



# NEWS TIME

Kilcoy RSL Sub Branch

Edition 29

## Message from your President

On behalf of the Kilcoy RSL Sub Branch, I would like make everyone aware of the below mentioned upcoming events.

Please consider volunteering to help this year even if it is only for 1 hour it all helps.

Events for this month:

### **Korean Veterans Day**

27 July 1030am Service at the Memorial

### **Next RSL Sub Branch Meeting:**

Will be on the Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August starting as usual 10:30am.

### **Friday Trivia Night**

July Night was cancelled due to Covid19 restrictions.

Friday Night 20 August

\$5 person with teams of 4

18<sup>th</sup> June 630pm start

### **Kilcoy RACES**

Veterans Race Day

8<sup>th</sup> August Sunday 10am start

### **Helpers Needed**

Once a month for:

- Friday Morning Raffles
- Friday Night Bar

If interested in helping please contact Shane (0412 629 697) if you are able to help on either of these days.

### **Historical Note**

It was around this time many years ago in 1942 that the 18<sup>th</sup> Brigade that consisted of 2/9<sup>th</sup>, 2/10<sup>th</sup> 2/12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Batallions and many support units was active in our local area. I have give a quick run down on their movements and where they went

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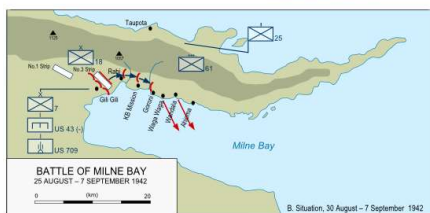
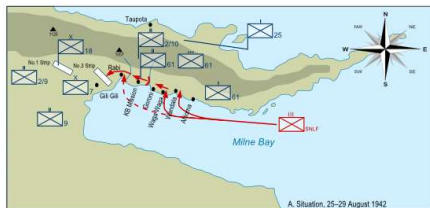
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for your information from the 18 Brigade's Unit War Diaries online from the Australian War Memorial.



Date	18 Brigade Movements and Events
2-Mar-42	Left Suez Egypt aboard 3 Ships
20-Mar-42	Convoy arrived Fremantle Western Australia
28-Mar-42	Disembarked at Adelaide to Camp just outside of Gawler South Australia
16-Apr-42	Brigade moves from Gawler SA by train and vehicle to Tenterfield NSW
26-Apr-42	Brigade move to Tenterfield NSW completed
20-May-42	Advance Brigade party sent to Kilcoy Qld
<b>24-May-42</b>	Brigade move to Kilcoy Qld completed in 2 convoys of vehicles
30-Jun-42	Governor General of Australia Lord Gowrie VC visits 18 Brigade units at Kilcoy
12-14 July 1942	18 Brigade conducted combined arms field exercise in Coorey-Pomona area with other 7 Division units
15-Jul-42	18 Brigade returned to Kilcoy area Camps
4-Aug-42	18 Brigade receives Divisional Warning Order prepare to move out
<b>6-Aug-42</b>	At 0030 hrs 18 Brigade advance party boards waiting ships
	At 1150 hrs ships depart Newstead Quay Brisbane Qld
8-Aug-42	HMAS Arunta leaves convoy for Townsville and is replaced with 1 Sloop and and 2 Corvettes
12-Aug-42	Disembarked on pontoon wharf at Gili Gili, Milne Bay
24-Aug-42	First enemy air raid attacks with between 8-14 fighters
25-Aug-42	Enemy troops land by barges on adjacent Goodenough Island
26-Aug-42	Enemy troops land by barges on at night north of Milne Bay allied held positions and make first contact with militia 61st batallion
7-Sep-42	Enemy Japs withdraw beaten

Sadly, on the 4 September we lost John French VC for his actions during this battle from the 2/9<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Batallion.