



War Veterans Village [Narrabeen] RSL sub-Branch

Through an active membership we keep the ANZAC spirit alive and growing

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DISPATCHES

July & August 2019 Issue

“The price of Liberty is eternal Vigilance”

The President's Message

On Monday 17th June the Executive and Trustees attended a State Branch Governance training day. Held at the Hyde Park Inn, it was facilitated by *Justice Connect – not-for-profit-law*. The focus of the day was to confirm the current structure of the NSW Branch of The League and how the governing documents of RSLNSW, the State of NSW and the Commonwealth of Australia apply to all sub-Branches. A difficulty, for some other sub-Branch members attending, was understanding, that we are still operating under the current Constitution and not the DRAFT Constitution which is yet to be presented (more on this a little later).

Overall this proved to be a very informative day which did affirm that our sub-Branch is on the right path to good governance. A big thank you to the Executive and Trustees for making the time to attend.

Most would be aware that the drafting and oversight of the new Constitution has been placed in the hands of a committee known as D7. This refers to the 7 District Council Presidents who were elected from their peers to accept this responsibility. Our DC President, Bill Hardman OAM is a member of D7 and he informs us that the Draft should be presented to sub-Branches for consideration in the very near future. This will provide us with both an exciting future but also a challenging one.

Let us always remember that, in essence, our aims and objectives are simply, **“Mates helping Mates”**. To this end we need to ensure that the Draft Constitution enables us to do this in the best possible way. We will advise you when the Draft is available and I encourage you to consider its contents, advising the Executive of any concerns you may have. It is intended to have a DC meeting to discuss concerns prior to submitting any recommendations for change.

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of Roy Lascelles, WWII veteran from Birdwood/Monash. Roy was 101 (and a bit!). Unfortunately there will not be a service for Roy.

Lest We Forget
Bob Durbin
President



Attention - Must Read
General Meeting
Thursday 11th July at 10.15am
Montgomery Centre
General Business - Happenings
in our sub-Branch and State



Following the General Meeting

Christmas in July Luncheon

Lone Pine – Gallipoli Building
11.30am for 12 noon

Be sure to bring you ticket for the
Lucky Number Draw

ABC Production – as mentioned in previous issues
of “Dispatches”

“Old People's Homes” for four year olds”

The ABC Producers have advised Stuart Doyle that they will start screening on **Tuesday 27th August at 8pm on Channel 2.**

Editor. Thank you Stuart for your follow up.

RSL National

At a special general meeting of RSL National last week, Greg Melick AO RFD SC was elected National President.

Mr Melick is the Chief Commissioner of Tasmanian Integrity Commission and a part time Deputy President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

John King, RSL ACT President, was elected Deputy National President.

RSL NSW website Secure Zone Log-in

Members can log-in directly to the RSL NSW website.

- * Go to www.rslnsw.org.au
- * Click on the ‘Secure Zone Sign In’ tile
- * Enter the Username: **rslmember**
- * Password: **rslnsw2018**

Please note the password is case sensitive and must be entered in lower case.

- * Click on the ‘Log in’ button
- * You will be directed to the ‘sub-Branch Secure Zone’ landing page

Visit by Pittwater Cadets - May General Meeting

With the invitation extended, two Cadets were asked to speak about "What the meaning of ANZAC is to them" and two were asked to speak about "What being a cadet means to them".

The following is similar in content to Officer of Cadets (OOC) Steve McLean's words at the meeting, when invited by President, Bob Durbin to speak. (Editor)

"There are currently 521 cadet units across all Australian states and Norfolk Island. The majority of these cadet units are Army cadet units but there are a significant number of Navy and Air Force cadet units normally found close to naval and air force bases. Within the cadet movement, there are approximately 17,000 cadets who are trained by more than 1,500 Officers of Cadets (OOCs) assisted by a large number of Defence Approved Helpers (DAHs). This makes the cadet movement the largest youth development and leadership training program in Australia by far. Cadet units range in size from about 10 cadets (Norfolk Island) to more than 1,100 (Knox Grammar School).

