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ANZAC Day 2016—Sussex Inlet

Light Horses leading the March at Sussex Inlet,
followed by us in the Jeep

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“OUT AND ABOUT”

ANZAC DAY 2016

We all know what it means, but to the many overseas readers, this description posted on Face book recently by Matt and BATRAC International, pretty well sums it up.

What is Anzac Day?

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

What does ANZAC stand for?

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

Why is this day special to Australians?

When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.

The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the actions of Australian and New Zealand forces during the campaign left a powerful legacy. What became known as the “Anzac legend” became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways in which they viewed both their past and their future.

Early commemorations

In 1916 the first Anzac Day commemorations were held on 25 April. The day was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services across Australia, a march through London, and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London more than 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets; a London newspaper headline dubbed them “the knights of Gallipoli”. Marches were held all over Australia; in the Sydney march convoys of cars carried soldiers wounded on Gallipoli and their nurses. For the remaining years of the war Anzac Day was used as an occasion for patriotic rallies and recruiting campaigns, and parades of serving members of the AIF were held in most cities.

During the 1920s Anzac Day became established as a national day of commemoration for the more than 60,000 Australians who had died during the war. In 1927, for the first time, every state observed some form of public holiday on Anzac Day. By the mid-1930s all the rituals we now associate with the day – dawn vigils, marches, memorial services, reunions, two-up games – were firmly established as part of Anzac Day culture.

Later, Anzac Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in the Second World War, and in subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include those who lost their lives in all the military and peacekeeping operations in which Australia has been involved.

Anzac Day was first commemorated at the Memorial in 1942. At the time, government orders prohibited large public gatherings in case of a Japanese air attack, so it was a small occasion with neither a march nor a memorial service. Since then, Anzac Day has been commemorated at the Memorial every year.

What does it mean today?

Australians recognise 25 April as a day of national remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn – the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal, and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

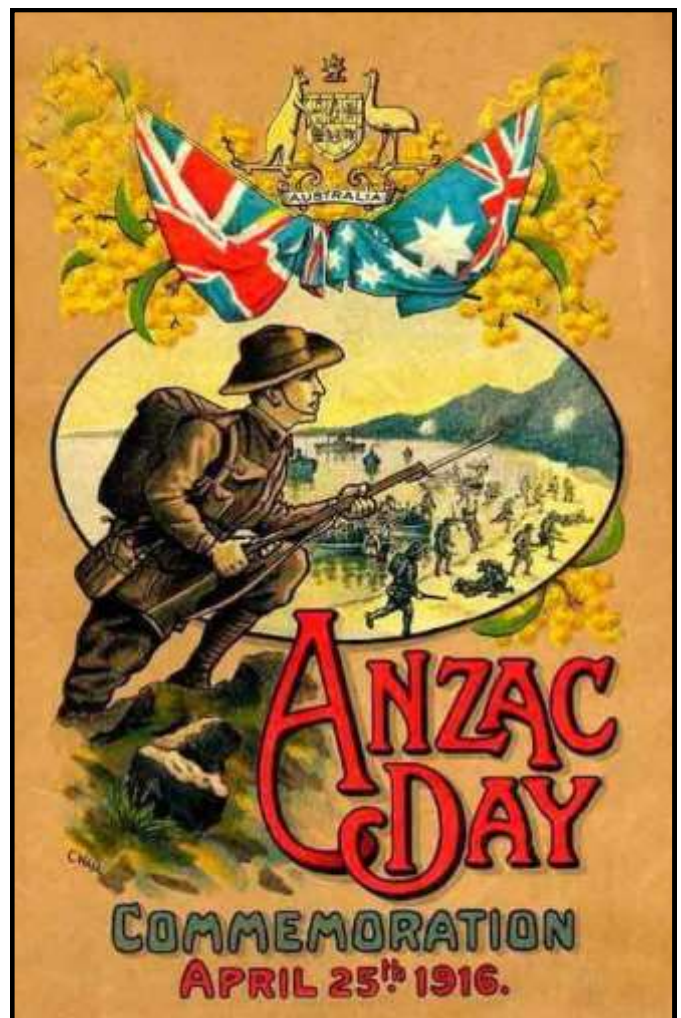
The Dawn Service

It is often suggested that the Dawn Service observed on Anzac Day has its origins in a military routine still followed by the Australian Army. The half-light of dawn was one of the times favoured for launching an attack. Soldiers in defensive positions were woken in the dark before dawn, so by the time first light crept across the battlefield they were awake, alert, and manning their weapons; this is still known as the “stand-to”. As dusk is equally favourable for battle, the stand-to was repeated at sunset.

