



HONOUR ROLL  
 MEN OF THE TUMUT DISTRICT  
 WHO ENLISTED IN WORLD  
 1939 - 45  
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 BRAYSHAW C.H.

25TH APRIL 2012



ROLL OF HONOR

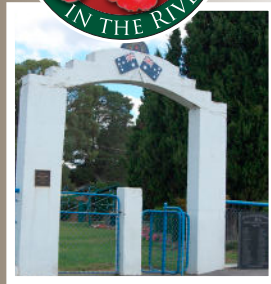
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## ROSEWOOD'S ALLEGIANCE

UNLIKE The Great War of 1914-18 when men fought the battles and women who went to war served in medical units, World War II was truly a matter of "one in, all in".

Many rolls of honour across the countryside represent the fact the 1939-45 war generally involved anyone and everyone, irrespective of gender.

Whereas in World War I women stood behind their men, this time they were in many ways right alongside!

Olive and Pansy King, whose names are etched into a splendidly carved black granite slab installed in 1995 and placed beside the Rosewood War Memorial Arch (pictured), are testament to their district's determination to help win the war.

Both were born at Tumbarumba and they enlisted at Holbrook on the same day - 25 May 1943.

They served as Sappers, Olive with 4 Royal Australian Engineers Training Battalion and Pansy with the Australian Women's Army Service.

They certainly did their bit ... their duty and the collective efforts of women right across Australia played no small part in ensuring a hard won victory for the Allies.

## ANZAC LEGACY ENDURES

FROM ANZAC Cove at Gallipoli and the bloody and muddy trenches of the Western Front to the swirling desert sands or guerilla operations in back streets of Afghanistan, Australia's military personnel have earned a reputation for bravery, selflessness and perhaps above all, mateship.

Our soldiers' renown as courageous and fierce fighters, considered as good as any by Allies and enemy alike, was and is also held in the same high esteem as that of our combative strength in the air and on water.

As we approach the centenary of Gallipoli, the ANZAC spirit burns as brightly as ever.

It is evident in the determination of Ex-Servicemen and Women who wear their medals with pride as they stoically march on 25 April each year.

It shows in the adults who line the streets and look on with admiration and deep respect as yesteryear's warriors file past.

It is there for all to see in the faces of children, many too young to know the true meaning of the occasion, but who nevertheless happily wave flags to add colour and purpose to the commemoration.

Youngsters bring purpose to ANZAC Day observances because it is their future which has been secured by mighty sacrifices made in campaigns past.

Indeed, more than one war memorial has inscribed the words: "When you go home, tell them of us and say, 'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'"

The ANZAC legend is also embodied in those gallant members presently wearing an Australian Defence Force uniform. It is in their DNA. So too are the qualities of true grit, valour and a desire to seek peace in our times. May they all return home safely from their important overseas deployments when their duty is done.

This ANZAC Day, let us especially remember the families of our fallen in the War in Afghanistan since 2002. Lest we forget.

*Michael McCormack*

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## COVER PICTURE:

ON GUARD!: Standing to attention with their dress-up uniforms and toy guns, Bongongo Public School Year 5 pupils Tom Lucas (left) and Drew Polsen, both 11, certainly look the part in front of the Adjungbilly Honour Rolls. Tom has family ties to Joe and Tom Jones who served in World War I. See the full story in the centrespread.



## TUMUT'S BOER WAR HEROES

A CENOTAPH made out of granite, marble and stone (pictured) situated in a lovely garden overlooking the peaceful grounds of Richmond Park honours Tumut's fallen Boer War trio. Privates Edward James Morris and Denis Joseph Murray, both with the New South Wales Imperial Bushmen (D and F Company respectively), died of enteric fever. Typhoid disease germs, due to polluted water, proved deadlier than bullets in the Second South African War of 1899-1902. Tumut Trooper Robert Patrick Quin Boyd, with the Bechuanaland Rifle, was killed in action on 18 October 1901 and buried at Wonderfontein Farm, Groot Marico.