On the Northern Beaches there are three cadet units and ironically all three share a boundary fence. These units are 305 Squadron (an Air Force unit), 201 ACU (Regional Army Cadet unit) and Pittwater House Army Cadet Unit (a School-based unit). 305 Squadron and 201 ACU are based on the Multi-User Depot located on South Creek Road.

At Pittwater House there has been a cadet unit at the school since 1972. It was the first cadet unit in the country to allow girls to join, from the inception of the unit. All cadets are volunteers and the unit parades each Monday afternoon from 3.30 until 5pm. Across the calendar year we have two field activities - a bivouac in the April school holidays of three days duration and the Annual Field Exercise in the September/October holidays of five days duration.

Training of the recruits and second year cadets is carried out under the direction of different cadet leadership teams depending on the training being done. Each of the Corporals, Sergeants, Warrant Officers and Cadet Under Officers have completed week-long training camps run by NSW Army Cadet Brigade for each level of advancement they have achieved. These courses are also run during school holiday periods at ADF bases such as Singleton, Holsworthy or Richmond.

Two of the basic tenets of cadet training are the rendering of service and the development of leadership.

This year, Pittwater House cadets will be involved in

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Ceremonies of Remembrance at Pittwater House (two ceremonies), RSL LifeCare ANZAC Service, Glenaeon Village ANZAC Service, Manly Dam Memorial Trust ANZAC Dawn Service, Brookvale Bus Depot ANZAC Sunrise Service, Memorial Trust Remembrance Day Service.

Avalon RSL sub-Branch ANZAC Service, Collaroy sub-Branch ANZAC Dusk Service, Vietnam Veteran's Day Memorial Service, Dee Why RSL sub-Branch Flag Day Service, RSL LifeCare Remembrance Day Service and Manly Dam Memorial Trust Remembrance Day Service.

The two current School Captains at Pittwater House are both Cadet Under Officers in the unit. The previous Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove and the incoming Governor General, General David Hurley both started their military careers in the cadet force. Past members of the Pittwater House Army Cadet Unit to achieve significant rank in the ADF are Maj. Gen. Roger Noble, Col. Matt Stevens and Lt. Col. Matt Silver."



From left to right: RSM Ewan Lund, Sgt Mathew Howard, L/Cpl Chloe Mills, L/Cpl Paris Hallett & COC Steve McLean.

'What being a Cadet means to me'

What are my experiences as a cadet?

It's a question with many answers.

Yet I feel as if this is "mine"

The experience to "lead"

Alexander the great once said "I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a sheep; I am afraid of an army of sheep led by a lion".

Leadership is a responsibility; it's about recognising the strengths and weaknesses of your team and being able to guide them towards success.

Leadership is paramount in life.

That's where my experience with cadets begins, where I was guided by leaders, a group of Corporals and Sergeants.

I looked up to my rank with respect, they taught me the importance of initiative, discipline, to look after not only

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yourself, but to also look out for others.

On Cadet Camp, you learn to take initiative, you use the advice that you've been given by your rank to understand what is required of a cadet. You can't assume that someone will set up your shelter for you... that is your job. And if you do it wrong...from experience you will have some very cold and wet nights. But that's all part of the process, learning and adapting with your fellow cadets. To overcome adversity.

Cadets, has given me the foundation to build strong relationships that would have never been possible if I hadn't joined. As with being in a school unit, I experienced that year groups no longer applied. You could make friends with people in other years because at the end of the day we were all cadets.

After a few more years of training I was promoted to L/Cpl and one year after that I was in training to become a Sergeant.

One of the things that I had to do on my Sergeant's Course was to teach and pass a drill lesson. When it finally came time to do mine...I unfortunately failed. I realised I would fail during my lesson. I wasn't prepared, I hadn't taken the initiative, and because I hadn't prepared, I was nervous and that made me say the wrong things.