After the First World War, returned soldiers sought the comradeship they had felt in those quiet, peaceful moments before dawn. A dawn vigil became the basis for commemoration in several places after the war. It is difficult to say when the first dawn services were held, as many were instigated by veterans, clergymen, and civilians from all over the country. A dawn requiem mass was held at Albany as early as 1918, and a wreath laying and commemoration took place at dawn in Toowoomba the following year. In 1927 a group of returned men returning at dawn from an Anzac Day function held the night before came upon an elderly woman laying flowers at the as yet unfinished Sydney Cenotaph. Joining her in this private remembrance, the men later resolved to institute a dawn service the following year. Some 150 people gathered at the Cenotaph in 1928 for a wreathlaying and two minutes’ silence. This is generally regarded as the beginning of organised dawn services. Over the years the ceremonies have developed into their modern forms and have seen an increased association with the dawn landings of 25 April 1915.

Today’s dawn services include the presence of a chaplain, but generally not of dignitaries. Originally, the services were simple, and usually followed the military routine. Before dawn, those who had gathered would stand while two minutes’ silence was held. At the end of this time a lone bugler would play the Last Post and then conclude the service with Reveille, the bugler’s call to wake up.

In recent times more families and young people have taken part in dawn services across Australia. Reflecting this change, some services have become more elaborate, incorporating hymns, readings, pipers, and rifle volleys. Other services, though, have retained the simple format of the dawn stand-to familiar to so many soldiers.



KIAMA—NSW



Today, I drove my 93 year old Pa, a WW2 veteran of the Pacific campaign including a long stretch in New Guinea in his local ANZAC day march in my jeep at Kiama. We were the only jeep but were joined by his local vintage car club to help others unable to make the distance.

What an honour and why didn't I do it earlier.

I could tell he was proud, just as I was too. Mum and my 2 aunties and my uncle and their families came to support him too- I know dad was there too! A wonderful day. We all went for lunch at the Chinese restaurant at the bowling club and topped off his day with his favourite Prawn omelette! Very moving and reflective too. Thank you Pa for everything. *Ian Fawbert—Lest we forget.*





SUSSEX INLET—NSW

Our cover photo from Bruce, aptly describes his families day in their adopted town of Sussex Inlet on the South Coast of NSW



PATCHEWOLLOCK—VIC

From a repost on Facebook by “Geoffry Geoffry Geoffry!” comes this one on the RM Williams Page—The tiny community of Patchewollock, Nth West Victoria, proudly commemorating ANZAC Day 2016. Small town, huge heart. Lest we forget.



Another Facebook posting from a friend of the Ed’s who attended their March to see her Uncle Kev, tagged me into this unknown Jeep and proud Veteran



BATHURST—NSW



GULGONG—NSW

Members John Fielding and John Thorley, seen here doing their bit for the proud Veterans in Gulgong.
(I wonder if Dougo Betts is still alive? See Jeep News No.86 for his great Around Australia adventure in a Jeep.)





GRAFTON—NSW

LEFT SIDE—Thanks to Audrey, who snapped member Phil Heesch doing his bit in his local Parade.

BELOW—Bruce Brown attended Camden ANZAC Day Parade with his Willys MA along with AMVCS Stalwart, Tom Rolfe



CAMDEN—NSW



ASHFIELD—NSW



Thanks to Kenny Cannon and his attendance to help their Diggers. He's got some pull this fella, with help from other swarve members Tony, JAG and Mick J and Even got the Police to guard his Jeep while inside playing Two-Up! Way to Go Ken!





While we are on the subject of dedication to our Diggers, you can't go past those who attend multiple events!

