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We Will Remember Them (Supplement)

Thanks Veterans in other States for sending me your pictures and articles.

ANZAC Day Perth



Family ANZAC Day in Perth

Another fab ANZAC Day for those Ramsays' here in Perth. Poppie did the Dawn Service run (Stirling and I have a deal that we'll go next year!!??). Kids in the car by 8.15am to pick up Auntie Cret.

The march started off as four and half way down St. George's Terrace. Poppie took Stirling under his wing and they marched

the rest of the way together, he was super chuffed to be part of it all.

Lunch at Kings Park then back to the Pirnie's for some down time (they gave us run of their house while they attended a friend's wedding ceremony) and then pack up



time of 4.45pm so that we could be back in Perth for our Sunset Service at ANZAC Cottage where Stirling was Poppie's assistant, helping him raise the special ANZAC flag and then he was put in charge of making sure all the kids received a



special ANZAC pin, I did a reading, and the boys laid a wreath (a little too quickly for the photographer!!!).

With a Hannay split at the close of business - Stirling headed home with Nanny and Poppie with dinner on the run under his arm, and Elora munched away in the car, and was still chatting about

her day when we pulled up our driveway at 8pm!

We are so lucky to have 4 fabulous grandkids in the ranks!

Picture above: Pete and his Wife in memory of 1013 Pte John Cuthbert Porter 'C' Company, 11th Battalion 3rd Brigade 1st AIF

Thanks Pete for sharing your personal pictures and family ANZAC story with us.

ANZAC Day Thursday Island

My wife Jacki and I recently spent a fortnight on Thursday Island an Island in the Torres Strait region off the Northern most tip of Cape York Australia. My son Roy is the OC of C Coy 51st Battalion Far North Queensland Regiment a reservist company with his HQ based on Thursday Island. The remainder of the Battalion is based on mainland Australia with the Bn HQ 1000kms away in Cairns.



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(Picture: Neil Henry far left and his son Maj Roy Henry far right) Thursday Island was established as a centre for the Pearling Industry at the end of 1877. The colonial government chose Thursday Island for its fine harbour and proximity to the shipping channels. Thursday Island has a long military history dating back to this time when the threat of invasion by the Russians after the

Crimean War highlighted its strategic importance as a port and coaling station.

It was decided to construct a defence installation to protect the shipping channels and the construction of a fort (Green Hill Fort) began. This fort was 58 metres above sea level. It took 30 men under 2 years to excavate and build the fort and it was first manned in 1893. The fort had three 6 inch guns placed on the perimeter of the fort to cover the shipping lanes. The fort continued to be garrisoned throughout WWI and was finally abandoned in the 1920's.

During WWII the threat of a Japanese invasion saw Australian and American troops occupy Thursday Island and man outposts on the surrounding Islands. The Torres Strait Light



Infantry Bn (TSLI Bn) consisting of 830 men was formed during this time and on a pro rata basis more Torres Strait Islanders served during the war than from any other Australian community. At this time only 10 men of eligible age were left in the outer islands. The men left their wives and children on remote islands, with the full knowledge that should the Japanese move through the area, They would be leaving their families with no defence, in addition there would be no person able to hunt the illusive dugong or turtle to provide the meat products for the village – in essence the women would have to fend for themselves.

The current reservist members of C Coy are recruited and trained within the battalion resources and they can only serve in an area from Cairns and to the North through Cape York and the Torres Strait Islands. Their role is primarily coast watch to help with the observation for illegal migrants, foreign fishing vessels and any other illegal type activities. They have a small full time Navy detachment to assist with this task also based on Thursday Island.



Jacki and I had the fortunate experience of being on Thursday Island for ANZAC Day and marched with veterans from these Islands. A further boost was my son Roy was the reviewing Officer for the parade and took the salute and in his ANZAC Day address let slip that he was in fact NZ born and that there were a couple of KIWIS, his parents, marching representing the NZ in the ANZAC tradition.

If you have the opportunity to visit the Torres Strait and specifically Thursday Island (Waibene) it is 2 hours flying time from Cairns and is worth a short visit. The island is the home of 3500 Islanders covering an area of 3.5sq kms. You land on Horn Island, (Ngurupai) which also has a colourful WWII history having been bombed by the Japanese during the war. A little known fact. Most people think only Darwin was bombed during the war. From Horn Island it is a short ferry ride across to Thursday Island which is still the main administrative Island for the Torres Strait Islands.

The Torres Strait is the body of water between Australia and Papua New Guinea where the Pacific and Indian Oceans meet and where there are 133 islands of which 18 are inhabited.

As the only part of Australia with an active international border and where the neighbouring country is visible from the shore line, the Torres Strait has gained a strategic focus from the Commonwealth and State governments. The issues of customs, quarantine, immigration and defence are administered from Thursday Island within a treaty that that also maintains traditional cultural and trade ties between Papua New Guinea and the people of the Torres Strait.

There are in the vicinity of 36 Govt depts represented on this island administering to approx 8600 Islanders within the Torres shire. The other 24,000 Islanders live across on mainland Australia. The people are friendly; the opportunity for fishing and



boating is great with the sea and island views magnificent. Cheers Neil Henry (Acknowledging Shire and tourism brochures and an article by Vanessa Seekee OAM)

The Anzac march went great and afterwards we all came together on a moored ship to quench our thirst.

We like to thank Larry Southern for organising us that day, and especially the Kiwis for the spontaneous singing.

Corinne Parkinson

ANZAC Day Brisbane

Ted (Bluey) Parkinson Leads the ANZAC March in Brisbane

Dear Sir,

My husband Ted (Bluey) Parkinson was asked to join with the representation of the Kiwis in leading the march in Brisbane.



Ted born 1929 is a real "ANZAC". He served in the Australian AIF in Japan 1946-1948, and when visiting friends in NZ they joined the Army to fight in Korea 1951-1953. He was a forward observer for the artillery and served with the 161 Battery 16th NZ Field Regt.

Lest We Forget

Unfortunately he was hit by a mortar bomb and lost a leg in June 1953, came home in a blanket but never looked back.



Now a retired accountant, he is very active as a Welfare/Pension/Case Officer for all Veterans. Ted is currently President of the Korean Vets Sunshine Coast.