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IN HONOUR: The 17 local soldiers who died in World War I are remembered at Union Jack.



AT REST:  
The grave of Private Henry Gaylard.

FRESH-FACED: Henry Gaylard, who died of disease as a PoW aged 23. Picture courtesy Catherine and Ron Frew, authors of 'Sons to the Empire's Cause - Tumbarumba in World War I.

## UNION JACK'S GALLANTRY

HENRY Charles Gaylard was a fighting fit, strapping young lad when he enlisted with the Australian Imperial Force and headed to The Great War in 1916.

The 20-year-old Tumbarumba carpenter/labourer sailed out of Sydney on HMAT *Ascanius* with the 55th Infantry Battalion's 7th Reinforcements with several other Riverina boys.

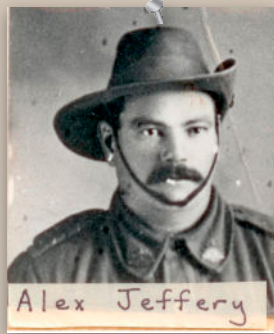
Captured by the Germans during the Battle of Lagnicourt, France, in April 1917, Private Gaylard was interned at Hamelin and spent time in a number of Prisoner of War camps before falling gravely ill.

Tragically, on 17 September 1918, with a truce less than eight weeks away, Pte Gaylard succumbed to Spanish fever and heart weakness in the German camp at Wahmbeck and was buried in the village cemetery.

After the Armistice his remains were exhumed and reinterred in the Niederzwehren Cemetery, Kassel, Germany - a long way from home and family members who ached for his loss.

Pte Gaylard's name is on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra and, perhaps more significantly for his loved ones, at Tumbarumba as well as at Union Jack, a picturesque and peaceful place, five kilometres north of town, where a monument to the 17 fallen brave locals was unveiled on Empire Day, 24 May 1922.

There was a gold mine at Union Jack from 1898 and the magnificent obelisk was a tribute to those from the Adelong Road and Pound Creek area who did not return from the war.



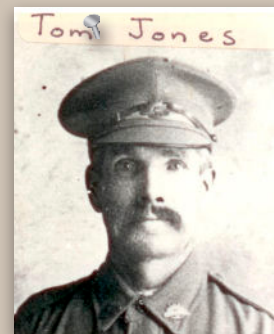
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# MIGHTY MEN OF ADJUNGBILLY

THERE is a heart-rending marble memorial which has been framed and affixed to the wall of the community hall at the 125-year-old Bongongo Public School in the hills near Gundagai and Tumut.

The names of 13 locals are inscribed, representing those brave men of Adjungbilly and Tomorroma who fought in The Great War of 1914-18, as the tablet records "For King and Country".

Sadly, four of those are marked with a cross, indicating they were killed in action.

Four out of 13 from a close-knit district is a heavy price to pay by a small community doing its duty in the service of the nation.

Two of those who died, Alexander Jeffery and Dudley Clyde Maher, enlisted a month apart in 1916 and died within two days of each other the following year.

Private Jeffery, 35, signed on with the Australian Imperial Force's 1st Infantry Battalion on 13 March 1916 and sailed out of Sydney with the 19th Reinforcements aboard HMAT *Wiltshire* on 22 August the same year.

He was a widower and when he headed off to the battlefields of Europe he bade farewell to his cherished daughter, Hilda, born in 1908, not knowing he would never see her again.

How heartbreaking must it have been for this little girl to lose both parents at such a young age?

She was granted a pension of £1 a fortnight from 11 October 1917.

Like Pte Jeffery, Pte Maher was born at Tumut, was also a labourer and he, too, had taken his oath at Cootamundra although a month to the day earlier.

The 23-year-old left Sydney on 9 September on HMAT *Euripides* bound for Plymouth, England, where he spent time with the 5th Training Battalion.

The son of John Maher, Clyde saw action with the 19th Battalion but was reported missing in France on 3 May 1917.

Just days later a similar fate awaited Pte Jeffery, also in France.

Several months went by before Courts of Inquiry determined that both men had been killed in action, their bodies never recovered.