My lesson instructor pulled me aside and said I have 3 hours to get my head into gear and successfully teach a drill lesson. So, with this advice, and remembering now to take the initiative, to remember how to successfully lead... like my L/Cpl's and Sgt's taught me, I did the only thing that seemed appropriate... to yell my lesson at a tree.

So for 3 hours I yelled my lesson at a tree over and over again, and throughout that time it didn't respond, it didn't move...however it did something better it allowed me to practise, and that's another thing that cadets has taught me... that practice is key. That organisation is key. That failing is a part of success. You learn through your mistakes. So, once I taught my lesson a second time I was successful.

Now as a Sergeant I understand what a good leader must do. To teach, to guide, to create a bond, to help, that's what I try and do with my cadets, to develop their own skills that will inevitably aid them in the future. Like I was aided in the past.

Thank you.

Editor: Thank you Sgt Matthew Howard for the notes of your speech.

Issues of "Dispatches for 2019

A reminder that our next issue will be for September / October and is due for publication on Thursday 28th August. Deadline for copy is Thursday 22nd August, at 12 noon. All articles welcome.

Diary Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, 9th July, 9am, Committee Meeting in the Lone Pine Lookout.
- **Thursday, 11th July, 10.15am, General Meeting in the Montgomery Centre.
- **Thursday, 11th July, 11.30am for 12 noon Christmas in July Luncheon, in the Lone Pine Lookout.
- **Tuesday, 6th August, 9am, Committee Meeting in the Amy Taylor Room.
- ** Thursday, 8th August, 9.30am, General Meeting , in the Montgomery Centre. Guest Speaker – DC President. Bill Hardman OAM.
- **Thursday, 15th August, 12noon, VP Day Lunch, Lone Pine Lookout.
- **Sunday, 18th August, 2pm, Vietnam Veterans Day Service, Village Chapel.
- **Sunday, 18th August, 3pm, Vietnam Veterans Afternoon Tea, The Afghan Room.
- ** Tuesday, 10th September, 9am, Committee Meeting, in the Amy Taylor Room.
- **Thursday, 12th September, 9.30am, General Meeting in the Montgomery Centre.

Note your diary NOW for the August General Meeting, so you can be sure to be there.



Attention - Must read
August General Meeting is on
Thursday 8th August at 9.30am
in the Montgomery Theatre
Guest Speaker District Council
President, Bill Hardman OAM
"Draft RSL NSW Constitution"

Membership Report

Membership Status:

Life Members - 2, Life Subscribers - 2, Service Members - 46, Associate Members - 22, Affiliate Members - 20

Total Membership = 92

Prospective Members Pending:

Service –

Peter Mansfield

Affiliate –

Irene Axton

Margaret Russell

Welfare Report

Hello Members.

When I think about the Village having its 80th Birthday this year I am overcome with emotion, what a wonderful service it has provided for the Veterans Community and the wider Community in general. I look back with pride having the privilege of caring first hand for WW1 Veterans and the Veterans from every chapter of War after that. The appreciation you hear from veterans and the wider community is truly amazing and this standard will remain going forward along with the required standards for 2019 and beyond.

April is always a memorable month for the Village commencing with a special March and Service with all of our Residents, Service personal, Pittwater House Cadets, Veterans Voices and Little Diggers, Volunteers and wonderful staff. Anzac Day Dawn Service with many residents attending and our wonderful community who always turn up in big numbers rain hail or shine for the Service, breakfast and to wave the Cabs off to the City March.

Welfare for April / May. There were three of our ladies members in hospital and another quite ill with an ongoing illness and four members down with the flu. Two members I call on were able to have lunch and six were able to have coffee with me at the local shops and I always enjoy this time with them and I am touched by their courage in the way they cope and deal with their illness and depression.

