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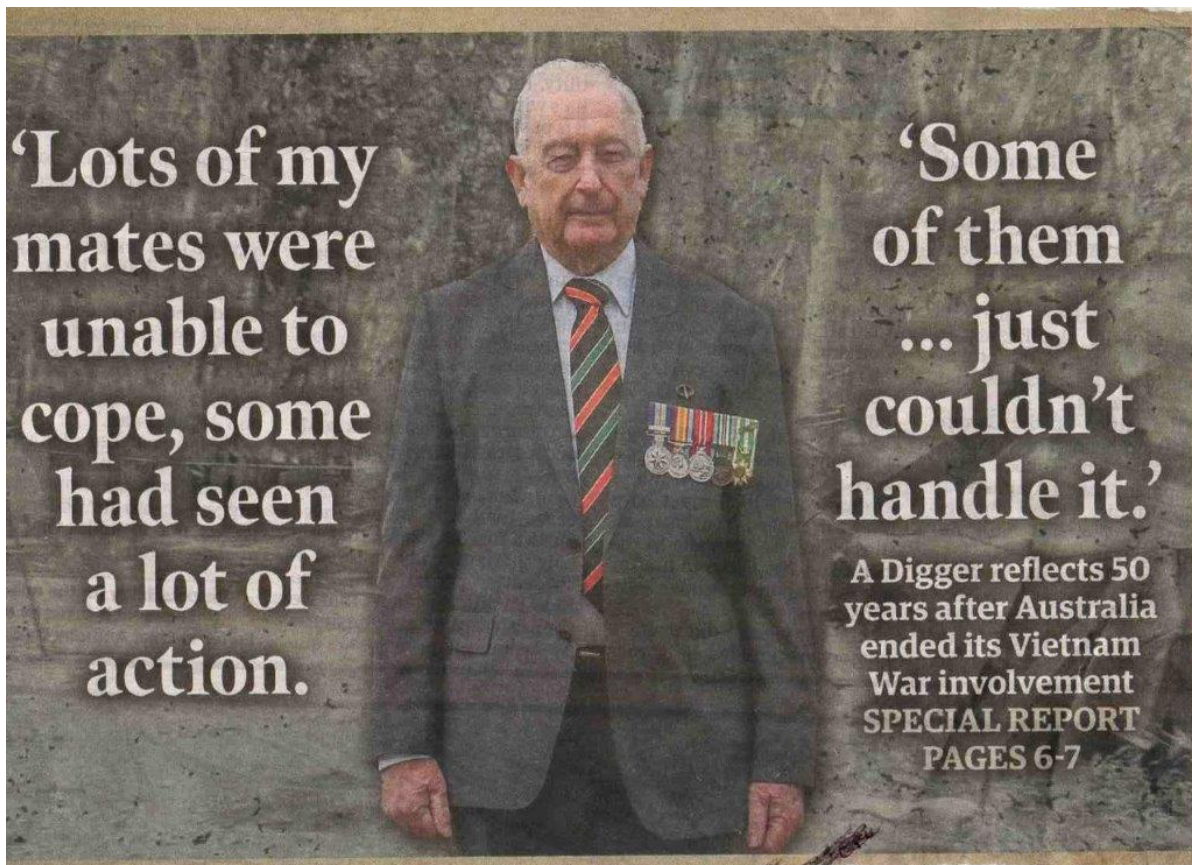
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Highgate Happenings MAY 2023

NOTE: New Secretary email: highgate.secretary@sb.rslwa.org.au



Congratulations to Immediate Past President Bill Munro for an excellent article in The West Australian on Anzac Day. The article, penned with Malcolm Quekett, detailed Bill's journey from holding a pen to a gun, serving as a National Service soldier with 2 RAR in Vietnam in 1967-68. A very personal story of his experiences which provide a compelling and informative read.

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST – A big thank you to Bill Munro for organising the Highgate Sub-Branch Gunfire Breakfast at the Weld Club on Anzac morning. The function was attended by 83 members and guests who enjoyed fruit and yoghurt, bacon and eggs with mushroom, and delicious French pastries. The guest speaker Commodore (Rtd) Brett Dowsing JP entertained attendees with a lively but thoughtful address.