Both are remembered at the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial as well as those at Bongongo, Gundagai and the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

All 27 Adjungbilly soldiers returned home from World War II and only three sustained wounds including Military Medallist Sergeant Leonard Gardiner, Pte Norman Ellison and Sgt Berton Kingwill, who was Mentioned in Despatches.

Although tiny and sparsely populated, Adjungbilly punched well above its weight when the call came for volunteers to fight wars in faraway lands.

Its men went willingly and fought bravely.

Not all of them made it home.

Locals remain grateful for the service they gave. Those plucky Adjungbilly Diggers are remembered and their deeds admired, especially on ANZAC Day and each time a child at the historic Bongongo school looks up at the honour boards and asks about the gallant men whose names are etched upon them.

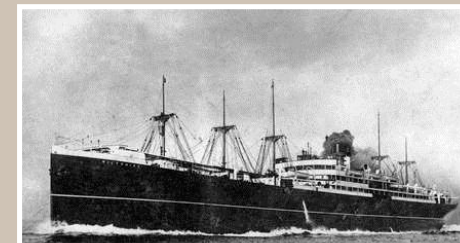
*IMMORTALISED: Dudley Maher and Alexander Jeffery's names on the panels which form the World War I Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. Red poppies placed alongside names of the fallen by visitors signify the respect they command forevermore.*



*IN REMEMBRANCE: The district's Roll of Honour for World War I. (Far left) HEROES ALL: The names of Adjungbilly's finest who fought in World War II.*



*TROOPSHIPS: The vessels which took two ill-fated Adjungbilly Diggers to war ... HMAT Euripides (above) which took Dudley Maher away from his homeland and HMAT Wiltshire (below) which carried Alex Jeffery to his destiny.*





*TRAGIC: How The Daily Advertiser at Wagga Wagga reported the awful news.*

## FAMILY'S SAD LOSS

A WELL-KNOWN Gundagai family's grief was magnified when news filtered through that 20-year-old Neil Anthony McNerney had been killed in action in South Vietnam in 1968.

Private McNerney had been home just a month earlier to attend his father Barton's funeral, leaving for Vietnam soon after.

There were six children in the close-knit family – five boys and a girl – and losing two members in such a short space of time was heart-wrenching.

Educated at the Gundagai Convent to Intermediate level, Pte McNerney showed particular promise as a swimmer, representing his town several times at junior events.

He also inherited his father's Rugby League prowess.

A labourer before joining the Army, Pte McNerney had spent 195 days in the 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, before his death on 7 October.



**LEST WE FORGET:** The remembrance gates lead to the Brungle Memorial Hall which houses the district honour board on which is inscribed the names of 47 district men and one woman (Joan Carter of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service) who served in World War II.

## BRAVE BRUNGLE DUO TOGETHER FOREVER

THE links between two brave young Snowy Mountains men were uncannily similar as if their lives were drawn inextricably together until the very end.

They are honoured on the Memorial Gates at Brungle where both their names and tragic fates are inscribed on marble plaques set into red brick pillars.

Ronald Gordon Hartshorn and Leo Malone were both born at Gundagai; Hartshorn in June 1922, Malone in the same month a year later.

Both became Privates with the Australian Army in World War II.

Each was from the land; Hartshorn working in the dairy industry and Malone listing farm worker as his occupation.

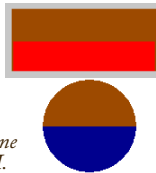
Malone was first to enlist, signing on at Tarrabandra on 9 September 1942 while Hartshorn joined from Brungle on 8 February 1943.

The pair ultimately saw action in the Lae-Salamaua campaign, a series of operations in New Guinea.

Australian and United States forces sought to capture two major Japanese bases, one in the town of Lae and the other at Salamaua.