Mick seen here with one of his Grand Children and his lemon squeezer Kiwi Hat at the Springwood ANZAC Day March on the day.

Ashfield was on the Sunday before and he also attended the Richmond NSW Parade helping their Diggers on that same afternoon.

He even knows the Kiwi National Anthem—both verses. (I guess he is getting plenty of practice!)

Well done Mick!



JAMBEROO—NSW

Thought you might like these photos of Max Brennan at the Jamberoo Anzac March with his rare CJ3B Long Wheel Base Jeep for your newsletter.

Keep up the good work it is not a pathetic excuse for a club mag!
Regards, Craig.

(a recurring theme in a lot of comments received lately and will be covered in the next formal issue—Ed)



HILL END—NSW

After the great representation last year for their Memorial Rededication, things were a bit quieter in the town for ANZAC Day itself. (The town was hosting some Wine and Food Festival, so it would have been pretty busy). Helping their Day this year was Shorty and his 6X6 Parentie and locals Chris and Jeannie in Dougie and the Dodge. Somewhere would be “Say Cheese”!





Cant remember where the following two pictures came from, but I think they were submitted by one of our members, who took them from a spectators point of view or I simply plucked them off Facebook? Apologies, as I could not locate an email of them, so if you recognise them, do tell!



The “Eds” old workmate, “Uncle” Arthur (the horse whisperer), was out again proudly leading a dedication to the Lighthorse in the Grenfell NSW ANZAC Day Parade with Jeanette and her horse Denny (now 32 years old!) As was featured in last years ANZAC Day edition of the illustrious Jeep News.

Below—New member Paul VB used his Blitz in the Parade in Darwin. I’m guessing the Studdie belongs to our other member up that way?



MOREE—NSW



Scott Murray submitted these great collection of pics from his well attended ANZAC Day out in the North West of NSW



ANZAC PARADES – FINLEY, BERRIGAN & JERILDERIE

(Southern Riverina)

Perfect weather conditions saw huge numbers of marchers and spectators at the Finley, Berrigan and Jerilderie ANZAC Parades as well as the Dawn Services in all three towns. The Berrigan Parade commenced at 9.00am, Jerilderie at 10.00am and the Finley Parade at 11.00am. Jeep owners Bob Bevan and Kelvin Baxter provided 6 Jeeps to assist with the transportation of Returned Servicemen, Legacy Members and Red Cross Members in these parades. A highlight of this year's parade was the involvement by two of Finley's esteemed residents, Mr Ian Dawe (100 years of age) and his brother Finley Dawe (99 years of age), both being participants in World War Two. This year, servicemen from Bandiana Army Base (Wodonga) formed the 'catafalque party' at the Finley Cenotaph. A fly over by one of the RAAF's Hornet Jets was a highlight of the commemoration service which involved community members and school students from the local area.



Photos:

Above Left: Berrigan residents and school students watch as the Mayor of the Berrigan Shire Council, Bernie Curtin, lays a wreath at the Berrigan War Memorial Hall, following the street parade.

Above Right: The 'Last Post' is played at the Finley Cenotaph.

Left: Jeep drivers, Kel Baxter and Ken Bevan pay their respects during the Finley Service.



SPRINGWOOD—NSW



Top—Vet Paul and his grand children. (He is not a member of the local RSL, having recently moving to the Mountains to live with one of his daughters and family), so I was unable to get his last name.

Middle—Terry transported Mitch's father in law, Colin.

Below—Mick had local identity Alan Matthews, pictured here with his grand daughter as well as Ex Paratrooper, John, who was also a Marshal and currently away on Marshalling duties! See Jeep News No.150 Of two years back for a couple of pictures of those Larrikins!





LAWSON—NSW



<http://www.bluemountainsgazette.com.au/story/3868969/photo-gallery-lawson-anzac-day-service/?cs=1432#slide=2>

Lots of pictures here in this link featuring a few with Roly and Kevin at the Lawson Parade.
I was not able to copy any of them.

But organiser Glen, was able to send these two beauties, with Honour Avenue in full Blue Mountains autumn colour



Thanks to Lloyd Aylward.