Also thank you to the all Highgate members of the Weld Club for allowing us to use your facilities. A special thanks has been conveyed to the Club Manager, Hugh Stowell, and his staff for their fantastic effort in looking after us on the day.

MAY LUNCH CHANGE OF SPEAKER

Due to field trip commitments, the guest speaker scheduled for May, Professor Karen Filbee-Dexter is unavailable. Vice President John Cleary has arranged for the Deputy Commander 13 Brigade, Karrakatta, **Colonel Craig Madden** to address us on the future of 13 Brigade and other ADF items of interest.



Craig Madden joined the Army upon completion of his secondary schooling at Guildford Grammar School. He was a member of the second intake of the Australian Defence Force Academy and he commissioned from the Royal Military College Duntroon into the Corps of the Royal Australian Engineers in 1991. Colonel Madden has held a range of regimental and staff appointments including Commanding Officer of the 4th Combat Engineer Regiment and Chief of Staff of the Combined Arms Training Centre, Puckapunyal. Colonel Madden's current appointment is Deputy Commander 13th Brigade, Karrakatta. Colonel Madden has seen domestic and overseas operational service including Bomb Disposal and Search advisor to the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games; Commanding Officer of the 370 person Task Group in Kinglake after the 2009 Black Saturday fires; Officer in command of US Marines and US Army Engineers Explosives Awareness Training Team in Iraq; and Advisor to the Afghan Operations Officer of the 205th Corps, Afghan National Army in Kandahar in 2012. Colonel Madden holds a Bachelor of Arts (Human Resources & International Politics); Masters in Management (Defence Studies) and he is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Colonel Madden is married to Alice and they have four children, a son who graduated from the Royal Military College Duntroon last December, a daughter currently in her third year of officer training at the Australian Defence Force Academy and his youngest son who has aspirations to join the RAAF as a fast-jet pilot (he has subsequently been written out of the family will!).

The next lunch is at the Anzac Club on **Monday, 15 May**, 1200 for 1230. Cost \$40, \$5 raffle ticket. Dress jacket and tie, ladies equivalent. Guests most welcome.

Booking Form:

<https://forms.gle/fsb8BK6gJDtR9CEu9>

Response Sheet - view only:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xze0r7JKRyPD6-qZ8i29j-HQmZg3dw_FiRU-FIL81e28/edit?usp=sharing

Bookings close Thursday 11 May. No bookings can be accepted after that date

Secretary's Email Contact

Due to a few issues with my various email addresses, it is requested that members use the following email to contact me from 1 May 23:

highgate.secretary@sb.rslwa.org.au

RSLWA have recently upgraded their systems and provided all Sub-Branch Presidents and Secretaries with a dedicated email address, rather than having them use private email.

I am still having a problem or two sending from that address to a few members emails, but hope to have things resolved shortly.

Greg W Secretary



ADF attends ceremonial duties for King Charles’ coronation.

Photo: Officer in Command of Australia’s Federation Guard Squadron Leader Mitchell Brown will lead Australia’s Federation Guard that will be marching at The King’s Coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023 in London. He is pictured here leading the contingent during The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Pageant, Sunday 5 June 2022 in London. Photo: LSIS Nadav Harel.

By Robert Dougherty

Around 40 Australian Defence Force personnel will undertake ceremonial duties for the coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and the Queen Consort.

Australia’s Federation Guard will travel to the United Kingdom to take part in the coronation procession and marching procession from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace in London on 6 May.

The Royal Australian Air Force will also supply a flypast over Canberra and ADF personnel will provide a National 21 Gun Salute from the forecourt of the Australian Parliament House at 3pm on Sunday, 7 May.

