



AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION, NAIROBI

**ANZAC DAY
DAWN SERVICE**

NAIROBI WAR CEMETERY

25 APRIL 2019



RAAF air crew from left, Gunner Cliff Briggs, Gus Allen and Observer (navigator) Bill Corbett outside their tent in Kenya, c1942



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL P04.285.001

*War Office,
23rd December, 1915.*

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officers:—

Temporary Lieutenant Wilbur Dartnell, late 25th (Service) Battalion (Frontiersmen), The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

For most conspicuous bravery near Maktau (East Africa) on 3rd September, 1915.

During a mounted infantry engagement the enemy got within a few yards of our men, and it was found impossible to get the more severely wounded away. Lieutenant Dartnell, who was himself being carried away wounded in the leg, seeing the situation, and knowing that the enemy's black troops murdered the wounded, insisted on being left behind in the hopes of being able to save the lives of the other wounded men.

He gave his own life in the gallant attempt to save others.

Lieutenant William Thomas Dartnell, VC

William Dartnell, born in Collingwood, Melbourne was living in South Africa when the First World War began and he enlisted in the British Army in East Africa. His Victoria Cross was awarded posthumously for his actions on 3 September 1915, near Maktau, Kenya. He is buried in the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Voi, Kenya.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN BURIED AND HONOURED IN KENYA

John Arthur AHERN, Sergeant	Gilgil War Cemetery
Ronald Giles DANIEL, Sergeant	Gilgil War Cemetery
Norman George PETERS, Sergeant	Gilgil War Cemetery
Herbert James EVERETT, Sergeant	Kisumu War Cemetery
Frank Alfred SINCLAIR, Sergeant	Kisumu War Cemetery
George Arthur HIATT, Eng Rm Artificer 4 th Class	Mombasa Cemetery
Arthur George THOMPSON, Sub Lieutenant	Mombasa Cemetery
Desmond James DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Sergeant	Nairobi (Forest Road)
Lincoln Joseph HANDS, Sergeant	Nairobi (Forest Road)
Frank Lawson INGHAM, Flying Officer	Nairobi (Forest Road)
Frederick Anthony PAUL, Sergeant	Nairobi (Forest Road)
Brian Squire FOWLER, Pilot Officer	Nairobi War Cemetery
Victor JARIUS, Able Seaman	Nairobi War Cemetery
Patricia CASHMORE, Sister	Nairobi War Cemetery
Fergus Alistair ALLAN, Pilot Officer	Nakuru North Cemetery
John William BALFOUR, Sergeant	Nakuru North Cemetery
George Owen EMERY, Sergeant	Nakuru North Cemetery
Garnet Allenby HAWKINS, Sergeant	Nakuru North Cemetery
Ross Westlake HUTTON, Pilot Officer	Nakuru North Cemetery
Collin Douglas McASKILL, Sergeant	Nakuru North Cemetery
Allan Gillard SHEA, Sergeant	Nakuru North Cemetery
Lyndley Dawson CRAVEN, Sergeant	Nanyuki War Cemetery
James Ernest EASON, Sergeant	Nanyuki War Cemetery
William Thomas DARTNELL, VC, Lieutenant	Voi Cemetery
Eugene WHEELER, Lance Corporal	Voi Cemetery

ANZAC – A HISTORY

At dawn on 25 April 1915, the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACs) together with forces from Britain, India and France, landed on the west coast of the Gallipoli Peninsula to open the Dardanelles campaign of World War I. It was a campaign in which casualties were extremely heavy and it became the custom each year, on 25 April, for the people of Australia and New Zealand to commemorate their dead of all wars.

On this day, above all days, we recall those Australians and New Zealanders who suffered and died in the great tragedy of war. We remember those who fell amid the ridges of Gallipoli, the dunes of Sinai and the terraced hills of Palestine; in France and Belgium; amid the mountains and olive groves of continental Greece, Crete and Syria; in Italy; in the jungles of Malaya, Indonesia, New Guinea and the Pacific Islands. We mourn for those who died in Burma, Thailand and Japan; in the skies over Europe; in Korea, Borneo, Malaysia and Vietnam; in peacekeeping operations; and in the Middle East.

The ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The ANZAC Day Dawn Service has its origins in an operational routine that is still observed by the Australian and New Zealand Armies today. The half-light of dawn plays tricks with soldiers' eyes and from the earliest times the half-hour or so before dawn became one of the most favoured times for an attack. Soldiers in defensive positions were therefore woken up in the dark, before dawn, so that by the time the first dull grey light crept across the battlefield they were awake, alert and manning their weapons.