The campaign to take the Lae and Salamaua area began with an Australian attack on Japanese positions near Mubo, on 22 April

*INSIGNIAS: The unit colour patches of the Australia Infantry Battalions of Ronald Hartshorn (2/7, top right) and Leo Malone (47) in World War II.*



1943. The campaign ended with the fall of Lae on 16 September 1943.

Sadly, neither 21-year-old Hartshorn, with the 47th Australian Infantry Battalion, nor Malone, aged just 20 and a member of the 2nd 7th Battalion, survived to see the Allied victory.

Both were killed in action just six days apart in August 1943 and buried in Salamaua War Cemetery.

Together in so many ways throughout their lives, they were also united in death and will be forever remembered where their names are immortalised ... at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, on the Gundagai monument at the intersection of Sheridan and Virgil Streets and Railway Parade and at the gateway to Brungle Memorial Hall.

The families of the two men placed commemorative engraved silver plaques under the original memorial tablets on ANZAC Day eve in 1993, the 50th year since the untimely deaths of the brave boys from Brungle.

## 2012 ANZAC DAY SERVICE TIMES AND VENUES

### SNOWY MOUNTAINS: ADELONG

- 9.45am Pilgrimage to Adelong Cemetery to lay flowers on graves of recently deceased Ex-Servicemen and Women.
- 10.45am March.
- 11am Wreath Laying and Service, Memorial Park Cenotaph.
- 11.45am Service at Grahamstown-Shepardstown Monument, Tumut St.

### BATLOW

- 6am Dawn Service at Cenotaph.
- 3pm March from RSL to Cenotaph.
- 3.15pm Service.

### GUNDAGAI (Includes Coolac, Mount Horeb, Tumbalong)

- 6am Dawn Service, ANZAC Walk.
- 10.30am March from Family Hotel, Sheridan St.
- 11am Main Service, Cenotaph, intersection of Sheridan and Virgil St's and Railway Pde.

### NANGUS

- To be commemorated on Thurs, 26 April.
- 10.30am Service at Public School, Hulong St. Includes speeches by Gundagai RSL Sub-Branch and Kapooka Army Base representatives.

### TALBINGO

- 6.30am Dawn Service, Cenotaph in Miles Franklin Park.

### TUMBARUMBA (includes Khancoban, Rosewood, Tooma)

- 6am Dawn Service, District War Memorial, cnr of Bridge and Winton St's.
- 6.30am Travel to Cemetery, lay wreaths on graves of Ex-Servicemen and Women who have died during the past year.
- 10.30 March.
- 11am Main Service.

### TUMBLONG

- 9am Service at Cenotaph outside St James' Church on Adelong Rd.

### TUMUT (Includes Brungle, Lacmalac)

- 6am Dawn Service, Cenotaph in Richmond Park, cnr of Russell, Capper and Robertson St's.
- 10.30am March from Wynyard St.

- 11am Main Service.

### WAGGA WAGGA

- 5.45am Dawn Service arranged by Legacy at the Cenotaph in the Victory Memorial Gardens, Baylis St.
- 6.30am Pilgrimage to Wagga Wagga War Cemetery, Koorringal Rd.
- 10.30am Baylis St March begins.
- 11am Wreath Laying, Victory Memorial Gardens Cenotaph. Address by Senior Navy Officer, Lieutenant Commander Linton Lee Senior Naval Officer. Salute taken by Army Recruit Training Centre Kapooka Commandant, Colonel David Hay.

### WALWA, VICTORIA (Includes Jingellic)

- 10am Service, Cenotaph, Services Memorial Hall, main street of Walwa (Murray River Rd), followed by free lunch provided by Walwa-Jingellic Lions Club then Two-up with proceeds to Legacy.

### CAPITAL CITY SERVICES: CANBERRA

- 5.30am Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial (suggested arrival from 4.30am onwards).
- 6.30am Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commemorative Ceremony at the Aboriginal Memorial Plaque on the side of Mount Ainslie.
- 10.15am National Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial (suggested arrival 9.45am).

### SYDNEY

- 4.15am Dawn Service at the Cenotaph in Martin Place.
- 8.30am Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph in Martin Place.
- 9am ANZAC Day March starting at Martin Place/George St/ Bathurst St/Hyde Park.
- 12.30pm Commemorative Service at the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park South.
- 1pm Aboriginal ANZAC Day March in Redfern.
- 5pm Sunset Service at the Cenotaph in Martin Place.