What’s Happening

Future Guest Speakers

19 June 23 - Hon Mia Davies MLA, Former WA Leader of the Opposition

17 July 23 - Ashley Morrison, Australian/ British sports commentator, broadcaster, writer, and documentary filmmaker.

21 August 23 – AGM and OBE/OBN lunch

16 October 23 Sharon McNeil, Manager Desalination Operations – Water Corporation.

Significant buildings and monuments around Australia such as the Russell Offices will be illuminated in royal purple to celebrate the coronation on 6 and 7 May.

“The coronation of the King and the Queen Consort signifies the unerring obligation of Their Majesties to the Commonwealth, dedicating their lives to serve the nation,” said Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles. “The bestowal of the crown and the investiture of regal power exemplifies the pledge of Their Majesties to a life of total dedication, duty, and sacrifice.

“In line with the King and the Queen Consort’s ongoing faithful service to the Commonwealth, the Australian Defence Force’s representation at the coronation demonstrates its tireless commitment to the crown, the government, and the nation.”

(Courtesy Veterans Web)

Lithgow Arms Factory Announces New Rifle

Lithgow Arms continues the development of a new automatic rifle for the Australian armed forces. Based on designs from Melbourne-based Wedgetail Industries, the new rifle appears to be a departure from Lithgow Arms' F90 bullpup platform, however, Wedgetail have previously showcased, at LandForces2022, a prototype 6.8mm chambered F90. In December, Thales Australia and Wedgetail Industries signed an agreement that will see the Wedgetail-developed rifle manufactured at Lithgow if it is selected as part of the Australian Army's upcoming rifle tender.

Currently referred to as the Australian Combat Assault Rifle (ACAR). According to Thales Australia "Wedgetail and Thales Australia's Lithgow Arms initiated a design and development effort on the new weapon system in early 2022. The work was undertaken at Lithgow Arms' C3 – a small arms and weapons systems 'incubator' established on site at the Lithgow facility designed to assist and bring on board small-to-medium enterprises (SME) in the defence industry."



Photo: ACAR (Lithgow Arms/Thales Australia)

The ACAR is an AR platform-based weapon with variants chambered in 5.56x45mm, .300BLK and 7.62x51mm developed.

Matt Duquemin, Thales Australia's Director Integrated Weapons and Sensors, said, "We are proud to work together with Wedgetail – helping develop and grow the innovation and ingenuity of Australian SMEs by bringing down costly barriers to entry often experienced by Australian companies in the defence industry". (Courtesy VeteranWeb)

Just Joking

I took my 8 year old daughter to the office on 'take your kid to work day'. But when we walked into the office she started to cry. As concerned staff gathered around, I asked her what was wrong and she said:

"Daddy where are all the clowns you said you worked with?"

Happy Birthday May Babies:

Wayne Banks, Chris Brooks, Louisa Chamarette, Bob Colligan, Bill Wilson, Oliver Lovelle, Dean Smith, John Blylevens, Neil Anderson, John Cleary, Peter Reed, Sandra Cross.

Apologies if you have been missed. Please notify the Secretary.

“Getting to Know Oliver Lovelle JP (written by Margot Harness)

Casting an eye over Oliver Lovelle’s CV, one cannot help noticing that he’s a fellow with a penchant for hard work and has many “strings-to-his-bow”. He is the great-great-grandson of a Scottish forbear, who was personally charged by Governor Stirling himself to establish a dairy farm in WA, and “gifted” with land south of Bunbury to do so. Raised on that mixed dairy farm, in the district of Stratham, Oliver was the eldest of six children, with three sisters and two brothers. Life was not easy – the siblings required to help milk between 60 – 100 cows before and after school each day. Their home had no electricity nor phone.

His early schooling was in and around Bunbury. But he was always drawn to automotive mechanics and repairing machines, so later undertook study at Kent St High, and a motor mechanic apprenticeship plus “mature age” studies and TAFE trade courses. He is fully qualified in all auto aspects: electronics, air-con, and fuels. In the world of motor mechanic educational standards, he achieved a specialist ranking in his field: that of “State Examiner”.