On a personal note I will be away for nearly a month from late June. I am going to London to see one of my daughters and her family and to see another granddaughter, a Ballerina, who will be performing with the English National Ballet. Some of you would remember Maeve as she would come and dance for you in the Montgomery Theatre from the age of seven. Maeve is often asking about the residents she remembers.

Janet Slater and Peter Yardley will be taking over for me while I'm away and you can contact them via the Village RSL Sub Branch.

Love to all Patti Page

CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS ISSUE

Pittwater House Army Cadets – "Visit to May General Meeting".

Robyn Collins, CEO, NSW RSL – "Definition Of Welfare".

Alf Murray – "Auld Lang Syne".

Ian Masters and Allan Burrows – "The Last Post"

Albany Advertiser Oct 28 2014 – "Convoy Centenary"

Definition of Welfare

23 March 2018

On 8 March State Council resolved to approve the definition of welfare as follows:

Welfare is the provision of or access to services for veterans and their families who are socially disadvantaged or in need. It involves supporting social, emotional and physical needs, as well as helping with the basic needs of shelter, food, medical care and education.

(R-180307-8)

Items that are classified as welfare

Expenditure associated with any of these activities can be classed as welfare;

- Providing reasonable food and essentials such as shelter and education where veterans or their families are in need or at risk.
- Undertaking hospital, nursing home and home visits to check on veterans and their families, provide support and companionship. Visits can be one off, semi regular or regular depending on the needs of the individual.
- Providing transport to members, veterans and their families to help them connect with others or attend meetings and functions (including commemorative events) when they would otherwise be unable to attend.
- Providing a reasonable snack or meal for members, veterans and their families at a club or similar venue as part of or in conjunction with a sub-branch meeting or social gathering.
- Meeting with veterans and their families, assessing their needs and provide support to assist them address issues such as family conflict, unemployment, emotional or substance abuse issues
- Advocating on behalf of veterans and their families in their dealings with government departments, other ex-service organisations or community organisations to ensure access and appropriate levels of service, including assisting them to lodge appeals or complaints.

• Offer advice and/or support in relation to:

- o DVA claims and advocacy
- o Centrelink
- o Medicare
- o Aged Care
- o Concession Cards
- o Counselling or referrals to VVCS, Lifeline and other similar services
- o Work carried out as part of a grant such as BEST grants

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- o Bereavement Assistance
- o Treatment and Transport
- o Respite Care
- o War Graves & VAN offices
- o Carer Support
- o Domestic Violence
- o Legal Advice
- o Community Information Service
- o Rural Services
- o Disability Services

- Providing assistance or transport to support veterans and their families in attending relevant appointments when they are unable to afford the transport or are infirm or otherwise unable to arrange transport.
- Supplying welfare and health information to the veteran community either individually or collectively (such as through information stalls at Defence family days).
- Liaising with other ESO's to ensure the veteran and their families receive holistic assistance to meet their needs.
- Compiling, updating & maintaining information on veterans and their families as required.
- Liaising for and conducting funeral tributes.
- Liaising with Funeral directors to assist veterans or their families at times of loss.
- Referring veterans and their families to appropriate community organisations or specialist services.
- Networking and maintenance of close links within the ex-service and local communities.
- Accessing and maintenance of information relating to health and community services.
- Informing and educating the community about the needs of veterans and their families.
- Financial assistance to veterans and their families in need (demonstrated by collecting information on the family's financial situation and assessing their ability to pay and the retaining of this information in a secure place).
- Training of sub-branch members in relevant topics to assist their welfare activities (such as ATDP, community support training, mental health first aid, suicide awareness).
- Wreaths, poppies and Australian flags when provided to families at funerals.
- Reasonable medical expenses of veterans and their family members who would otherwise be unable to afford the cost (demonstrated by collecting information on the family's financial situation and

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- assess their ability to pay and the retaining of this information in a secure place).
- Assistance for veterans and their family members to source and obtain employment.
- Activities to assist the reintegration of veterans and their families into community activities and civilian life.
- Activities promoting socialisation and social connectedness for veterans and their families.