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME AND CALL TO COMMEMORATION

*HE Ms. Alison CHARTRES
Australian High Commissioner, Kenya*

ADDRESS

*Mr. Mahmut Burak ERSOY,
Deputy Head of Mission, Turkish Embassy in Nairobi*

H. E. Alison Chartres, High Commissioner of Australia,

Distinguished Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me a great honour to address you, on behalf of the Turkish Embassy in Nairobi, on the anniversary of the ANZAC Day. I would like to thank you for inviting us to this important occasion that marks critical milestones in the respective histories of our nations.

Transforming the tragedies of war into a celebration of mutual respect and affection is a true reflection of both magnanimity and greatness of our nations. This is exactly what was jointly achieved and continues to be cherished on this commemoration day.

I feel proud to be among you in remembering our fallen loved ones. They fought courageously with honour and sense of duty, but never lost their respect for the other side. The remarkable display of this noble character puts Gallipoli War in the special pages of the world history.

We cannot find a better way to address our brave ancestors other than quoting the magnanimous words of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Turkey and the Commander of the Turkish 19th Division during the Gallipoli campaign:

I quote-

“Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives... You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace.

There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours...

You, the mothers, who sent their sons from faraway countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace.

After having lost their lives on this land, they have become our sons as well.” – End of quote

The commander who had been in the centre of the battle himself delivered these words to the first group of Australians and New Zealanders who visited Turkey, nineteen years after the Gallipoli campaign

They are a powerful reminder of how nations should never disregard the urge to seek peace, however inevitable war might seem. By gathering here today, we demonstrate our sincere commitment to international peace, despite the persistence of conflicts surrounding us.

Underscoring and bolstering this sense of solidarity in the face of current challenges against our societies, such as terrorism and extremism in all their forms and manifestations, is more critical than ever today.

Taking this opportunity, I shall pay my deepest respects to the men and women in uniform who are risking their lives to protect ours every day.

On behalf of the Turkish Embassy in Nairobi, I would like to express my gratitude to H.E. Chartres for once again organizing this beautiful ceremony.

May the souls of our martyrs rest in peace.

HYMN: WE WERE SOLDIERS (THE MANSIONS OF THE LORD)

Singer: Seraphine MOIPEI

Accompanied by: Nicholas MOIPEI

To fallen soldiers let us sing
When no rocket fly nor bullet swing
Our broken brothers let us bring
To the mansion of the lord.

No more weeping no more fight
No friends bleeding through the night
Just Devine embrace eternal light
In the mansion of the Lord.

When no mother cry and no children weep
We shall stand and guide though the angels sleep
All through the ages we will keep
The mansion of the Lord.

Songwriters: Nick Glennie Smith / Randall Wallace

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Mark SIMMONDS

Creator God, as the sun rises this day, as it did on the first ANZAC Day,

help us to remember the first Anzacs and

now the generations of men, women and children who have died in the cause of liberty and peace.

We thank you for the gift of the dawn of this day, as it reminds us of the freedom we have.

Help us to remember those who still bear the physical and mental scars and disabilities of their service.

Help us to remember the widows and widowers, parents and orphans, sisters and brothers and

all who waited in vain the return of a loved one.

May we be inspired by the Anzacs to lay down our lives for one another.

May we remember their mateship, courage and compassion;

but save us from ever glorifying the horror and tragedy of war.

As the sun rises on this day, Lord, help us to remember.

AMEN.

SONG: I WATCH THE SUNRISE

Wanawake Kwa Wanawake Children's Choir

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
Casting its shadows near.
And on this morning bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

But you are always close to me
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
Warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:
I feel your brightness near me.
For you are always . . .

I watch the sunset fading away,
Lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes,
I feel your presence near me.
For you are always . . .

I watch the moonlight guarding the night, Waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest
Only your peace is near me.
Yes, you are always...

Lyrics: John Glynn

WREATH LAYING

Diplomatic, Defence and community representatives to lay wreaths

ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

*Stewart Laird HENDERSON MMM, JCD
Honorary Consul, New Zealand*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Response: All

We will remember them.

LAST POST

ONE MINUTE SILENCE

REVEILLE

FLAG RAISING

Kenya: Joe Mathenge and Michelle Kanja

Australia: Eli, Ada and Mila Regan

New Zealand: Dolly Davenport, Luka Cuthel and Joel Simmonds

POEM: THE TWENTY – FIFTH OF APRIL

*Brigadier Mark THORNHILL CBE,
Defence Advisor, British High Commission, Kenya*

THIS day is Anzac Day!
Made sacred by the memory
Of those who fought and died, and fought and live,
And gave the best that men may give
For love of Land. It dawns once more,
And, though on alien sea and shore
The guns are silent all,
Yet we with pride recall
The deeds which gave it immortality.