In the mid-1950s, at age 18, young Oliver fulfilled his obligation of six months National Service, enlisting in the RAAF – a period he enjoyed. That and the exploits of a great uncle who fought at Gallipoli sparked a genuine, loyal regard for our Armed Services, that later translated into membership of the RSL much later down the track. But on reverting to civilian life, he took up a job in Bunbury and Perth, servicing the many buses operated by the WA Government Railways. He later bought his own business: a service station operation in tandem with Caravan Hire - based in Bayswater. This led to him frequently visiting far-flung WA regional towns, garages and road-houses: fixing vehicles, trucks, machinery of all kinds: “Everything from lawn-mowers to semi-trailers”, says Oliver. At his busiest, he had 12 men working for him. But the frequent absences from his wife and family led to a change of direction.

Still very much a stalwart in the automotive world, Oliver got a job with Channel 7, overseeing the mechanical maintenance not only of their fleet of >140 cars, but ALL servicing of motors and engines connected with the then-TVW7-owned Drive-Ins and “Lion Park”. He remembers these as “heady days” when Channel 7 ran Pageants and “Miss Universe” events. But after 13 happy years, fiscal mismanagement and change of ownership led to an abrupt collapse of TVW7, and like all his fellow-employees, Oliver suddenly found himself without a job, and his superannuation nest-egg: “gone”.

Fortunately, his wide network of contacts and ‘good name’ led to an unexpected job offer from a senior Policeman, who offered him admin work in their Crime Sections – everything from maintaining files to warehousing items for evidence. Eight happy years, without any two days the same!



Along the way, Oliver attended Curtin Uni for a year, to qualify as a Justice of the Peace. He joined the RSL in 1993, and was asked specifically to help found a National Service Association in WA. He gladly did this, and became the inaugural State Pres of it - simultaneously establishing links with ex-NS men in other states – to make this group a nation-wide entity. He spent 10 years on the RSLWA State Executive. Oliver enjoyed a long and happy marriage, until the death of his wife 21 years ago. Their three sons are a source of pride: the eldest a Senior Manager with ARC; the second, a CEO with Age Care WA; and the third: 37 years in the RAN. His hobbies over a lifetime have been caravanning and photography. He was the

President of the Mount Lawley RSL Sub-Branch for 14 years; and is a Life Member of the RSL Australia.

Highgate is pleased and glad that you chose to transfer to us Oliver!

War Graves at Karrakatta Cemetery

Notice to all RSL Sub Branches

Many returned WWI servicemen succumbed to the effects of the war after it had ended. They were buried in civil cemeteries, including Karrakatta cemetery, as the Perth War Cemetery was not established until 1942. In 1986, the Cemeteries Act allowed for the 'renewal' of graves, the process whereby headstones of graves are removed and new burials take place in the original walkways.

The outcome is that over 100 official commemorations, AIF granite headstones, commemorating their sacrifice, have been destroyed. These include headstones of servicemen decorated for bravery and Prisoners of War. Today, many servicemen remain buried under footpaths, walls, and garden beds. This is despite undertakings provided by both the Australian Government and the Metropolitan Cemetery Board's predecessor, the Karrakatta Cemetery Board, that their graves and headstones would be maintained and cared for 'in perpetuity'.

RSLWA 2022 Congress Resolution

In 2020 the Claremont and Nedlands RSL Sub-Branches established an Advocacy group to have these war graves either reinstated or reinterred. The group met with both the Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG) and the Metropolitan Cemetery Board (MCB). OAWG and MCB agreed they would consider reinstatement of these war graves, where possible. However, both OAWG and MCB required the Advocacy group to trace the existing family members to seek their views even though the family wasn't consulted when the commemorations were removed. The family decided to accept the government's offer of a permanent official commemoration, an AIF granite headstone, at the time of the burial.

The Advocacy group requested that the official commemorations be a like-for-like commemoration, an AIF granite headstone, the same as the original. The Advocacy group located many families and all requested the same outcome, the reinstatement of a like-for-like official commemoration. The Advocacy group's position is that all these soldiers' graves need to be reinstated or reinterred to restore the respect they deserve. The Advocacy group sought the assistance of RSLWA to support its efforts by seeking and obtaining a resolution at the 2022 Congress. The resolution passed:

Raise a working committee from interested RSL Branches and RSLWA Central to raise the profile and have the headstones that have been removed replaced. Seek Legislation in State Parliament to ensure the headstones and gravesites remain forever and protected under legislation.

