am sure that this will not happen again. Also, remember that this is a parade to honour our "Fallen Comrades" and those who are no longer with us, so constantly breaking ranks is not encouraged.

Also, **PLEASE** note, when passing the Cenotaph and at the Salute, the correct protocol is to place the left hand across the chest and **COVER** the medals which are worn. Let us show our pride in our battalion.

RESERVE FORCES DAY this year celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the famous charge by the Australian Light Horse against the Turks at Beersheba. This was arguably the last such action in modern warfare and was a turning point in the campaign. With the assistance of four members of the Re-Enactment Group uniformed as usual, four of our members supported by Bev Dawson and Kev took part in the march past down Macquarie Street, the salute taken by the NSW Governor Marie Bashir. The parade of mounted horsemen dressed in the uniform of the Light Horse, two VC winners, Senior Officers of the Defence Forces and an assortment of army vehicles from jeeps to tanks made the day a spectacular occasion; but what a shame that we were so poorly represented. If we take part next year, we hope to have greater support from members. After the parade we retired to Tattersalls for a delightful lunch.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING A meeting of the committee held on 25th October considered the time for election of the committee and officers of the Association that the Annual General Meeting would be held in conjunction with our luncheon follows the Cenotaph parade on 7th December. Members are advised of the association's activities during the year through these newsletters and "Orderly Room Gossip" and further reports will be made to members who attend the luncheon.

CENOTAPH PARADE AND LUNCHEON

7th DECEMBER 2007

This year marks the 65th anniversary to the day and date, Friday 7th December 1942, of the battalion's combined action at Sanananda when we lost so many mates, followed by further action on the 19th, so it is hoped that attendance, and participation, by members and family and friends will be a worthy commemoration of the sacrifice of so many and the other mates who lost their lives in later actions, Gona, Bougainville and so on.

This year we especially invite one or more of our ladies, together with our own wreath laying party. To lay a tribute (a posy will be supplied) on the Cenotaph, and it would be great if all our ladies were to wear the rosette given them on a previous occasion. Widows of our late members are our guest's for the day.

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