WODONGA—VIC



WANGI WANGI —NSW



These photos from this years ANZAC Day Parade at Wangi Wangi. (also bottom of the previous page)
A good roll out of vehicles with plenty of Jeeps in attendance..
My Jeep is the one at the front above, with my wife driving and a WW2 digger in the passenger seat.
Cheers Jason. We can also directly see Vernon below and know doubt many others in the Parade behind.



WANGI WANGI—NSW



Young William Dates whose Dad, Vern was in the Parade took these pictures of the 53! MV's at the Wangi Wangi March, that was organised by Tracy, (now owner of John Summers GPA). They attended the Dawn Service at Warners Bay before heading down to Wangi for the 10am Parade. 2 GPA's (member Rick, below as well), 11 Jeeps, 3 Brens, 2 Half Tracks plus trucks and Landy's and A Bell Iroquois! WOW, as Vern notes. *(I can see plenty of the Petersen Boys stuff in the background—Ed)*



BURWOOD—NSW

The Gadget Gatherings team below did our Association proud, complete with our own wreath at Burwood. Left to right, Garry, Jaydon, Scott, Emma, Emily, Stu and Steve.





What's with all the Pointing????
 We have to get more serious—"It's not
 what the Facebook page is all about!"
*(Not to worry, just another whinger, who
 can't have a little fun!)*





Billycan Ashford, again headed up the Murrurundi Parade, (not Muswellbrook, as was reported in last years Jeep News No.163—July edition), towing the Gun and Limber.

Below—A grinning “Editor” in the Springwood NSW Day Parade, thanks to a lady in the crowd who was appreciative of our allowing her children to get a photo at the controls earlier.—As we do!



This year Anzac Day fell on a Monday and the weather out in Millthorpe could not have been lovelier! As the day went on, so did the marches and the continual good weather. There were four marches all in all, each one led by the Canobolas Highland Pipe band: a bagpipe band decked out in all their best traditional Scottish attire, kilts and all. The band made the parades ceremonial and vibrant, and they even went on to another town where a fifth march was held!

The first march started in Millthorpe at 7:30 a.m., followed by the second in Carcoar, the third in Mandurama and the last one ending in Lyndhurst. Each march included service people, children from the local schools, a few military vehicles and, as mentioned before, the band. After the marches, each town held speeches to commemorate WWII. The biggest crowd this year was by far at the start of the day in Millthorpe. Though it may be a small town, you wouldn't have known otherwise by the Anzac Day crowd turnout.

Even though each town held a service after each march, Lyndhurst (being the last stop) held a longer open service where people could attend the hall to listen to hymns and prayers as well as speeches. Lyndhurst also put on an array of lovely finger foods for everyone to nibble on and enjoy as a wrap-up to the days' events.

It was a good day to celebrate and honor those that served in the war. The Australian and New Zealand national anthems rang loud and proud through Millthorpe, Carcoar, Mandurama and Lyndhurst today, as they hopefully did all across the rest of the nation as well! *Written by: C. Birecree—Submitted by: Don Marriott*



"ALL POINTS WEST" —NSW



More BURWOOD—NSW



Burwood started with the Dawn Service and a later Parade. Much later, the boys headed into the city to do a stint in Hyde Park and again at the celebrations at the Morrison Bar