Since May 2022 Congress, the RSLWA working committee has yet to be established. The Advocacy group's work has been delayed and adversely affected due to this inaction.

Private William Fitzsimons

Private William Fitzsimons (AIF 6761), a WWI veteran, was buried at Karrakatta Cemetery on 26 July 1939. As his death was attributed to his war service he was awarded an official AIF commemoration, a granite headstone. This was inexplicably removed by the government in 1969 and replaced with a bronze plaque in the Garden of Remembrance (GRM). OAWG was asked by the Advocacy group, on behalf of the family, to have his official commemoration moved back to his gravesite.

OAWG rejected this request. First OAWG claimed Private Fitzsimons wasn't originally provided with a headstone. Fortunately, our group had a photograph of it. OAWG then claimed that as his grave had been declared 'unmaintainable' and was 'out-of-grant', OAWG was entitled to remove the commemoration and replace it with a bronze plaque in the GRM. However, this action does not comply with the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's policy on 'unmaintainable graves'. Private Fitzsimons' grave was indeed maintainable and it was also still '**in-grant**' at the time. OAWG did not have the right to remove it as that right resided with the grant holder, the family. When alerted to this OAWG then claimed that it is not able to reinstate the headstone as Private Fitzsimons' father was buried in the grave, even though his father was buried in the grave before Private Fitzsimons and prior to the Australian government placing his original headstone on his grave.

Private Fitzsimons' family authorised the Claremont Sub-Branch to act on its behalf. His **104-year-old daughter** currently lives in Mandurah and wants it reinstated. OAWG has rejected all attempts by ourselves and his family, to honour him with a like-for-like granite headstone. That is a replacement for the original official commemoration. It is now time to rectify this sad and shameful chapter in Australia's history of war grave management.

Your Sub-Branch support is sought to:

1. Support the family of Private Fitzsimons by writing to both the RSLWA and Minister DVA, requesting the Australian Government honour its obligation, and respects the family's request, for his official commemoration, an AIF granite headstone, to be reinstated at his gravesite to honour his sacrifice.
2. Lobby for all the affected/abandoned war graves at Karrakatta Cemetery to either be reinstated or reinterred at the Perth War Cemetery.

You may email Minister Keogh at Matt.Keogh.MP@aph.gov.au. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact David Thomas, President Claremont RSL Sub Branch on 0418 448 933 or email david@r2rservices.com.au

ANZAC ADDRESS 2023 – SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE CAIRNS

By BRIG George Mansford AM (Rtd) 23 April 2023

Australia, in the 50s was alarmed at the spread of communism in our region.

North Korea had invaded South Korea. Malaya, as it was in 1948, a British Colony, was under threat by increasing insurgent attacks from established bases in its vast jungles. Alarm bells were still ringing when Communist Forces defeated the French Army in Indo China and as a result, Vietnam was split into North and South with an already growing infrastructure of communist insurgency in an infant democratic South Vietnam.

In Australia, its small military contingency to Korea had no sooner commenced its return to Australia when we were committed to assisting in troubled Malaya and soon after, South Vietnam as well. Then arrived a further commitment to counter the Indonesian confrontation in Borneo. Thus, with such threats in our region and an over-committed small Armed Forces, conscription by ballot for two years' service including overseas service was introduced in 1965.

I was there in Enoggera Barracks, Brisbane, when the first Conscripts became the nucleus of a new infantry battalion, It was certainly not an easy Unit task to be ready to fight in such a short time frame, however, our young soldiers, both regular and conscripts were magnificent and clearly a clear reflection of those ANZACs' who had trained in the same barracks before joining the entire force sailing for Gallipoli.