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Chaplains Corner



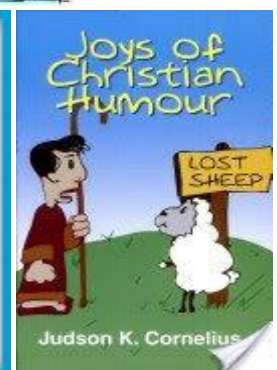
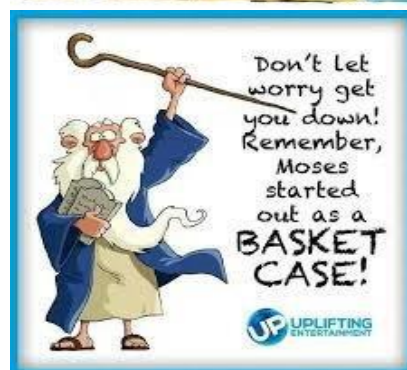
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Thanks to Shirley Ostrander 01-13-2004



"Take two tablets and call me in the morning"



“Auld Lang Syne”

I came into the world on the 15th of August 1936 at home – 11 Slead Street, in the district of Kinross Park, Glasgow. I was the proud son of Sarah James Maxwell and James Murray, my Mum and Dad. With one brother, James and sister Margaret, we all lived in a large, single room studio at the end of a ground floor block of studio apartments. A Victorian stove was in one corner. Space didn't allow for many furnishings, the toilet was outside on the landing and in the cobblestone backyard was a bath with service provided for 1 person with brush and soap and cold water! Gas lamps were set on the walls down the hall leading to the studio apartments and a lamp lighter fired these up every night.

During the war years we moved into a large house with two bedrooms upstairs and downstairs there was a kitchen, bathroom, toilet and one bedroom. We had hot water. It changed our lives. It was 1942 and at the age of 6, I suddenly felt freedom and a spirit of adventure. This made for “An Experience I will never forget”. Climbing into the loft, opening the roof skylight and climbing out onto the roof top, I clambered to hide behind the chimney stack. Anytime a neighbour was passing I would call out their name, always fearing I could be in danger of being spotted. Eventually I was spotted and got into deep trouble with my Dad.

He was tough but did soften up when I was age 10 and bought me a bicycle. This was my passport to the world. It opened up new dimensions in my life. I was always exploring the country side with my dog. We never got lost and always found our way home. We travelled across farm land, pinching apples on the way to the Clyde Canal to go fishing. Never did catch much.

At the age of 15 I left School (hated Maths and English) and started an apprenticeship in John Browns shipyard. I worked on the Royal Yacht Britannia as a ship plater, erecting the steel hull of the yacht. Having an apprenticeship I was exempt from National Service.

My father and I didn't see eye to eye, he was abusive and threatening and unpredictable.

When I told him I was going to join the Army, his challenge was “They will not take a person like you”. So on the 29th March 1956 I broke my apprenticeship and went to the Recruiting Office and enlisted into the Royal Signals as a Driver. Leaving home with a brown paper bag containing a change of clothes, I went to Richmond in Yorkshire to complete basic training and

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on completion I was posted to 5 Training Regiment based in Yorkshire.

It was going well until I crossed swords with, what I would call an idiot of a Civil Instructor. I must say I was driving on the aerodrome and knocked over some drums. His wrath resulted in me being placed on general duties working in various jobs, the Quartermaster store, Officer Batman, Plumber, ending up as the Regimental Cook.

The Welfare Officer asked me to volunteer for Cyprus. “I'm not fond of dodging bullets” was my reply but I took the posting anyway. On the 11th October 1958, flying and travelling from the airport by truck to No. 2, Wireless Unit, in the 9th Regiment, in Cyprus, on Regimental Police (RP) duties. I had two of my mates who wouldn't carry out orders to get their hair cut so the Sergeant ordered that I charge the two but instead I gave them a warning. This did not go down well, so no longer a RP they sent me to a squadron in a small camp, a mile away, - back to cooking duties spending three months in this small outpost in the middle of nowhere keeping watch on wireless listening sites. The head cook and I guarded a small squad of troops from the Regiment. I doubled up as cook when the catering Corps was absent.