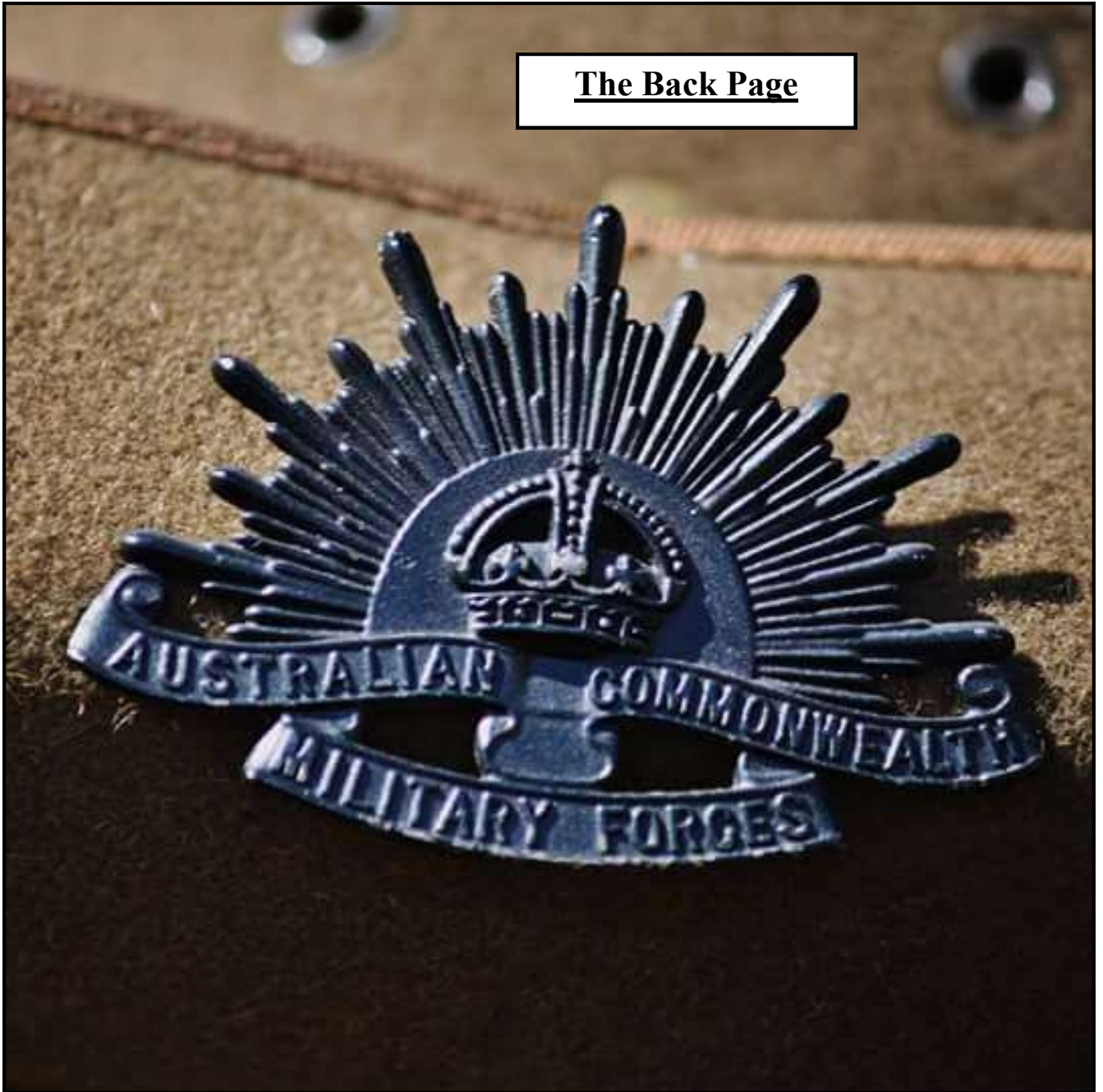
*Every crowd loves a picture in an MV! Jeep or otherwise.
Kids, Vets, currently serving members or even the drunks!
We will omit some of them and the girlies for now, in this special ANZAC Day tribute.*

But later on In another edition, we can get frivolous again and see if we can upset someone else!



SYDNEY—NSW (of course!)

The Back Page



Thanks to you all for your contributions to this special ANZAC Day Edition of the Jeep News.

It only goes to illustrate your commitment to the preservation of the ANZAC Spirit in helping those aging Diggers who can't get out and march with their mates, but do not wish to be left behind.

It also serves as a reminder to the increasing number of younger families, getting out there to support them on their day and teaching their kids the "Spirit of ANZAC" and its role and their mates sacrifices, that give us the freedom we enjoy today.

Our role in their Day is only small, but it's very well appreciated by the many and in the end, promotes to those younger members of the community, our passion for the little green machines and hopefully inspire into them, what inspired us to own them and then one day take the batons from us to carry on with the "Green disease". If you haven't yet become involved in ANZAC Day, contact your local RSL Sub Branch. I am sure they would love to hear from you!

LEST WE FORGET