History also records that our young soldiers were at war before the battalion's first birthday and fought many a bloody battle which included battles such as Long Tan and Bribie Island.

They were not alone, many thousands of young and not so young men and women served in Vietnam and there were so many unwanted knocks on the door by sad-faced messengers with terrible news that a loved one was badly wounded or worse still, had been killed in action.

A classic example of sacrifice was demonstrated by a young married couple, two battlers with an infant son recently born, had a sad record of family sacrifice. The soldier's father serving in England during WW2 was posted missing while on air operations over Germany. His wife's father, a soldier, was reported missing in action in the Pacific 1942. Then another war (Vietnam) and the wife with the arrival of an unwanted knock on the door became a widow with the news her husband, a Regular Army Warrant Officer soldier, had been killed in action in Vietnam.

The characteristics of our soldiers in the Vietnam era were no different to wars before them and those that followed Always pride in who they were, what they were, and where they came from. Always was their humour, no matter how grim or demanding the circumstances. They were always as one, defiant, determined and resolute. Forever yearning to be home, in their beloved land down under.

Much of their time was spent in the seemingly endless green dense jungles, swamps, rubber plantations and rice fields.

No matter where danger was so often just around the corner, be it fleeting clashes with small groups of enemy, or outnumbered and under heavy fire at close range from a well-camouflaged bunker system, not forgetting the heavy use of mines and booby traps where the weight or tug of a foot would trigger terrible injuries and so often death.

Not too far away, after evacuation by helicopters, were the dedicated and devoted beloved young Florence Nightingales, ready to receive and treat such terrible bloody wounds and comfort very troubled minds.

Not surprising, our troops quickly became much more disciplined and battle-hardened veterans. They demonstrated personal and collective courage and in my view, unquestionably their most powerful armour was their trust, caring, sharing and strong faith in each other, and immense regional and national pride. There is much our politicians could readily learn from such soldiers' selfless deeds and constant demonstration of unity from all walks of life, regardless of race, colour, or religion and always the belief; we are as one.

You, our students of today are our leaders of tomorrow at all levels of society. You can best honour all of our fallen by your conduct and example to those generations who will follow and mark it well, it will be an obligation of trust and honour, no matter your disappointments, trials and ordeals yet to be confronted.

Like my two young comrades in uniform with me today, hopefully, your time will be forever in peace. And yet, no matter the challenges of life confronted, always you will be standing tall, forever your love of nation, sharing, caring, and always the battle cry as it was with the ANZACS, and forever more here in the land Down Under in all walks of life; "We are as one"

George Mansford enlisted in the Australian Army in 1951. He served 40 years as an infantryman; most of that time in the Royal Australian Regiment. His service included Korea, the Malayan Emergency, Thai Border, Vietnam, New Guinea and Singapore. He was commissioned from the ranks in 1964.

Korean War Memorial Kings Park

Members proceeding down May Drive after the Dawn Service on Anzac Day may have noticed a new structure under construction east of Saw Avenue on the south side of May Drive. This is the new Korean War Memorial. Great to see that most of the stonework, including a large rock from Korea in place. Landscaping still to be carried out.

The Memorial will be dedicated on Thursday 27 July. Further details will be advised in future Highgate Happenings.

Chuckle Corner



At a recent neighbourhood dinner at our place, my wife's best friend's four-year old daughter kept staring at me as I sat opposite her. The girl hardly touched her food as she continued her unblinking stare. I felt my face and lips to check for food particles; checked my shirt for spots; patted my hair into place – but nothing stopped her from staring at me.

Finally – as others at the table had observed her fixed stare and behaviour, I asked her: "Why are you staring at me?"

The table went quiet, waiting for her response. Finally ... the little girl said: I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish."

A man was telling his neighbour, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art...it's perfect.'

'Really,' answered the neighbour. 'What kind is it?'

'Twelve thirty..