The British government decided we were no longer required in Cyprus so my next posting, on the 12th October 1958, was with the British Army on the Rhine near the East German border. Once more on a variety of duties, spending sometime at 13 Signals Corp working on the telephone exchange. We did do some sneaky eves dropping!!

I came out of the Army in January 1965. Returning home to Glasgow, I attended a training course learning to repair farm machinery. It wasn't exactly for me. So, applied and got a job at Stoke Manville Hospital. This was my last job in the UK. Seeing an advertisement for ten pound tourists to Australia I soon was aboard the Sitmar Line ship - Fairstar.

Securing a job with Vicar Armstrong, at Cockatoo Island, working on the HMS Torrents, when completed it was launched by Lady Holt. I transferred to the HMAS Platypus Submarine and Torpedo Base, at North Sydney, for a short time. Returned to Garden Island as Assistant Electrician until early 1995. My last job was a storeman at Aldi from where I was retrenched in late 1995

Renting a room in a big house at Stanmore, Sydney, became a member of the Petersham RSL sub-Branch, worked for 3 months at Army Medical Corps, leaving

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to work for the St Vincent De Pauls Society for 10 years, before moving to the Central Coast. Moving down to live in the RSL LifeCare Village at Narrabeen in 2005, it was Volunteering in the Village that I really enjoyed. Working in the Opp shop, on the trolley service at Connie Fall, starting the Computer room and continuing to provide support to Village residents who use the room each Tuesday morning, has been part of my continued enjoyment in helping people.

Supporting the President, Ross Smith, of the Village RSL sub-Branch, with the selling of Poppies on ANZAC day I became known as the "Poppy Man". This has continued for the last 10 years and there is great pride my sales results, with the ANZAC and Remembrance Day Poppy and badge sales.

Alfred Murray (Nicknamed "Freddy")

Service Member (0190943), initially at Petersham sub-Branch with Associate membership of the War Veterans Village (Narrabeen) RSL sub-Branch then transferring to Service membership on the 21st June 2014.

Editor: It was an hour and a half of carefully listening to Alf, at the end of May, where I gathered the details for this article. We laughed a lot as I tried to interpret his Scottish brogue but soon got to understand it. Alf then put together his story in writing. What you have read is a combination of our notes. Hope you have enjoyed it.

THE LAST POST

If you have ever been to a military funeral in which The Last Post was played: this will bring new meaning to it.

Here is something everyone should know.

Until I read this, I didn't know, but I checked it out and it's true:

We have all heard the haunting song, 'The Last Post.' It's the song that gives the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song?

If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the American Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

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Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. The haunting melody, we know as 'The Last Post' used at military funerals was born. The words are:

Day is done.	Fading light.	Thanks and
Gone the sun.	Dims the sight.	praise.
>From the lakes.	And a star.	For our days.
>From the hills.	Gems the sky.	Neath the sun
>From the sky.	Gleaming	Neath the
All is well.	bright	stars.
Safely rest.	>From afar.	Neath the sky
God is nigh.	Drawing nigh.	As we go.
	Falls the night	This we know.

I too have felt the chills while listening to "The Last Post" but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Also Remember Those Who Have Served And Returned; and for those presently serving in the Armed Forces.

Please send this on after a short prayer.

Make this a Prayer wheel for our soldiers...please don't break it.

Anzacs' last port of call

When the Australian Imperial Forces were raised, Albany was chosen as the assembly point for the 20,000 troops sourced from across every State.

Twenty-eight transport ships carrying these soldiers, and their horses, artillery and other supplies, rendezvoused in King George Sound in late October 1914 and were joined by 10,000 New Zealand Expeditionary Force troops.