## GUNDAGAI'S DEDICATION

GUNDAGAI certainly did its duty in the Vietnam War with 20 brave men serving – 19 of them with the Army and the other with the Royal Australian Navy aboard HMAS *Hobart*.

Their efforts and sacrifice are commemorated in the town's ANZAC Park in Landon Street on a magnificent black granite monument (pictured) featuring the badges of the three services, replicas of three service/campaign medals and a white cross which includes an image of the war.

"*Together then together now*" reads the gold lettering on the Memorial, emphasising the strong and enduring bonds of mateship forged during those difficult times.

Peter James McLeod from Gundagai was an engineering mechanic on *Hobart*, a Perth class guided missile destroyer and gave 412 days of service to his country.

The longest-serving Gundagai-born Vietnam War Veteran was Warrant Officer Class Two Bruce Elphick, with 631 days in the Australian Army Training Team.

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## STUDENTS SHOW ANZAC PRIDE

RIVERINA primary and secondary school students have again responded enthusiastically to the second annual writing competition "ANZAC Day in the Riverina".

Hundreds of poems and short stories were submitted with the best entrants being awarded book prizes from the Australian War Memorial.

The most outstanding primary entrant received a copy of the wonderful tale *The Red Poppy* whilst the splendid hard cover book *Australian Women and War* went to the high school winner.

Every student who sent in an entry will be presented with a commemorative signed certificate.



*WINNER: Breeanna Harrigan, 11, Year 6, Adelong Public School.*

### A DAY TO REMEMBER

AS WE stand there in our lines so quietly, we remember those who lost their lives and fought for our country who now lay there underneath the ground, so peaceful and quiet.

As we sing our National Anthem and say those words "Lest we forget" and march with our friends wearing red poppies and others wearing their medals we remember those soldiers who fought and died for us in the war.

No matter where we are, whether we are in the park or at school, we remember this day, we will remember them.

The happiness passes away as we remember them.

We may not know them but they are still special in every way.

### A TIME TO REFLECT

I STOOD and stared nobly at the old soldier's shiny medals and remembered all the stories I had been told about the war.

What a horrible feeling: the suffering, hard work and fear he had been put through.

While he was out there on the treacherous battlefield, everyone back home would have been sipping cups of tea, dunking biscuits and chatting. Did they ever fear for him?

I thought about all this whilst I was listening to the stories being told by the families, friends and soul mates of their brave men that have fought in the war.

It was a mild day in Tumbarumba; the wind was rustling the red and yellow leaves and scuttling them across the ground behind us. Everyone was dressed in their finest clothes. People with heavily worn makeup, wearing dark grey suits and long flowing dresses gawked at wreaths and plaques presented in the memorial ring.

The Sun smiles from behind the clouds, burning them away and warming a circle around the crowd.

ANZAC Day is such a reflective day of re-living past events and emotions. I looked around the park, perceiving the Ex-Commando's weary and dreaded eyes. They had grieved enough already, I thought.



*BOOK PRIZE: Gary Spratling, 15, Year 10, Tumbarumba High School.*

*SANDAKAN SHRINE: It was an emotional and fitting tribute when a magnificent monument was unveiled in Tumbarumba Memorial Park on 12 November 2011 honouring the four brave men with local connections who died in 1945 in the Sandakan death marches. At the opening are (from left) Judy Rutledge (daughter of Corporal Robert McEwan who died as a Prisoner of War at Ranau aged 29, Tumbarumba Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ian Chaffey, Debbie Lilly (great-niece of PoW Private Gordon Burgun who died at Sandakan aged 40), Michael McCormack MP, Nerida Barnsley OAM (niece of PoW Bombardier Dave Taylor who died at Ranau at just 23) and Senior Personal Assistant to the President Sandakan Municipal Council, Catherin Chua. The other local PoW who died was Driver Charles Perrott, 33, at Sandakan.*