Great deeds are deathless things!
The doer dies, but not the deed,
And, when upon that fateful April day
Our Anzacs, throwing all but love away,
Gave life and limb for Honour's sake,
With Freedom tremblingly at stake,
They lit a beacon-light,
Imperishable, bright,
That evermore the Nation's soul shall heed.

Not Peace, not Peace alone
Can make a nation great and good
And bring it that full stature, strength, and grace
That fit it for an age-enduring place
In men's regard. Through storm and strife
It runs to sweet and noble life;
For through its veins there runs
The valour of great sons
Who died to give it stately nationhood.

This day is Anzac Day!
Made sacred by the thrilling thought
Of those who proved their souls, it reappears;
And thus 'twill dawn, and dawn through future years
Till Time our petty deeds efface,
And others, dwelling in our place,
Tell o'er, with tongue and pen,
The glorious tale again
Of how on beach and crag the Anzacs fought.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Sick and wounded troops waiting to be evacuated from Anzac Cove

HYMN: AMAZING GRACE

Singer: Loretta BRENNAN, CSB

Pianist: Innocent OLISE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.

I was once was lost but now I'm found
T'was blind but now I see.

“Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
“Twas grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining like the sun
We're no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Lyrics: John Newton

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Kenyan National Anthem

Ee Mungu nguvu yetu
Ilete baraka kwetu
Haki iwe ngao na mlinzi
Natukae na udugu
Amani na uhuru
Raha tupate na ustawi.

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

God Defend New Zealand

God of Nations at thy feet
In the bonds of love we meet;
Hear our voices we entreat;
God defend our free land;
Guard Pacific's triple star;
From the shafts of strife and war;
Make her praises heard afar
God defend New Zealand.

END OF CEREMONY

BREAKFAST AT THE WAR CEMETERY

You are all cordially invited to sign a condolence book and enjoy an ANZAC breakfast in the garden of the Nairobi War Cemetery following the service. We suggest you visit the graves of the Australian Able Seaman Victor Jarius and the New Zealand Pilot Brian Squire Fowler on your right as you leave and the plaque of Australian nurse Patricia Cashmore on column 74 of the East Africa Memorial.

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Volunteers from the New Zealand Community

AUSTRALIAN NURSES IN AFRICA



In the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, there are 15 stained glass windows. One of these is of an Australian nurse. She represents all military nurses who have shown a commitment to caring for sick and wounded during times of war. This window displays the word 'Devotion'.

This year's Anzac Day poster commemorates Australian nurses, who have been treating war casualties for more than a century.

The Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) was formed in July 1903 as part of the Australian Army Medical Corps. More than 2,000 of its members served overseas during the First World War. Twenty-five died during their service.

When the Second World War broke out, more nurses were needed. The Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service (RAAFNS) was formed in 1940 and the Royal Australian Naval Nursing Service (RANNS) began in 1942.

More than 4,000 Australian nurses served in a variety of locations, including the Middle East, the Mediterranean, Britain, Asia, the Pacific, and Australia. Some even served in East Africa and in Eritrea.

Seventy-eight nurses died, most due to enemy action or while prisoners of war. Some also died from illness or accidents.

One Australian nurse died in Eritrea during the Second World War. Her name was Staff Nurse Edith Mary Morton. Edith was from Roxborough in New South Wales, born on 21 February 1905. She enlisted 1 January 1940 and was placed with the AIF, Australian Army Nursing Service, 5 General Hospital. It is likely she served in multiple locations but at one point was stationed in Eritrea, where on 16 December 1941 she lost her life. Edith is buried at the Asmara War Cemetery and is commemorated on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial.



Another Australian nurse, who died in Kenya, is Patricia Cashmore. She was travelling the world when the Second World War broke out, so she enlisted in the East African Military Nursing Service. She died 12 February 1944 when the troop ship *SS Khedive Ismail* was bombed off Mombasa. She is honoured on column 74 of the East African Memorial in the Nairobi War Cemetery.



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Group of Australian Army Nursing Service aboard 2/1st Australian hospital ship Manunda, 1940



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Kantara, Egypt. 1941, soldier evacuated from Tobruk

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**AUSTRALIAN
SERVICE NURSING**

For more than a century, Australian service nurses have been treating defence force and civilian casualties during wars and peace operations.



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**WHEN YOU GO HOME
TELL THEM OF US
AND SAY
“FOR YOUR TOMORROW,
WE GAVE OUR TODAY.”**