

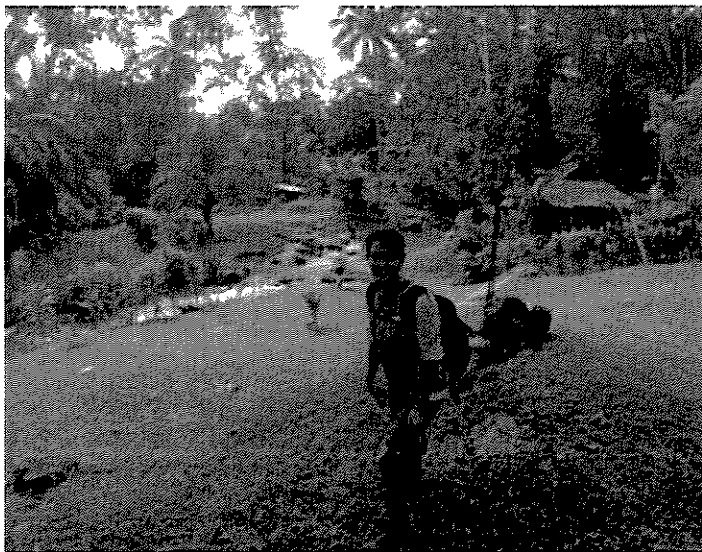
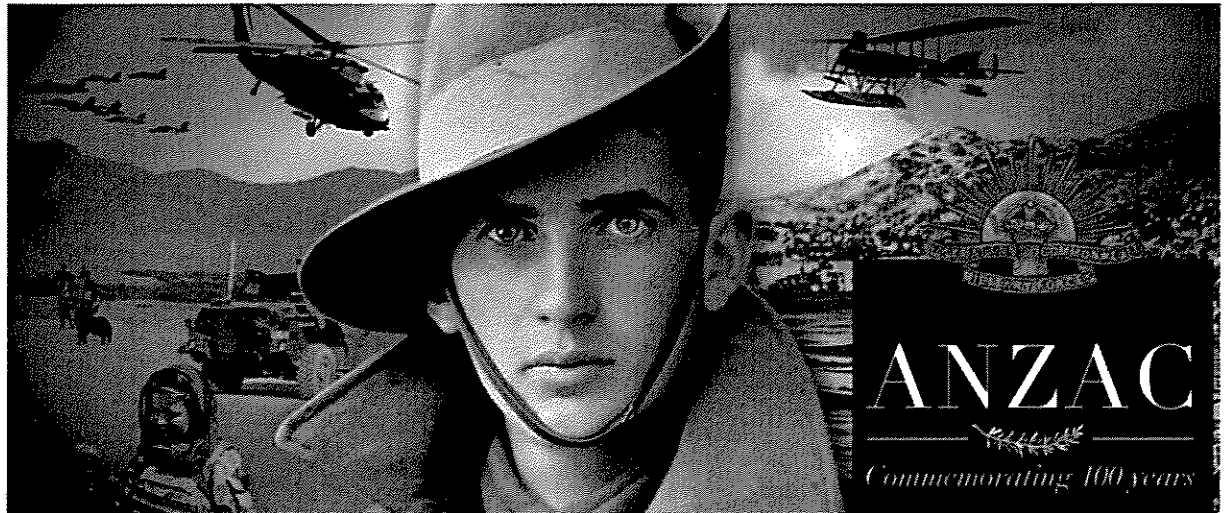
ANZAC Spirit Study Tour

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SPIRIT STUDY QUESTION: The ANZAC Spirit arose from the actions of soldiers 100 years ago. What is it that keeps the ANZAC Spirit Alive

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The assassination of Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire (Biographycom,2016) was the world known event that sparked the First World War. From this event Austria declared war on Serbia on the 28th of April 1914, and shortly after on the 1st of August Germany declared war on Russia, these two countries along with Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire, were known as the 'Central Powers'. Three days later on the 4th of August, England declared war on Germany along with the other Allied Powers, Serbia, Russia, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Belgium and the United states. The war continued on until November 11th 1918 when Germany signed an Armistice with the allies (History Learning Site, 2016)