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY HISTORY IN MAY (*Courtesy AWM*)

1 May 1945. 26th Brigade, 9th Division, troops invade Tarakan. General MacArthur instructed Lieutenant General Sir Leslie Morshead, commander of I Corps, to seize and hold Tarakan Island and destroy the enemy forces there. The Netherlands East Indies Government was to be re-established, Tarakan's oil producing capacity was to be conserved and the island's airfields put into use. The operation was codenamed Oboe 1, and the invasion began on 1 May 1945. Within five days the town and airstrip had been secured.

4 May 1942. Battle of Coral Sea begins. This was the first naval engagement fought by aircraft alone. Although neither side won a clear victory, the Japanese were forced to attempt to capture Port Moresby in a ground campaign, rather than by sea as they had hoped.

6 May & 11 May 1969. Warrant Officer Class 2 R.S. Simpson, Australian Army Training Team Vietnam, originally from Chippendale, NSW, performs the action for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross in fighting in Kontum Province, South Vietnam.

13 May 1968. Fire Support Base Coral attacked. The partly-constructed base, north of Saigon, was defended by Australian infantry, artillery, and air support when it was attacked by North Vietnamese troops. Eleven Australians were killed and 28 wounded before the attackers were driven back. Fifty-two enemy soldiers were killed and one was taken prisoner.

14 May 1943. The hospital ship Centaur was sunk by a Japanese submarine off the south Queensland coast. Only 64 of the 333 on board survived.

14 May 1956. 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, attacks communist terrorists near Sungai Siput, Malaya.

15 May 1915. Major General W.T. Bridges wounded at Gallipoli. Bridges, commander of the First Division, AIF, died on 18 May while being taken to Egypt for treatment. His body was returned to Australia and buried overlooking the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

16 May 1968. Fire Support Base Coral attacked for a second time. An attack on the base by a North Vietnamese Army force estimated at three battalions was repelled by APCs and soldiers from 1st battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. Five Australians were killed and 19 wounded. Thirty-four enemy bodies were found.

21 May 1968. HMAS Sydney leaves Brisbane on its tenth voyage to Vietnam with 4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, embarked.

26 May 1968. Fire Support Base Balmoral attacked. Fire Support Base Balmoral, just north of FSB Coral, was attacked by a North Vietnamese Army battalion. Three soldiers from 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, were killed and 14 wounded. Six enemy bodies were found.

27 May 1965. HMAS Sydney's first voyage to Vietnam. HMAS Sydney departs on first voyage to Vietnam with 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, embarked.

28 May 1968. Fire Support Base Balmoral attacked for a second time. A second heavy assault on Fire Support Base Balmoral took place in the early hours of the morning. The attack was driven off by combined arms – infantry, armour, artillery and air support. Forty-two enemy bodies were found on the battlefield and seven prisoners were taken.

28 May 1968. D company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, awarded the United States Presidential Unit Citation for the Battle of Long Tan.

28 May 1970. Australian Army Training Team Vietnam awarded United States Meritorious Citation.



58 YEARS SINCE AUSSIE TROOPS COMMITTED TO THE VIETNAM WAR

On 29 April in 1965, then Prime Minister Robert Menzies announced in Parliament that Australia would send an infantry battalion of combat troops to Vietnam, significantly increasing our commitment to Australia's longest 20th century conflict.

More than 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam, with over 3,000 wounded. Sadly, 523 Australians lost their lives during the Vietnam War. On this day, we honour those who lost their lives.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Keogh noted the significance of the Anniversary and paid tribute to those who served in the defence of our nation during the Vietnam War.

"This was a war that was at times contentious at home, and for some veterans, their service was not recognised as it should have been."

"Throughout 2023, the Australian Government is recognising the contribution of Vietnam veterans, their service in Vietnam and their role as integral members of the ex-service community in the decades since the war," Minister Keogh said.

"To each and every one of our Vietnam veterans: we honour you, we thank you."

On Vietnam Veterans' Day, 18 August 2023, a national commemorative service will be held at the Vietnam Forces National Memorial in Canberra to recognise the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

For more information about the service and the 50th anniversary, and to apply for a commemorative medallion, visit the Department of Veterans' Affairs website: dva.gov.au/vietnam50