Only at Albany were the 38 transports and five naval escort ships seen together. The ships arrived between October 24 and 28, and took up anchor points running in four rows East and West across King George Sound.

AIF Commanding Officer Major General William Throsby Bridges was aboard the flag ship Orvieto, which embarked from Melbourne.

Stocked with supplies, the first convoy steamed out of Albany at 5.45am on November 1.

HMAS Minotaur led the procession, followed by HMAS Melbourne then the Orvieto, which was followed by the other transports.

The New Zealand transports followed in three lines at the rear of the Australian ships, with the last ship rounding Bald Head bound for Egypt at approximately 10am.



Major General William Throsby Bridges – **Commander of Australian Imperial Force**, founded Australia's first military College at Duntroon, in 1910. When World War I broke out, Brigadier General Bridges was assigned the task of raising 20,000 Australian men for the first contingent to be sent to Europe.

He was promoted to Major General in August, 1914 and appointed Commander of the Australian Imperial Force, which assembled 28 transports in King George Sound in October.

His division was the first ashore at ANZAC Cove April 25, 1915 and he is noted for paying visits to the front line with disregard for his own safety.

On May 15, a sniper's bullet severed his femoral artery and he died aboard a hospital ship three days later, aged 54.

He became the only Australian killed in World War I whose remains were returned to Australia during the conflict and rests at Duntroon.

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Major General Alexander John Godley – **Commander of New Zealand Expeditionary Force**, was appointed Commander of the New Zealand Military Forces in 1910.

When World War I broke out he was the Commanding Officer of

the New Zealand Expeditionary Force – the 10,000 – strong contingent of soldiers that joined the Australian Imperial Force at Albany in October 1914.

The 10 New Zealand transports under his command were the last ships to leave King George Sound in the first convoy on November 1.

Major General Godley commanding New Zealand troops in Gallipoli, and when two divisions of soldiers were formed for battle at the Western Front, he commanded II ANZAC.

AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORTS

1:**Hymettus** (ASC horses); 2:**Geelong** (Mixed); 3:**Orvieto** (GOC & Mixed); 4:**Pera** (Artillery horses); 5:**Omrah** (Infantry/ASC/horses); 6:**Clan McCorquodale** (Infantry/ASC); 7:**Medic** (Infantry/Artillery/ASC/AMC); 8:**Argyllshire** (Artillery); 9:**Shropshire** (Artillery); 10:**Karroo** (Signallers/AMC); 11:**Ascanius** (Infantry); 12:**Saldanha** (Horses); 13:**Katuna** (Horses); 14:**Euripides** (Infantry); 15:**Star of England** (Light Horse); 16:**Star of Victoria** (Light Horse); 17:**Port Lincoln** (Light Horse); 18:**Wiltshire** (Light Horse/AMC); 19:**Afrie** (Infantry/ASC/Engineers) 20:**Hororata** (Infantry); 21:**Morere** (Horses); 22:**Rangatira** (Artillery/Infantry/AMC); 23:**Suffolk** (Infantry); 24:**Benalla** (Infantry/ASC); 25:**Anglo-Egyptian** (Horses); 26:**Armada** (Line of Communication); 27:**Southern** (Horses); 28:**Miltiades** (Imperial Reserves).

NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORTS

Maunganui: Tahiti: Ruapehu: Orari: Limerick: Star of India: Hawke's Bay: Arawa: Athenic: Waimana.

NAVAL ESCORT

HMS Minotaur (flagship of the China Station); **HIJMS Ibuki** (Japanese Battle Cruiser); **HMAS Sydney** (Australian Navy cruiser); **HMAS Melbourne**

(Australian Navy cruiser); **HMS Psyche** (of New Zealand squadran; **HMS Pyramus** (of the New Zealand squadraon, sister ship to the Psyche.

Abbreviations:ASC – Army Service Corps:AMC – Australian Medical Corps:GOC General Officer Commanding.