ANZAC, an acronym created in 1915 for the Australian New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC Day, 2016) were originally volunteers for the AIF (Australian Imperial Forces), during the Great War. An approximated 50,000 Australians were sent to Gallipoli. Most above the enlisting age, but few under 18 years of age. Of those 50,000 Australian soldiers fighting against a relentless war, 8,709 were killed. 19,441 were gravely injured (ANZACS of Gallipoli, 2016)

During the First World War the ANZAC landed in the central Gallipoli peninsula on the dawn of the 25th of April 1915, 101 years ago. Eight months later in December 1915, the stalemate was met with a retreat from the ANZACs (Gallipoli and the Anzacs, 2016). From this sacrifice the Anzac spirit was born, a fierce will for all Australians, all current serving Australian soldiers and retired veterans. From Sydney to Perth the ANZAC spirit is alit, blazing through each and every Australian. But what is it that keeps the ANZAC spirit alive? (ANZAC Day, 2016)

Even though there is thousands of kilometers separating Australia and the original battlefield of the ANZACs. The ANZAC spirit continuous to live on through our events and celebrations.

Each and every year the ANZACs are remembered for their sacrifice and devotion to their country through war memorials. These take place in each and every city in Australia, whether it be through a dawn service, a school assembly, a Mass or social gathering. This remembrance, our remembrance of Australian soldiers and their war in Gallipoli (ANZAC Day, 2016)

In each state there is a state memorial, where a dawn service is conducted yearly, commemorating the ANZACs for their valiant service to Australia, there are 36 memorials in NSW, 2 in the ACT, 36 in QLD, 16 in Victoria, 1 in Tasmania, and

more than 900 war memorials and related objects in WA (Wikipedia, 2016) . Each year, thousands of Australians flock to these memorials alike, to pay respects to the fallen ANZAC soldiers. It is through this commitment to respect, that the ANZAC spirit is carried on. Whether it be a father taking his daughter to a war memorial, and later on that daughter taking her own child to a Dawn service. These simple actions that we all undergo, keep alive the spirit of ANZAC.

On the 2015 100 year commemoration of the ANZACs landing of Gallipoli, a collection of ANZAC Centenary coins was released by the Australian Mint, these coins decorated with designs and images of the ANZACs, from depictions of the Gallipoli landing, and the brave soldiers who fell. These coins in their own way, carry on the ANZAC spirit (The Perth Mint, 2016)

Many other events and monuments celebrate the ANZAC spirit. Such as the Borella Ride, an ANZAC service retracing the steps of Albert Borella, who rode horseback from tenant creek, to Darwin (NT Government, 2016). This very Essay, and the Study tour to follow it, are all ways that the ANZAC spirit are continued on and remembered, every year, countless NT students enroll for the Chief Ministers Study Trip, each one of them researching and remembering the ANZAC spirit.

The Kokoda Trail, where 625 Australians lost their lives in world war two, fighting of the Japanese. By walking the 96kms you help keep the ANZAC Spirit alive by remembering the fallen and wounded soldiers. The Kokoda Trail isn't only a symbol for ANZAC spirit however, it is also a symbol of remembrance for all fallen police officers. The Police Legacy Organization send a number of officers yearly to walk the Kokoda trail in remembrance of fallen Police officers Lisa Huitson (As seen in Figure 2) hiked the Kokoda Trail, in 2015 on the 100 year commemoration of the ANZACs (NT Police Legacy, 2016), she completed the hike in memory of her husband, Glen Huitson, who was killed on duty in 1999, during a roadblock (ABC, 2016)

What keeps the ANZAC spirit alive? From enlisting into the Army to donating to an ANZAC charity, these parades, ceremonies, and events all integrate the ANZAC spirit into our culture and society. Australians continuously remember and celebrate ANZAC Day, this passes on the spirit of ANZAC to the leaders of tomorrow.

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