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#### From the President

I am very happy to accept the position of President of the 2/18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, following the resignation of Merv Blyth. I regard this as a great honour especially following on from the years of wonderful care and service for the Battalion from Merv.

For those of you who may not know my connection with the 2/18<sup>th</sup>, I am the brother of the late Hugh Simmons and became involved when Hugh lived in Sydney. When Hugh and his wife Gloria moved to Queensland, I continued to attend whatever functions I could such as the "picnics in the park" and Anzac Day march.

There are many diggers who deserve recognition and thanks for their support over the years and many of these good men have gone on to greater rewards.

At the time of writing, we have 24 diggers still with us and we will continue to keep an eye on their continued well being.

I would like to mention Joan Okey's sterling work in producing the newsletter and let you know that you are more than welcome in submitting articles which would help Joan in this work. Her contact details: \_ phone: 4782 5593 email: joan.o@optusnet.com.au

My sincere thanks to the Committee; Merv Blyth, Colleen, Joan, Diane – and thank you for your support. We have a lunch at Roseville RSL Club on the first Monday of every second month and we would like to see as many diggers and their relatives as we could to attend. The next lunch will be in August, then October to be then followed by our Christmas lunch in December.

#### News from Merv.

Sadly since the last newsletter we have lost two of our members.:-

Pte R J Ford (Bob)

Pte V.L. Forsyth (Joe)